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Rotary Family

Happy October! The days are getting noticeably shorter, the air is finally cooling down and the leaves here on the flats are finally starting to change. These are all signs that this year is moving on (thankfully) and that we have a brighter future to look forward to.

As members of Rotary, we know that the world is a continuously changing, beautiful and challenging place. Because our membership spans the globe, in any given year we can see hurricanes, fires, droughts, floods, famine, earthquakes and other natural disasters. But also, we see Rotarians as people of action coming together and doing what it takes to help those in our world who need it.

Make no mistake about it. The work is not always easy or safe. But Rotarians are committed to reaching out a hand to help those in need, wherever the need arises.

I am always amazed and gratified at the number, scope and variety of projects Rotarians work on across the world to make it a better place. Our seven Areas of Focus provide a guide to help us develop and implement projects in communities everywhere.

You, my fellow Rotarians are saving lives, providing opportunity, and promoting dignity all over the world. You are also helping to train a new generation of leaders in all areas of human endeavor to continue this work after we are gone.

Rotarians are leaving such a positive legacy everywhere they work.

We can be proud of what we have achieved since 1905. We must also be excited for what we will achieve between now and 2105. Today we are planting the seeds for positive change that will not mature and bear fruit for many years to come.

That takes courage and hope. This courage and hope are built on the foundation of the 4-Way Test and our motto *Service Above Self*. These will never be outdated or irrelevant.

I want to thank each of you for keeping the faith and for your commitment to your Rotary club. Thank you for planting those seeds which will grow into mighty trees that will give shade to future Rotarians and people who need us.

Thank you for your courage. Thank you for being part of our Rotary family!

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## Cheyenne After Hours Rotary Club

The Cheyenne Rotary After Hours Club and the Triumph Interact Club will host the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Jingle Bell Jaunt on Saturday, December 5, 2020. The 5K run and 1K walk will begin at the Paul Smith Children's Village at 9:00 a.m. The run/walk can be done in person with social distancing available or virtually to benefit the Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide! Registration is now open at <https://www.raceentry.com/jingle-bell-jaunt/race-information>. For more information or to become a sponsor please contact Dr. Michelle Al-drich at [teachwyo@yahoo.com](mailto:teachwyo@yahoo.com) or at 307-760-6213.



## Estes Park Rotary Club

### Noon Rotary Club Takes on Painting Project

Rotary, an international service organization, provides many ways for its members to serve. Whether joining the fight to eradicate polio across the globe, supporting a homeless shelter in Colorado, or putting on the annual Duck Race for charity, the Rotary Club of Estes Park is known for its 96-year tradition of service. This week, eight of its members headed to the 9-hole golf course in Estes Park for a community service project that will freshen up a bridge over the Big Thompson.

"Painting the bridge near the 9th hole offered us Rotarians an opportunity to help our Estes Park community "bridge" some of the Covid-19 related budget shortfalls and connect safely with our fellow members—two values consistent with our Rotary mission," said Jim Whiteneck, the club's Community Service assistant chairperson.

The Rotary Club of Estes Park, founded in 1926, supports local high school students with its scholarship program, provides grants to local nonprofits, and partners with area charities in the annual Estes Park Rotary Duck Race. In addition, the club raises funds for regional projects and international initiatives. The club's motto is "Service Above Self." For information on joining the club, contact President Bill Solms at 305-205-6460.



*On a beautiful fall day for a painting project, the Rotary Club of Estes Park Bridge Painters masked up and gathered for a Community Service Committee project. From left: Beth Weisberg, Jim Whiteneck, Anne Slack, Dana Fritz, Dennis Gellhaus, Bill Smith, Club President Bill Solms and Jack Boatman.*

*Masked Painters, Rotarians at work*

# Douglas Rotary Club

Hello fellow Rotarians,

I am excited to be able to share with all of you the passion, exuberance, and forthrightness of our interact youth. These young folks truly know the significance of "Service Above Self".

