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Greetings Rotarians,

Imagine Rotary in the Rockies and Register for the District Conference before Registration Prices go up:

If you are thinking about attending the June 8-10 District Conference in Estes Park Colorado, I am encouraging you to register before the end of this month. Registration fees will increase on May 1st. The discounted room block at the Ridgeline Hotel is sold out. Fortunately there are other hotels in Estes Park that have vacancies. Please check the conference information on the district website. Kellie has added details about the hotels that still have rooms available. Book your reservations soon, these rooms are filling up!

Club Presidents, you can share the success of the projects your club completed in the World Café. Please contact Mike Forney at forneyrotary5440@hotmail.com for more details. The focus of every district conference is on the clubs and recognizing what they have accomplished. Please send me a short slide summary of a project your club completed this year that you want to share with conference attendees. The slide summary should include: one introduction slide, slides with pictures of the project or club members working on the project and a final summary slide, 6 slides maximum. The slides will be played at the district conference during all the meals so conference attendees can see the results of the amazing projects your clubs worked on this year.

Here's a summary of the **Imagine Rotary in the Rockies** Breakout sessions:

Sessions focusing on youth programs:

1. Cowboy Youth Exchange facilitated by Dirk Miller. Program overview from the district youth exchange committee and some current students.
2. Interact facilitated by Rotarian Jennifer Boreson Johnstown-Milliken. An overview of this 200 member Interact Club at Roosevelt High School and discussion on successful strategies.
3. Rocky Mountain RYLA and Young RYLA facilitated by Dave Boon and others. Hear how this Rotary week-long leadership camp at YMCA of the Rockies is a game-changer for teens and Rotarians as well.

Sessions from D5440 Clubs Projects and Success Stories:

1. Rwandan nurses saving lives: a Rheumatic Heart disease Rotary Project presented by Maria Kidner, Lander.
2. Worland Club Success Stories presented by Nikki Donahue and Chloe Stine, Worland.
3. Fun-raising + Fund-raising: The Critical Elements for a successful fundraiser and how to address the challenges. Facilitated by DGE Steve Sehnert and Ellen Kendall, Steamboat Springs.
4. Global Grant: Water, Sanitation and Dignity to the Schools of Grahamstown, South Africa presented by Jackson Hole President Jessica Jaubert, Jackson Hole.

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Sessions on Timely Topics:

1. Fire Prevention and Mitigation presented by Estes Park Fire Chief David Wolf.
2. Emergency Management and how Rotarians Can Help presented by Larimer County Emergency Management Director Lori Hodges.
3. Rocky Mountain National Park an Overview presented by National Park Service Kurt Base.
4. Braver Angels: Bridging the political, ethnic, and other divides that separates us presented by Rotarian Thomas Brantley, Cheyenne. Rotary Clubs are discovering how partnering with Braver Angels promotes the Four-Way Test.
5. Diversity presented by Dr. Regina Lewis.

There will be opportunities to participate in a community service project and lots of free time activities, from touring Rocky Mountain National Park, playing golf, riding the Alpine Slide or shopping in downtown Estes Park. Register [HERE](#) before March 30 and call the Ridgeline Hotel at 970-527-1500 to reserve your room!

Imagine Your Club Officer Role:

District Training Assembly

This coming weekend, April 22nd, we will hold a virtual District Training Assembly which will focus on follow-up training for club officers. If you are a PE, PEN, AG, Treasurer or Secretary and you have not registered to attend this virtual assembly please visit <https://rotary5440.org/event/virtual-spring-assembly/> and register free of cost. Registration will close on Thursday morning and those registered will receive an emailed zoom link to the training.

As always, I don't need to "IMAGINE" that this Rotary Year for District 5440 will be amazing! Our Leadership Team is talented and very strong. And every club in the district is compassionate, active, reaching out and making a difference in their community, in the district and in the world.

Dream Big and Imagine Rotary!



Lee Varra-Nelson

District 5440 Governor 2022--2023

Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast

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 **IMAGINE
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Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast

Our Million Dollar Celebration!

The Rotary Foundation

5:30-8:00 pm

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Fort Collins Marriott Hotel



Rotary Foundation contributions from Fort Collins Breakfast Club Rotarians reached the One Million Dollar mark this year!

Register using our
QR Code below.
Pay at the door.



- Delicious buffet!
- Cash bar!
- Frivolities!
- \$35 per person



Guest Speaker
Dan Himelspace
RI Director
2023-2025

Rotary
Club of Fort Collins Breakfast



Rotary Club of Loveland

After 13 years working to get this beautiful sign designed, created, paid for and installed Jerry Westbrook was proud to announce the sign has been put in place on Hwy 34 on the east side into Loveland. All of Loveland's service clubs came together and made this happen for Loveland!

Congratulations and thanks to PP and AG Jerry Westbrook for this wonderful demonstration of the 4 Way Test!



Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs

41st Annual Cardboard Classic:

Fun-Raising + Fund-Raising in Steamboat Springs! Locally built and decorated cardboard crafts launching down the ski slopes to raise funds and support the local hospital.



At The Starting Line!



Colorful Competition!



Kids Flew This One!

Melbourne Convention



Melbourne Convention attendees: don't miss this opportunity to Register to attend the Big West Breakfast at the Melbourne Cricket Ground Stadium Olympic Room!

Turkey Earthquake

On February 6, 2023 we shared information from District Friendship Exchange Chair, Raju Jairam, on how to help victims of the earthquake in Turkey. We are happy to report that his club, Fort Collins After Work, has raised \$7,200 to date for this relief effort. We'd love to report what your club raised and contributed. If your club is interested in sending relief donations here is the information:

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Upcoming District Events



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.

- [Virtual Spring Assembly](#)

April 22, 2023, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

- [Rotary District 5440 Foundation Dinner](#)

April 22, 2023, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM **REGISTRATION CLOSED**

Embassy Suites, Loveland, CO

- [Rotary District 5440 - District Conference 2023](#)

Thursday, June 8, 2023, 5:00 PM - June 10, 2023, 9:00 PM

Ridgeline Hotel and Conference Center, Estes Park, CO.



- [International Convention - Melbourne, Victoria, Australia](#)

May 27 – 31, 2023

You can register now and take advantage of the early bird discounts!



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<https://rotary5440.org/>

District Governor—Lee Varra-Nelson