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The Future of Rotary (and more importantly, your future in Rotary)

Rotary Family,

On Feb. 16, 2021, we celebrated the 116th birthday of Rotary International. What began as four businessmen in Chicago, Illinois having lunch together has grown into one of the most effective international organizations for promoting change in the world.

This happened through the tumultuous changes of the 20th and beginning of the 21st centuries. The world has changed in so many fundamental ways since 1905. It is hard to get your head around all of it.

What has not changed is the simple human need for connection, community and making the world we all share a better place to live. The Rotary core values of Service, Diversity, Fellowship, Integrity and Leadership define who we are as an organization and give us guideposts to follow.

Rotary fulfills an important need by bringing people together to do good in the world and improve people’s lives. Rotary is relevant in the 21st century and offers so much to its members. I am positive that Rotary will continue to lead the way in serving the world and making it better for all.

The big question on my mind is what is **your** future in Rotary? From where I sit as a District Governor, I am convinced that the real work of Rotary begins with the individual Rotarian, gets deepened and amplified by the clubs, is supported and encouraged by the districts, and is cheered by Rotary International on behalf of a grateful world.

Make no mistake. Your time in Rotary **will** change your life. You meet and work with the best people in the world. You have the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of kids, mothers, fathers, students, the poor, the hungry, the lonely all over the world as well everyone in your local community. One of my most special Rotary memories is reading with the second graders at Laurel Elementary School in Ft. Collins as part of the Ft. Collins Breakfast Rotary’s reading program. The kids chose me to read with them. I know it was important to them, but it was extraordinary and humbling for me.

Each of you has a special story or memory of your life in Rotary. As we celebrate the birth of our Rotary organization, spend a few moments thinking about your own special times and memories in Rotary. I know each of you has them. They form the basis of your Rotary moments, and are the things you can authentically share with others. Your story combines and flows into all of the stories of others Rotarians. This is the power of one becoming amplified by 1.2 million.

It is how **you** can change the world.

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Happy Birthday Rotary International.
Thank you Rotarians in District 5440!



Rotary Club of Cheyenne

2021 Ford Bronco Sport or \$20,000 Raffle for Cheyenne Rotary Foundation Fundraiser

Starting in January through the end of May, the Cheyenne Rotary Club is raffling tickets for a chance to win a new 2021 Ford Bronco Sport or \$20,000. All proceeds being raised will go towards the Cheyenne Rotary Club Foundation to add to the impact of Rotary's charitable work in Cheyenne. This fundraiser will help Cheyenne Rotary build the endowment to reach the \$1million goal which will ensure long term, sustainable local community service.

Only 2500 tickets will be sold. Raffle tickets can be purchased online or from any Rotary Club of Cheyenne member. Tickets are being sold at 1 for \$50 or 3 for \$100. You can also check out Cheyenne Rotary's Facebook page or visit Spradley Barr Motor for more info about this sporty 4x4 vehicle.

The Cheyenne Rotary Club would like to give a special THANK YOU to Spradley Barr of Cheyenne for their generous donation of this new release from Ford and for their continued dedication and service to Rotary.

To purchase raffle tickets online, visit the following links:

1 for \$50 ticket: <https://cheyennerotary.org/event/ford-bronco-raffle-ticket-purchase/>

3 for \$100 ticket: <https://cheyennerotary.org/event/ford-bronco-raffle-ticket-purchase---3-for--100/>

To purchase raffle tickets by mail, please send a check by May 31, 2021, to:

Cheyenne Rotary Club Foundation
P.O.Box 511,
Cheyenne, WY 82003-0511

Include a note with the name, address and phone number that you would like included on each ticket, as well as the mailing address that you would like the tickets mailed back to. For questions or to buy tickets over the phone, call [307-773-0355](tel:307-773-0355).

Prizes will be given as follows:

First Place Prize: 2021 Ford Bronco Sport or \$20,000

Second Place: \$1,000

Third Place: \$500

Drawing on June 2, 2021. Title, taxes, insurance extra. All sales final.

Per IRS, the cost of raffle tickets purchased from nonprofit entities is not deductible as a charitable contribution.

Rotary Club of Fort Collins



Food Drive collects 2,412 pounds!

2,412 pounds of non-perishable food items and close to \$3,000 was recently donated to the Food Bank of Larimer County by the Rotary Club of Fort Collins as part of the Club's ongoing efforts to fight hunger in our communities.

For the full article, click [HERE](#).

Rotary Club of Fort Collins After Work



SAVE THE DATE!

The Fort Collins Rotary After Work crew invites you to join our inaugural

“Cruise Ship Fun-Tacular”

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!



THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021
7:00-8:30pm MDT
Pre-sail party begins at 6:45pm



*** No Seasickness pills! * No Passports! * No Vaccines!**
*** No Masks! * No COVID tests! * No Flights!**

Have fun while helping humanity aboard Rotary Cruise Line's premier virtual Cruise Ship. Join us as we sail the high seas to visit some of our Rotary projects around the world. Games, entertainment, laughs, camaraderie, and opportunities to win prizes, all while raising funds for worthy projects!

Website up soon with details, so stay tuned!

Questions? Email: FCRAW.Auctions@gmail.com

Rotary Club of Jackson Hole

Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Announces Students of the Season

Jackson, Wyoming – Jackson, Wyoming – The Jackson Hole Rotary Lunch Club presented its “Students of the Season” awards Tuesday, February 2, 2021, virtually through Zoom. These awards recognize outstanding high school students from Jackson Hole High School, Jackson Hole Community School, Summit Innovations High School, Jackson Hole Classical Academy and Mountain Academy.