Steve Misch, District Interact Chair

*Two Douglas High School Interactors & three Rotarians from our Satellite Club joined forces at our last Farmer's Market today. This beautiful day found several locals buying & selling everything from baked goods to canned foods, fresh veggies, clothing, jewelry, tea, & our plaques (handmade with laser) on beautiful wood with "The World Needs More Cowboys" laser-printed on the front. These plaques were generously donated to the Interact Club by Rotarians Ed & Karen Werner. One of the young men turned 16 today, & the guitar singer asked everyone at the market to join in singing happy birthday to him!! Great day of collaboration, fun, & fundraising!!*



# Fort Collins Rotary Club

## 3rd Civility Seminar Very Insightful

RCFC's third Civility Seminar, held September 14 via Zoom, was very insightful. Our guest speaker was Chaz Miles and the title was **Being Native American, Hispanic, Black, Educated, Athlete, Believer, Musician, Celebrity, Concerned, Optimistic, and Normal...in One Body...in Our Times!** Chaz started the seminar saying "It's not about you. But it is." He went on to note that a key problem is the 'either/or' mentality failing to empathize and understand. The full seminar can be reviewed [HERE](#).

Chaz Miles was a student athlete at CSU, until an injury forced his retirement from NCAA athletics. He finished his degree, and went on to a professional career in music and the ministry.

In response to questions, Chaz delivered a seminar on understanding 'the other'. He noted that we need to fight against being divided, and instead work to know people from backgrounds different from our own.

To a question about the 'vanilla-ness' of Fort Collins and how to make our community more welcoming and supportive of people of color, he suggested we go beyond talking and actually engage with people not like us. "Invite them to engage in a way that celebrates who they are", by being genuine and caring.

To a question about Black Lives Matter and the response, "All lives matter!", he asked a simple question - "Do Black lives matter? Now?" He shared an example; "If someone's Grandmother died, would you say to them "All Grandmothers die"? Would we be showing empathy for that moment, and how the person was hurting? He suggested we consider "What is the problem, right now", and never minimize another's experience. "Kindness is always king," said Miles.

To a question about the removal of monuments and names from a racist past, he asked whether we would ever name a mountain "Hitler Peak"? He suggested we can recognize a person's positive accomplishments, but must tell the whole story.

The next Civility Seminar will be at noon, Monday, November 2nd

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Chaz Miles

# Lander Rotary Club

After a long summer of face masks, social distancing, and Zoom club meetings, it's time to relax and have some fun!! So on **October 22**, we will have the Lander Rotary Club's first-ever **Virtual Bingo & Bourbon Games!!**

We'll have four games of Bingo and -- surprise! -- the winner of each game will win a bottle of bourbon (or \$50, winner's choice). And there will be some fun contests between the games. Socializing at 6:00 p.m., first game at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone in Wyoming is welcome -- Rotarians, friends, guests, potential Rotary Club members!

Proceeds will benefit Lander **Senior Center's Meals on Wheels, First Stop, and Good Samaritan Dinner.**

Cards are 1 for \$10, 3 for \$25, and 5 for \$40. Cards will be emailed to all players and may be used for all four games -- every game is a new game!

**The first five members to register and purchase cards will receive a free, extra Bingo card, and the first five persons to purchase a set of 5 cards for \$40 will receive two free cards.**

Purchase your Bingo cards TODAY on the club Website: [www.landerrotary.org](http://www.landerrotary.org)

Lander Rotary donates over \$5000 to local nonprofits Thursday -- we have a release from the news station that gives us permission to use this photo & story with credit to County 10 News. Click [HERE](#) for the news story.

## BINGO & BOURBON

VIRTUAL GATHERING  
OCTOBER 22, 2020  
SOCIAL AT 6:00PM, FIRST GAME AT 6:30PM



*Rotarians & Friends Welcome!*

**REGISTER TO PLAY:**  
[www.landerrotary.org](http://www.landerrotary.org)  
or Lander Rotary Facebook

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT:**  
FIRST STOP HELP CENTER  
MEALS ON WHEELS  
GOOD SAMARITAN DINNER

# Fort Collins Foothills Rotary Club

## Helping Families Struggling With the Pandemic

It started with \$5600.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused all of us to change our plans, even on a weekly basis. The [Fort Collins Foothills Rotary Club](#) was looking forward to an exciting year of events and donations, but of course many of our events were impacted. After an exciting Purple Pins for Polio in January, both our Cornhole Tournament and city Rotary Peach Festival were deferred, then cancelled for 2020.

