**Summary of Club Activities 2017-18**

University Hills Rotary Club had an exceptionally active year in 2017-18.  For details of projects conducted by the Community, International, and Vocational Services Committees, click on the link (Read more...) to the right.  Submitted by Martha Diss-Sundby, Immediate Past President and Paul Bauer, Immediate Past Treasurer.

**Rotary Club of University Hills-Community Service 2017/2018**

**Bayaud Industries/Mobile Laundry Truck Project**

With matching funds $5,000 from District 5450, Direct Funds from $13,000 from our club and $1,250  from Rotary Club of Denver and $750 from Denver Tech Center Club , $20,000 was contributed for funding a generator and eight washers and dryers towards a $80,000 2nd Laundry truck launch. This project was directed by Bud Laber of our club. In addition, over 40 hours of club Rotarians’ time was contributed for promoting project. Great public relations thanks to Xenia Matteson.

**Clothing Drives**

Club Rotarians donated cash, clothing, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items twice a year, to Senior Support Services and Sacred Heart House. Directed by club Rotarian William Collier, and delivery of items added 8 hours of volunteer time.

**Sacred Heart House**

Sacred Heart house offers a continuum of services to homeless mothers with children and single women. Some club Rotarians on a regular basis also contribute teddy bears and other supplies, advise and time on a regular basis. Thank to David McKinley and William Collier.

Club Rotarians painted a transitional housing unit, and offered 40 hours of volunteer time.

**Denver Indian Center Senior Citizen Food Drive**

Club Rotarians donated cash and food items of over $1,250 which was matched by the club and contributed 8 hours of volunteer time. Thank to Marvin Hersh and William Collier.

**TLGF Foundation**

Think Like a Genius Foundation was granted $2,000 for youth centered projects and video preparation.

**Peer Coach Academy of Colorado Inc. - Veterans Treatment Court**

Club provided grant of $1,300 to help Veterans suffering with mental health issues and in the criminal

justice system with bus passes, and temporary housing vouchers. These funds will aid in getting the Veterans back in the community. In addition, some of the Veteran Rotarians plan on being mentors to

the homeless Veterans.

**Colorado Pregnancy & Newborn Loss Services**

Club provided a grant of $1,890 to help some subsidize parents attend “The Healing Program” and the pregnancy after loss program “To Promote Healthy Families”. Some volunteered 20 hours for the organizations fund raising event.

**Special Kids, Special Care Inc.**

 $2,250 was funded to provide newborn sleep sacs to local hospital NICU’s and infant cribs throughout the Denver Metro Area .This is part of the public health nurses and the organizations’ “Safe Sleep Going Home Program”.

**Little Flower Center/Joy Drive**

The center was granted $1,400 for supplies and treats for Christmas gift boxes for children in Aurora Public Schools and Denver zip codes 80239 and 80249. In addition, some Rotarians donated in- kind items such as school supplies and time of over 8 hours.

**Annunciation School Bus-Pass Program**

$1,500 was granted for bus passes and was matched for $1,500 by some club Rotarians. The funding and match provides transportation for marginalized students to use RTD buses for transportation to and from school.

**Southwest Improvement Council-SWIC**

$1,000 was granted for 50 school children living in low income households to receive a new school

Backpack filled with basic school supplies.

**Purple Heart Purple Homes**

$1,900 was donated to clean-up and fix a disabled veteran’s yard at no cost to our hero. In addition, 16 hours of sweat labor from club Rotarians was contributed to the project.

**Annual Giving Tree**

During the holiday season, Rotarians can make donations for toys for Sacred Heart House and Warren

Village, last December $1,320 was raised from Rotarians and matched by the club. Each organization

received $1,320. Thanks to Jim MacDermott  for maintaining the tradition and Bob Newton for check delivery.

**Colorado Young Leaders**

$2,000 was granted for two projects the Youth Empowerment Basecamp and the Global Youth Service project. The monies were used to sponsor the events for youth to focus on the theme of social justice

in our community and organize a service project.

**Colorado College and University Scholarships/Hobson Fund /STEM**

Two scholarships totaling $19,000 each were awarded this spring. Over 25 applications were received

and five students were called in for interviews.

The Club has awarded over $376,000 of scholarships to students for CU/Boulder, CSU/Fort Collins,

UNC/Greeley, Colorado School of Mines , and Regis University. This year the scholarships were named as follows:

In honor of Clifford Dochterman

In memory of Lester (Les)Pedicord

Thank you, Hobson Committee Team under the leadership of Dan Astle.

Extra Thanks, to Paul Bauer for processing applications.

