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# Happy New Year!

## Rotary Friends,

As I write this, we are less than two weeks away from the new Rotary Year. I am excited to be your District Governor this year. I am humbled by the thought of following in the footsteps of such outstanding Past District Governors as Chuck Rutenberg and all of those who have taken on this role for Rotary in our District. I feel like I truly am standing on the shoulders of giants. I will work as hard as I can to live up to the high standards each of them achieved in the year in which they were District Governor.

I am very excited about our theme this year:

### *Rotary Connects the World*

Rotary is all about making connections. We are able to make a difference in people’s lives from where we live. The Vision and Core Values of Rotary break down barriers and remove boundaries. We are able to change the world person to person, Rotary Club to Rotary Club, Rotary International to the whole world.

We will work hard together to make connections this year, with our club members, our communities and people all over the world. That is one of the most important things about being a Rotarian. You can improve someone’s life on the other side of the world, as well as in your own neighborhood.

This year I am going to build on the outstanding work of PDG Chuck and ask you to turn your “Why” of Rotary” into Rotary connections. Connect with members of your club, both new and existing. Help them to find their “Rotary Why”. Connect with people in your community, both professionally and personally. Show them by your words and actions what it means to live out the 4-Way Test. This is especially true for young people, who are desperately searching for positives in their lives.



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## District Governor's Message (continued)

Don't be afraid to invite people who share your values to join you in Rotary. This year, I would really like to see significant, positive change in our District membership. There is more need than ever for what Rotary brings to the world. It is our job to get new Rotarians connected.

Get out of your comfort zone and try something in Rotary that you have never done before. Maybe it is coming to an Assembly or District Conference, or even an International Convention. Get busy with service projects in your community. Get involved with young people, visit RYLA, help out with an exchange student, support Interact in your schools and look for ways to promote and support Rotaract in your community.

Think of something Rotary can do that has never been done before. Dream big. You will get so much from Rotary if you are willing to put something into it.

Please make a special effort to become a sustaining member of the Rotary Foundation. That is just \$100 for the year. The Rotary Foundation is one of the most powerful ways for you to connect with the whole world. It is a very small investment for a huge dividend. Your gift to the Foundation helps all of us in District 5440 connect with each other and those in need. Be generous.

Karoline and I are so excited to come and visit your clubs this year. That is the way we can personally connect with you where you live and get to enjoy and celebrate your Rotary experience. We will be driving the "Rotary Mobile" so look for it when we come to visit. We would be happy to take pictures with you featuring the car.

We are proud and honored to be your Rotary partners!

Chris Woodruff, District Governor (2019-2020)

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Speaking of the "Rotary Mobile" that Chris mentions, have you seen it yet? Look for it around the District as Chris and Karoline visit your clubs, attend Rotary events, and special gatherings. Love it!

# Navajo Reservation Project

District 5440 Rotarians,

As a passionate Rotarian, I want to introduce a new idea to District 5440 - the DG Partner Project. A tradition in several districts around the world, especially in Australia, the Partner Project allows the District Governor's partner to make an impact in the district and the world. Chris and I learned about the Dig Deep Navajo Water Project at the Zone Governor Elect training in Reno. We are both excited about the project, so I offered to take on the job of sharing information and promoting the project as we visit clubs in the district.

Through the DG Partner Project, District 5440 will join together with multiple other US districts, and our Rotary partners in Mexico to address a serious problem in the United States. The lack of access to clean water! It's true! Nearly two million Americans still don't have running water at home. One area of significant need is the Navajo Nation.

- 40% of those on the Navajo Reservation don't have access to running water or electricity
- the round trip to obtain clean water can be as far as a 100 miles and families
- many on the Reservation are so poor (with unemployment rates as high as 70%) they don't have access to a vehicle to even retrieve this basic necessity

This year, through a Global Grant, we will partner with Dig Deep, a non-profit committed to providing clean, running water and solar panels on the Navajo Reservations in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. Dig Deep projects include the following elements

- Wells - development of new sources where water is pumped, treated and stored locally
- Systems - installation of home water systems (cisterns) providing 1200 gallons of hot and cold running water and solar power
- Trucks - water is delivered in food grade trucks to hundreds of families living close to each source
- Community - the entire project is guided by a council of clients and local leaders

Our participation in this project will commence Phase 3 of Dig Deep's efforts and will provide 305 homes (typically occupied by multiple families in a trailer) with a 1200-gallon clean water tank, a sink, pump, heater, solar panel, 3 lights and a carbon monoxide alarm. The cost for the home installation is \$4500 each. Chris has pledged up to \$5000 in District Designated Funds to match what I can collect. The district contribution will also be matched by the Global Grant, so District 5440 will be able to change the lives of four or more families on the Navajo Reservation.