The challenge was that we had already collected sponsorship dollars for these events, and had \$5600 remaining after expenses from the Purple Pins event.

The Club's Sponsorship Committee was debating whether it would have to return this money to sponsors, but each one of the sponsors agreed that they'd like the money to go toward addressing local needs. So what to do?

We had just completed an immediate \$7000 donation to three local-relief organizations: [Food Bank for Larimer County](#), [Fort Collins Rescue Mission](#), and [Neighbor to Neighbor](#). This was money freed up from members' pre-payment for weekly meal costs and a generous District Grant.



But in April it was becoming clear that there were going to be much deeper local needs, perhaps even for the rest of the year. And indeed that's been true.

## Our plan

The Governor of Colorado, Jared Polis, had told us that one of the big needs he foresaw was when parents needed to return to work, they wouldn't have support for their children. And in fact we have seen this exact scenario play out over the summer. Many parents are unable to work due to limited daycare options and schools going virtual.

Based on this, we identified two organizations which directly address this for families in need: [Teaching Tree](#) and [La Familia / The Family Center](#).



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# Fort Collins Foothills Rotary Club (Continued)

In addition, our Club has been working closely for several years with [Putnam Elementary School](#), which serves a very high population of homeless and underserved children. So we decided to increase our support of this school as well.



In coordination with these organizations' fundraising efforts, we decided to shoot for \$10,000 donations to both Teaching Tree and La Familia, matched by another \$10,000 each from those organizations' donors. That's \$40,000 of impact right there.

We also decided to shoot for adding a \$5,000 contribution to Putnam Elementary, particularly to help staff putting together their programs for the new school year.

All of this, including the contributions earlier this year, totals \$52,000 in community impact directly for local relief from the impact of the pandemic. Our goal was to complete this by the end of July, supported by our [Bring Hope in Times of Crisis web page](#) and lots of personal conversations.

## Results

So how did it turn out? Well, by July 31<sup>st</sup> we reached \$53,450 thanks to many generous donors inside and outside our Club. The organizations are ecstatic, because they had been expecting their revenue to dry up, putting them in severe financial binds. But ... there's more!

The [Community Foundation of Northern Colorado](#) has stepped in with an additional contribution of \$40,000 because their focus in 2020 has also been on local pandemic relief. That pushes the total over \$93,450!

And most of our members continue to contribute the money they expected to spend on weekly meals toward future donations to these relief efforts.

Rotary does indeed open opportunities!



# Jackson Hole Supper Rotary Club

## JACKSON HOLE ROTARY SUPPER CLUB DONATES FUNDS TO CWC NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM



The Jackson Hole Rotary Supper Club is donating funds to the Central Wyoming College (CWC) Nursing Education program. The donation of just over \$37,200 will provide an Intelligent Simulator Mannequin for teaching purposes at the CWC Jackson location. The simulator can be programmed with a variety of conditions to allow nursing students to hone their skills from routine procedures such as taking blood pressure to critical care situations such as heart attacks.

With a new building in the works for CWC-Jackson classes are held currently in the Center for the Arts in downtown Jackson, with a move to their own facility in Jackson planned in the future.

“Our Club is honored to be partnering with CWC to enrich their programming locally, especially in the area of Nursing Education,” Richard Tambor, Foundation Chair of the Rotary Supper Club, explained. “The Intelligent Simulator can be used immediately in the current CWC location and can be moved easily to the new facility when it is complete.”

Zach Padilla, Rotary Supper Club President, continued, “Our Club has been fundraising for this important project for multiple years. We have had wine tastings during the Taste of the Tetons and held a raffle for a custom crafted drift boat, just to support this needed resource for CWC. Hats off to our dedicated Club members that have worked tirelessly to raise the necessary funds for this.”