**Rotary Club of University Hills International Service-2017/2018**

**Afghanistan Children’s Science Museum**

The club with a district matching grant of $3,500 and the Rotary Club of Afghanistan set up

and equipped a museum in Kabul. Some Club Rotarians and some of our Rotary Scholars also

donated in kind science supplies . In addition our club Rotarian, Rameen  Javid donated over

220 hours to the project. Thank you, Michael Haviland for working on the District grant.

**Polio Plus**

The club donated over $3,200 to the Rotary Foundation for Polio Plus. At least $1,200 is donated at the first of the year. We give club speakers a certificate acknowledging the contribution made in their behalf for speaking. Another $1,000 or so is given at RI Polio Plus Dinner the first Saturday in January.

Thank you, Don Goe and Carl Gardiner for encouraging donations and Dick Castleman for the extras.

**Project Cure/ Central America/ El Salvador**

The club has reserved $10,000 to start a project to ship” door to door” a container of over $400,000 of medical supplies and fixtures and equipment to a hospital in San Rafael, Project Cure is in the process of doing a “Needs  Assessment’. The club has meet over at Project cure and some members and their

families have continued to volunteer at the center. Thank you Ricardo Cardenas and International Committee for getting this project started. Thank  you in advance, as Mike Hitchcock will be working on the grant next year.

**Medical School Scholarships**

The club sponsored $1,090 of scholarships for internships in a foreign country though Global Health Connection. Thank you, Mike Hitchcock and Dorotha Ciccinelli.

**Big 6 Yucatan Project Cure**

The club joined other clubs for District 4195 six container shipment for needy communities, with $4000

Match. Thank you, Mike Hitchcock and International Committee for bringing the project to our attention.

**WASH project Republic of Georgia**

The club donated $500 as match for District WASH project in the Republic of Georgia.

**Prior Period Projects-Rotary Club of University Hills and the Belen Rotary Club**

Costa Rica Cooperative Programs

Alejuela Regional Public Health Center & Alejuela  Cinai Day Care Center

**Suri Girl’s School in Central San Jose**

The two clubs also jointly funded a 25 laptop computer project at a cost of $6000.

**Rotary Club of University Hills Vocational Service-2017/2018**

**9 Health Fair at the Indian Center**

The club assisted as volunteers with check in and as cashiers. Ten club Rotarians donated over 80 hours between training and processing. Special thanks, Egbert Maben and Jim Fleming for training hours.

**Student of the Month**

During the school year, the club Rotarians interview West Middle School students recommended by

school teachers’, that have shown excellent leadership skills  and community volunteer efforts. Each month of the school year, a student is selected to be a Student of the month.  The student is honored with their family at a regular Rotary meeting.  Tom Murphy and Rich Sattizahn have run the program this year and with other Rotarians donated over 30 hours to this project.

**West Middle School 4-Way Test**

Under the leadership of Lowell Palmquist , a mentoring program based upon the Rotary 4-Way test.

Over 400 students in the 6th grade participated in the program.  Rotarians showed up at the Fall and Spring sessions and led discussions in small groups.  Critical thinking and ethical responses to situations following the 4-Way test were held . Over 300 club volunteer hours were donated to this project.

**RYLA**

Each summer the club sponsors high school and junior high students to attend the RYLA leadership Camps. Mel Grusing and Helen Hempel have worked on the program for many years , countless hours.

Five to Seven students are sponsored each year after application and interviews.

**Vocational Talk**

The club features a vocational/classification talk by one of its members once a month which focuses on the Rotarian’s vocation, personal interests, and family. Thank you Steve Whizenhunt  for a great year.

**Children’s Christmas Party**

Annually, the club invites children/ grandchildren of members and children living in transitional housing to a Christmas party. Lunch is served and Santa gives each child a special gift . Thanks to our Resident Santa Rich Sattizahn, Santa helper’s , always in the work shop the Wood’s and Curnow’s.

**Zoo Day**

For over 20 years, the Club Rotarians have hosted handicapped students from Cherry Creek Schools,

to a day at the Denver Zoo. This year Sabin School children were also included. The festivities include lunch and a special Zoo day shirt. Thank you , Bob Newton for founding this program and David Henninger for continuing the program.

**Annual Golf Fund Raiser**

All of the fore-mentioned is funded in large part by our Annual Golf FUN Fund Raiser.  June 15, 2108 at Saddle Rock Ranch. Net proceeds were $35,000 and counting. Thanks to Gene deManincor and Committee Volunteers.

VERY Special thanks to Rotarian of the Year Jay Carpenter for fabulous programs too….