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Welcome to 2020!

Rotary Friends,

Karoline and I hope that all of you had a joyous holiday season. There is always so much to do, but we find that this time is special because we get the chance to reach out to friends we haven't heard from for a while and to see family. This year was very special for us because our whole family was together which happens less frequently now.

We also got to spend special time as Santa and Mrs. Claus with Rotarians in Greeley and Cheyenne. These times meant so much to us and we thank you for the opportunity.

As we begin the new calendar year, we also realize that we are half way through the Rotary year. Wow that first six months flew by. It has been such an honor and privilege to visit with your clubs. We will continue our visits with clubs in Loveland, Greeley, Ft Collins, Johnstown and Windsor in January. We look forward to learning more about the fantastic things these clubs are doing.

We will be returning to several clubs to help celebrate their 100th anniversary in Rotary in the next few months. We congratulate Loveland, Laramie, Scottsbluff and Sterling on this achievement and we can't wait to see what the next 100 years bring for these clubs.

We are also looking forward to greeting you in Greeley on May 29 and 30, 2020 for our District Conference. This conference will be quick, packed with great speakers and will be held in our new Doubletree Conference Hotel. Be sure to bring your Hawaiian shirts for the opening dinner Friday night to help us get in the mood to go to the RI Convention in Honolulu on June 4. Our conference committee is working hard to get everything arranged.

By the way, now would be a great time to get your registration in for the RI Convention and to book your hotel. This will be a very special convention and one we know you will enjoy.

There have been so many great projects in our District this year, from the Dig Deep Water Project in Navajoland to other global projects in India, South Africa and Central America to all the wonderful projects you do in your own communities. You truly are people of action and are making our vision statement as Rotarians a reality. I am so proud of all of you and so honored to be your District Governor this year. You are making the connections and changing the world.

We look forward to seeing you very soon.

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Cheyenne South Interact Club

The Cheyenne South Interact Club donated 3,485 pounds of food from our November food drive – one of the largest they have ever had to date!!

A special thanks to the students (and teachers) who donated food to the student competition AND to the students who donated **HOURS** of their weekend standing outside Safeway (in the cold!!) collecting donations from our amazing local community. Both of those efforts combined made a HUGE impact and I'm so proud of these students' efforts! We also had students volunteer with organizing the food, counting the food, and even delivering the food when the Needs van couldn't pack any more boxes in!



How To Wage Peace Financially Through Rotary Giving: A Personal Story

By Martin Limbird, Rotary Club of Fort Collins

My Rotarian wife and I have been committed to peace and conflict resolution since the 1960s when we both worked overseas. Mary Catherine was evacuated from her teaching job in Cairo at the onset of the 1967 war and I served as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa.

Our professional careers at U.S. universities provided means to continue our commitment to these values, to raise our children and to provide a comfortable middle-class life style into our retirement in 2010.

Our modest investments included rental property which was not essential to our retirement plans. Mary Catherine suggested we give the property to the Rotary Foundation to establish a Peace Center fellowship. Our grown children were consulted and heartily supported the idea.

The resulting gift served as seed money to encourage other fellow Fort Collins Rotarians to make outright gifts and bequests now exceeding \$1 million to support Peace Center fellows. Our gift not only made us eligible for recognition as Arch Klumph Fellows but also a means to amortize the gift over several years, thereby reducing our Federal tax obligations.

Since making our gift, we have become personally acquainted with two Peace Center fellows who benefitted thus far from our initiative. These personal links give meaning to our decision to wage peace through support of the Rotary Peace Centers, now and beyond our years on this earth.

Rotarians (and others) are invited to join us in making an outright Major Gift or bequest to support the Rotary Peace Centers. For more information, download this publication: <https://shop.rotary.org/peace-is-possible-brochure-850>

Both active in different Fort Collins Colorado Rotary, Martin is also a member of the Peace Major Gift Initiative committee of The Rotary Foundation. The Limbirds welcome invitations to share their story with Rotarians in Zones 25b/29 and 30/31. Contact them at 765-744-9137 or at rotarymartin@comcast.net.

Upcoming District Events

- [Rotary World Peace Conference](#)

Jan. 17, 2020, 8:00 AM - Jan. 18, 2020, 8:00 PM, Ontario Convention Center

- [Future of Rotary Dinner & Polio Fundraiser](#)

Feb. 8, 2020, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Marriott Westminster

- [Rotary High Country PETS](#)

Feb. 28 - Mar. 1, 2020, Denver Renaissance Stapleton Hotel

- [Rotary District 5440 - Spring Assembly in Casper](#)

Mar. 28, 2020, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, TBD

- [Rotary District 5440 - Spring Assembly in Windsor](#)

Apr. 4, 2020, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, TBD

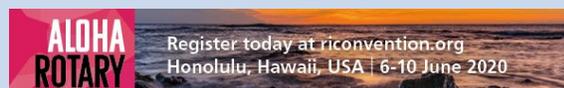
- [Rotary District 5440 Conference - 2020](#)

A Rotary Unexpected Blast on May 29-30, 2020

This will be one day conference at the new Doubletree Conference Hotel at Lincoln Park in Greeley. Plans include national speakers, fun, preconference activities awards, and an exchange student reunion. Much more to come!

May 28, 2020 : Rotary Foundation Recognition Dinner at the Poudre Learning Center in Greeley. This will be held in conjunction with, but is separate from the District Conference. More to follow.

- [RI Convention - June 6-10, 2020](#)



Aloha, Rotary! Discover the true spirit of aloha and Rotary with your family, friends, and fellow Rotarians in Honolulu. It's the perfect setting for the entire family of Rotary to celebrate, collaborate, and connect while experiencing the warmth and welcome of Honolulu. The convention is one of the only times when people of action from around the world gather in one place to celebrate Rotary. Our engaging speakers will boost your passion for service and provide new perspectives on our work in the world. Make new friends and connect with old ones while you explore all that Honolulu and the convention has to offer. You'll return from our convention refreshed and inspired to continue your service and community leadership. Don't miss your chance to find and share aloha at the 2020 Rotary Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 6-10 June. Register now and save To take advantage of early registration savings, register before 15 December at riconvention.org.

- [Rotary District 5440 Conference - 2021](#)

May 20, 2021 5:00 PM – May 22, 2021 9:00 PM

<https://rotary5440.org/>

District Governor—Chris Woodruff



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