“This incredibly generous donation places Jackson students at the forefront of nursing education,” said Dr. Stacey Stanek, director of the CWC nursing program. “Having this simulator in the clinical laboratory affords students an opportunity to develop advanced clinical reasoning skills. Participation in realistic scenarios in which the simulator reacts as a live patient allows for repeated practice, which leads to enhanced clinical judgment. As a result, CWC is able to educate stronger, safer nurses who will serve Jackson and the surrounding communities for years to come.”

Jackson Hole Rotary Supper Club members have long supported the community through a range of service projects. Locally the Club supports literacy by providing dictionaries to all Teton County third grade students as well as materials for the Jackson Hole Children’s Museum Reading Corner. Regionally the Club has supported new parenting resources at the Wind River Indian Reservation, and has partnered with other Rotary Clubs internationally on clean water projects in Honduras and Cambodia.

# Laramie Rotary Club

## An Example of Leadership in Action

One of my favorite examples of leadership in action that is coming to fruition is the Laramie Rotary Clubs Park at Grandview Heights. About 5 years ago, when I was president of the Laramie Rotary Club, I developed a vision to have a Rotary Park in Laramie. I worked with my fellow Rotarians, the Parks and Recreation Board, the City Council, and the people of Laramie to build this vision.

The first concept was to build a Rotary Park off of Spring Creek and 18th street. This effort would require significant funds, working with the civil corps of engineers, and would take many years of significant time to complete. This project was viewed as beyond the scope of our Rotary clubs ability. The second concept was to rename the Optimist Club park to the Rotary Club Park, as the Optimist club has not existed in Laramie for over 30 years. I organized our Rotary clubs behind this effort. We researched and determined the legal requirements and financial investments needed by the Laramie Parks and Recreation and the Laramie City Council. We developed an MOU and committed to the financial and ongoing commitment of our club to the City and to the park. I led a marketing campaign to inform the citizens of the Laramie West-Side about the Rotary Park name change. The MOU failed to pass at the City Council, due to the absence of a Laramie Park naming policy.

This vision and efforts led to the development and passing of a Laramie Parks Naming Policy. Once the policy was established, it was determined that park names must meet specific requirements and that park names cannot be changed. With this foundation, I lead the Rotary clubs to find a new opportunity for a Rotary Park in Laramie.

With the Vision of a Rotary Park in Laramie, we considered several avenues before we found an ideal location, Grand View Heights. I then worked to engage the Rotary clubs' membership to support this new opportunity with club presentations and votes. Once the Laramie Rotary Clubs agreed to move forward, we worked with the Parks and Recreation Team, the City Council, the Grandview Heights stakeholders, and the Rotarians to create a new MOU for this effort.

This spring I presented our MOU to the Laramie Parks and Recreation Board and to the Laramie City Council explaining how this partnership between the Laramie Rotary Clubs and the City would be beneficial to the city and to the people of Laramie. That this would be a symbiotic relationship, creating a win-win environment. The Rotary Clubs Park at Grandview Heights was approved with an upcoming park sign unveiling. Myself and my fellow Rotarians develop a vision and with steadfast and persistent leadership this dream is becoming a reality.

Past AG Lawrence Struempf  
Laramie Rotary Club



# 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](mailto:rotary5440@yahoo.com).

- [Fall District Virtual 5440 Assembly](#)

Oct. 10, 2020, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM NOTE: RI President Holger Knaack will be the keynote speaker!

This event is free. Just register at <https://rotary5440.org/event/fall-district-5440-assembly/> to attend and you will receive a link to the Zoom meeting a few days before the event.

- [Rotary Institute - 2020](#)

Omni Hotel San Diego, Nov. 12, 2020 - Nov. 15, 2020

The Institute is virtual, not in person, at the Omni Hotel. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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

Feb. 26, 2021, 1:00 PM - Feb. 28, 2021, 12:00 PM

Denver Renaissance

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

What should have been in 2020. Stay tuned for details.

<https://rotary5440.org/>