Dr. Scott Crisp, Principal of Jackson Hole High School, kicked off our Students of the Season recognitions by introducing us to senior Leo Harland. Leo grew up in Teton County, and his teachers remarked about his positive attitude and how “he has a strong work ethic and is not afraid to make tough decisions.” Harland was a key player on the 2019 state champion soccer team as a sophomore and currently interns with The Nature Conservancy.

Leo shared his deep appreciation for the environment from growing up in Teton County and hopes to continue to study environmental issues and give back to Jackson Hole.

Rain Oakley was honored as the student selected from Summit Innovations High School, introduced by Pier Trudelle. Her loyalty, hard work and respect she shows classmates, and everyone at school made her an excellent choice.

Oakley mentioned how her sister is the source of her inspiration and how Summit Innovations offered her custom learning and social opportunities to flourish. She looks forward to continuing her studies locally at a community college.

Manish Bhatt presented sophomore Peter Warner as Jackson Hole Community’s School’s student of the season. Bhatt highlighted how Peter’s teachers said he is “really strong in the classroom, always with a genuine warm hello and even under his mask, there is a radiating smile.”

Peter, a member of the cross-country ski team, spoke of how he hopes to continue to challenge himself with problems outside of his current skill set. He is always looking to help others and continue to grow in wisdom and life experiences.

David Porter introduced junior Gus Moeller from the Mountain Academy as a student that “plays the drums like a young John Bonham.” Also, Porter told of how Gus is currently working on a woodworking video for YouTube in Spanish.

Moeller said how honored he is to be a Jackson Hole Community Band member in drums, and he is setting his sights on also learning to play the piano and guitar. He enjoys woodworking, forming relationships and recently help solve a

challenge at Mountain Academy to keep the ping pong table in play while adhering to COVID protocols.

Dr. Rudolph from the Jackson Hole Classical Academy spoke of senior Pete Cook’s resiliency and how he challenges himself and others in a way that makes himself and the entire classroom stronger.

Pete, who has a great love of outdoor sports, shared his passion for snowmobile trips in the backcountry with friends where finding peaceful silence and fixing broken sleds are all in a day’s adventure. An Eagle Scout, he wowed with letting Rotarians know that he received his private pilot’s license this past summer, following in his father and grandfather’s footsteps.

“Through our Students of the Season program, Rotarians are afforded the extraordinary gift of hearing what several of our students throughout the valley are achieving and where their passions lie,” says JH Rotary Lunch Club President Melissa Turley. “Our community is so fortunate to have high school students that inspire and support each other, especially during this past year.”



About Jackson Hole Rotary Lunch Club

The Rotary Club of Jackson Hole is dedicated to improving education, health, and human services through a variety of projects and programs in Jackson Hole, the surrounding region, and across the globe.

The Rotary Foundation of Jackson Hole awards local Teton County students every year with scholarships from monies raised by the annual Casino Night at The Wort Hotel. The Rotary Exchange Student Program provides opportunities for Jackson students to learn about different cultures by sending local students abroad, and welcoming students from around the world.

As part of Rotary International, Jackson Hole Rotarians support humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are 1.2 million Rotary members in 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary clubs have been serving communities worldwide for more than a century. Rotary clubs around the world, initiate projects that address critical issues such as conflict resolution, hunger, poverty, disease and illiteracy.

Ngozi Rotaract Club

The following is an email exchange between Bill Timpson (CSU) and Fulgence Twizerimana regarding a new Rotaract Club in Burundi

Fulgence,

Congratulations on these efforts. I will share this newest Rotaract Club on the planet with my colleagues here in our Rotary Club and District.

Bill

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Gandhi: "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

From: fulgence Twizerimana [mailto:fulgencetwiz21@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 1:47 PM
To: Timpson, William <William.Timpson@ColoState.EDU>
Cc: Bangayimbaga Apollinaire (bangaapo@gmail.com) <bangaapo@gmail.com>; Jean Claude Nkezabahizi <nkezaclaude@gmail.com>
Subject: You will like these efforts

Sir,

On Saturday, another training has been organized for members of the future Ngozi Rotaract Club. The president of Bujumbura Rotaract Club, the country Responsible for Recruitment of Rotary and presidents of Rotary Clubs of Bujumbura and Gitega and others were there.

And today on Tuesday, members of the future Ngozi Rotaract Club elected their president. Audrey Iradukunda, a member of BWA Peace English Club has been elected. She studies in Agronomy Faculty 2nd year.

I have been designated by the Ngozi Rotary Club to be the advisor and the mentor of the newly Ngozi Rotaract Club. It is going to be located at UNG.

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Saturday's training session



*Saturday's training -
The Rector Apo
Addressing the class*



*Saturday's training-
Panelists from
Bujumbura*

Upcoming District Events

We look forward to the days when we can fill this page again with lots of great Rotary District events **in person**. Until then, stay safe and healthy!

Kick that virus!



District 5440 is using Zoom for our video conference meetings. Some clubs are now meeting in person and some are having hybrid meetings, in person and virtual. There is a list of clubs that are doing virtual meetings on the [District website](#). If your club is not listed and wish to be listed, you can email Kellie at rotary5440@yahoo.com.

- [President Elect Training Seminar \(PETS\)](#)

Mar. 19, 2021, 12:00 PM - Mar. 20, 2021, 1:30 PM

PETS 2021 will be a virtual event. Please visit the [High Country PETS website](#) for more information.

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

Also a virtual event. Stay tuned for details.

<https://rotary5440.org/>

District Governor—Chris Woodruff



Service Above Self