I am asking each club to commit a minimum of \$100 to the Dig Deep Navajo Water Project and I will also be passing "the hat" when Chris and I visit your club. With only a small investment, each club, each Rotarian in District 5440 can help improve the lives of our fellow Americans, with the gift of clean water. Please feel free to contact me with any questions

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## Win the \$10,000 Grand Prize at Estes Park's Autumn Gold, A Festival of Beer, Brats and BANDS

On September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> the Estes Valley Sunrise Rotary Club will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Autumn Gold, A Festival Beer, Brats and BANDS in beautiful Estes Park.

In celebration of this milestone, Sunrise Rotary is selling a limited number of \$100 Raffle tickets (only 300) for a grand prize of \$10,000, a second prize of \$2,500 and other cash prizes.

There are only 210 raffle tickets left. All proceeds go directly to scholarships for promising Estes Park High School graduates, Community grants and other rotary projects. (If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket, you can reach out to any Sunrise Rotarian or email Leslie Glover: [Les\\_glo@msn.com](mailto:Les_glo@msn.com). When we receive your request and payment, a ticket will be sent to you.)

The raffle drawing will take place on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00PM. Although you do not have to be present to win, you won't want to miss this fall, fan-favorite festival which has been recognized as one of Colorado's top fifteen fall festivals by The Denver Post.

This year the festival will feature six popular bands: Wendy Woo & the Woo Crew, Amplified Souls, Last Men on Earth, Brad Fitch, The Cody Bryan Band, and The Long Run – A Tribute to The Eagles. (The Long Run is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary milestone this year!)

In addition to listening to award-winning Front Range bands and nationally-recognized acts, you can enjoy the Classic Car Show, family-fun activities (the bouncy house, the face painting tent, etc.), beer & brats, wine and favorite foods from our food vendors. Admission is FREE, so check out the Autumn Gold Festival website page [www.estesparkautumngold.com](http://www.estesparkautumngold.com) to learn more.

# New Rotary Satellite Club of Berthoud

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Rotary Satellite Club of Berthoud**

The newly formed Rotary Satellite Club of Berthoud is a satellite of the Loveland Rotary Club. The satellite club functions as a short-term transitional step on the way to becoming a full, independent Rotary club. Satellite club members are members of the Loveland Rotary Club, but they will meet at different times in Berthoud, have their own bylaws and club culture, and their own club leaders. Officers of the satellite club are Holly Turner, chair; Kim Skoric, chair-elect; and Jan Grack, secretary/treasurer. There are presently 13 members of the Rotary Satellite Club of Berthoud. The liaison between the Loveland Rotary Club and the Rotary Satellite Club of Berthoud is Dr. Robert Eatman, a member of the Board of Directors of the Loveland Rotary Club. Jan and Ken Grack who live in Berthoud, but were members of a Rotary club in Greeley, have played key roles in forming the satellite club.

The initial focus of the satellite club will be on local projects and there are already Rotary projects in Berthoud including academic, vocational, and art scholarships, Kids Pak for food insecure students, leadership camps for high school and middle school students, literacy programs in the elementary school, a hands-on decision making model in the middle school, teacher of the month recognition, student of the month recognition, and kindness awards in the middle school.

The Rotary Satellite Club of Berthoud is a non-profit member of the Berthoud Area Chamber of Commerce and expects to collaborate with the Chamber on projects of mutual interest.

The criteria for being a Rotarian are simple: Be an adult who demonstrates good character, integrity, and leadership; have a good reputation within your business or profession and community; and be willing to serve in the community or around the world. The members of the Rotary Satellite Club of Berthoud join over 1.2 million Rotarians, in over 35,000 clubs in over 200 countries world-wide, who are dedicated to the Rotary motto of "*Service Above Self.*"

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## Upcoming District Events

- [Rotary Zone Institute](#)

Sept. 5, 2019, 8:00 AM – Sept. 8, 2019, 12:00 PM  
Denver Marriott Tech Center Hotel

- [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.

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

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



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<https://rotary5440.org/>

District Governor—Chris Woodruff

