- for the venue and the Comedy Works in Denver for the talent. We raised in excess of \$4,000, net of expenses. It took a lot of work, however. 3 passionate members in our club put many hours into it but we're hoping that the next comedy night will be easier.
- 24. Rotary Club of Summit County (D5450) Our most unique fundraiser: Lake Dillon Ice Melt (www.DillonIceMelt.com) raises \$10,000 -\$20,000 annually, and it's now in its 25th year. Our BBQ event (www.bbqAtTheSummit.com)is our largest fundraiser, bringing in \$35,000 \$45,000 annually.
- 25. Thompson Valley Rotary (D5440) Our Valentine Hearts program raises around \$12,000. The club has 250+ wooden hearts, 2 feet x 2 feet, painted red, with white lettering. Individuals pay \$45 per heart, and can have any type of valentine saying painted on the heart for someone dear to them. The city allows the club to hang the hearts on the main street lights through town for a month or so, so the valentines are visible to everyone traveling through town. We enlist the help of the high school honor society to help paint, and then give their club a \$1,000 donation.
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- 26. Golf Tournament. We raise between \$6,500 and \$8,000 each year. Tournament started by giving a used car away for closest to the pin. Did not have to have a Hole in One. That worked for four years but with economy a used car is now given way plus golf clubs or other items. Cars donated by both major car dealers in town. **Delta (District 5470)**
- 27. Auctions-silent and live with dinner in between. Fun with profit! And easy!
- 28. The past two years we have made the Spirit of Whitefish our premier event and fundraiser. There is a very nice dinner at a top of the line venue and we honor a local person with the Spirit of Whitefish Award. To raise money we have a gold Kruggerand raffle with tickets costing \$50, a silent auction and a live auction. Over all we cleared \$30,000 last year. The only drawback is the cost to Rotarians could be prohibitive for some members. The key is to maximize community involvement.
- 29. Wine tasting. All members donate items for live auction or silent auction. Hors d'ouvres are served. We raise about \$5,000.
- 30. Cross country bike race during an annual Town celebration day. \$3,000 for about 4 hours of work.
- 31. Golden (D5450) annual peach sale- we get a great response from the community and raise 15-20,000.
- Port Lavaca Noon (D5390) Selling flag subscriptions. 200 flags raise about \$10,000 per year. It does take a fair amount of effort to get the club to put them up 6 times per year.
- 33. Golf Tournament- \$12,000
- 34. We got a lot of ideas at PETS. We don't do projects very well, but I think that will change this year. We need to do more and I think we will do a few we heard about at PETS.
- 35. **Mountain Foothills Rotary (D5450)** \$12-\$15K,Evergreen Ice Melt (and attendant activities), raffle to guess when the barrel drops through the ice.
- 36. Denver LoDo Rotary (D5450) Live Auction
- 37. **Paonia (D5470)** each year we raise \$20,000 to support our scholarship program. We do this by selling our community on the value of our program, and soliciting their support. We have one \$5000 giver and several in the \$1000 range. It is much easier to raise money this way than through special events. Our events are "friend raisers.
- 38. Pikes Peak Club (D5470)—We lead the volunteer Salvation Army Bell-ringing each year. About \$23,000 raised each year for the Teller County Salvation Army. All money remains within Teller County and our Salvation Army is an all-volunteer staff.
- 39. Commerce City Rotary Club (D5450) We do an annual golf tournament, and we raise about 25K.
- 40. Flag project. We put out flags on four days of the year, Flag Day, Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. \$3,400.
- 41. The Parker Rotary Club (D5450) has recently held a State of the Town Luncheon for Parker. This fundraiser is an excellent way to: 1. Raise funds; 2) Inform community about the status of the City and future plans; 3) Provide a place for networking for community and business leaders; and, 4) provide an excellent way to market Rotary to community and business leaders. Currently there are four State of the Town Luncheons in District 5450. Other clubs should consider beginning them in their cities or towns. Rotary Clubs and their communities will benefit significantly from these events.
- 42. Tennis ball drop, 3000 numbered balls, tickets include coupons for local businesses. A majority of tickets are presold.

 The ball drop is conducted at our county air show where there are usually a couple thousand people in attendance. A helicopter drops the balls on to the airport tarmac where there are multiple prize rings. 1st prize was \$1000 cash, multiple other prizes, mostly donated goods. Last Year netted about \$15,000
- 43. Paul Bray, AG from Townsend Rotary Club, District 5390. Our club has two major fund raisers. One is a wine basket raffle in which each club member donates two bottles of wine, or \$20.00. We sell tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00, for a three week period near the holidays, and then hold the drawing. Short, sweet, and we raise over \$5,000 each time we do it. The second is Fall Fest at which we sell beer and bratts. It is designed to bring business to town for a weekend in October, it takes many man hours to create, we budget \$23,000.00 for expenses and make about 5,000 to 6,000 on a three day, intensive weekend. Lots of man power and co-operation from townspeople to pull this one off.
- 44. **Dillon Rotary(D5630)** "Ice Melt" We place a clock on a raft on a pond which is frozen over. When the ice melts, a brick drops and stops the clock. Tickets are sold to guess the time the brick will drop and stop the clock. A book of 6 tickets sell for \$10.00 or \$2.00 per ticket. Top price is \$500.00, \$250.00 and \$100.00
- 45. Missoula (D5390) Noon Mystery Dinner. Each Rotarian pays \$25 to attend a dinner at another Rotarian home. Host and attendee do not know who is coming until they arrive. Money goes to Foundation or Polio. No cost, raises about \$1000 every year
- 46. A combination of club members singing, talent presentations, and spoof skits on local politicians and issues. \$25000
- 47. Rotary Club of Fort Collins (D5440) Sponsor travel trips. First year was a river cruise in Russia and we raised