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Because We Said We Would (End Polio Now)

Rotary Friends,

October 24 is End Polio Day worldwide and our Rotary focus for October is ending polio.

We have been working at this since the 1980's and we have come 99.9% of the way. Polio cases dropped from over 350,000 when we began this work to under 100 today. Nigeria reached 3 years without a wild case of polio on Aug 21 and hopes to be certified free from polio early next year.

We continue the fight against new wild polio cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

But the fight against polio is still a worldwide fight. Each year we must continue to vaccinate millions of children against the virus in order to keep it contained. We continue to monitor wastewater samples for the virus, because it is a waterborne disease.

We continue to work to shift from the oral vaccine to the injectable form, which is more effective, carries less risk, but it also more expensive.

This is a global effort which involves Rotarians, world health partners, visionary partners like the Gates Foundation, governments, and very brave local people who get the vaccinations done in sometimes dangerous situations.

All of us made the commitment to rid our world of this disease. We have to finish the job.

It is especially important for us as Rotarians because this project comes out of our core value of integrity. We made a promise to the world that we would not quit until the fight was won. We are people of integrity. We keep our promises. That is why we won't stop until polio is 100% eradicated.

It can sometimes seem that this fight will go on forever. The science tells us we are so close. We have to make the final push to get us over the finish line, and then set up the monitoring systems to make sure polio stays gone.

We can do it because we said we would.

During October, make a special effort to educate yourself, your family and friends and your community about our fight against polio. Telling this story is so important right now. This is also a great time to make your personal donation to End Polio Now. This will connect you directly to the effort to get rid of polio and make you a partner in the fight.

Many clubs are planning special programs or fundraising events on Oct 24, World Polio Day. Take time to join in these events. Everything thing we do as Rotarians to fight polio helps us to keep our promise.

It is a joy to serve as your District Governor this year. Thank you.

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**Triumph High School**

**Interact**

**4th Annual**

**Jingle Bell**

**Jaunt 5K**

**Saturday December 7, 2019**

**8:30 registration/9:00 run/walk begins**

**Starts & ends at**

**Paul Smith Children's Village**

**\$35.00 fee includes long-sleeved t-shirt if register**

**before 11/1/19**

**Register at <https://www.raceentry.com/jingle-bell-jaunt/race-information>**

**For more information contact Dr. Michelle Aldrich at**

**307-760-6213**

## Estes Park Longs Peak Rotary Club

### 2019 Treasure Tables Artisan Market – October 12, 2019 in Estes Park

by Renee McCauley, Longs Peak Rotary Club President

The Longs Peak Rotary Club Estes Park has been making their hand crafted fall and Christmas Holiday wares. All made from recycled wood and more. Longs Peak Rotary will have a booth at the Treasure Tables Arts and Craft Sale on Saturday October 12 from 9 to 4p.m. located at the Pavilion at the Stanley Park Fairgrounds in Estes Park. Admission is free. For more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/TreasureTables/> to see the variety of vendors selling the crafts.



*Elk Christmas Ball*

## Jackson Hole Supper Rotary Club

### “And the winner is” ...

by AG Helen Bishop, Jackson Hole Rotary Supper Club

The Jackson Hole Rotary Supper Club drew the winning raffle ticket for the beautiful handmade wooden drift boat during the Chamber of Commerce events on the Square on Saturday, September 8. The club members sold tickets all summer and raised over \$12,000 for their community project. Proceeds will be added to the club’s fundraising for the Central Wyoming College program for nursing students in Jackson to learn trauma responses on a human body simulator.



The winning phone number was answered by a woman (and a nurse!) in Canada whose adult son living in Jackson was very happy to accept the boat. The boat was donated to the club by the builder in Olympia, Washington. No nails or screws were used in the “Out West” boat which was paraded in the town Fourth of July parade and featured outside of the Orvis shop all summer to draw ticket sales too. Our thanks go to other Rotarians in the state who also purchased tickets!

# Ambassador for Cowboy Country Rotary Youth Exchange

by Beth VanDeWege, CCRYE Chair



Our outbound student Brody met the RI President Mark Maloney, who was doing his down under tour of Rotary in Australia. Brody had dinner with the president and his wife, and his host parent Jenny to Brody's right. Thanks for representing Cowboy Country Rotary Youth Exchange!

## Interested in Being a District Governor?

Click [HERE](#) for the DGND information on the District 5440 website.

Have you heard?  
DG apps are being accepted!

If you are interested in taking the next step in Rotary service & becoming a District Governor please visit our [DGND information page](#) today!

# Upcoming District Events

- [Rotary Leadership Institute](#)

Oct. 11, 5:00 PM - Oct. 12, 4:00 PM  
Loveland Housing Authority, Loveland, CO

- [Rotary Leadership Institute](#)

Nov. 8, 2019, 5:00 PM - Nov. 9, 2019, 4:00 PM  
The Lyric, Casper, WY

- [Rotary World Peace Conference](#)

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

- [Rotary High Country PETS](#)

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

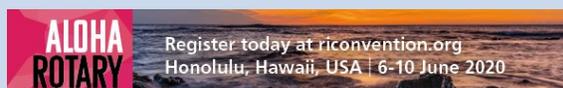
- [Rotary District 5440 Conference - 2020](#)

### 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.

- [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](http://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



*Service Above Self*

