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Hello Everyone,

As summer begins to wrap up, I hope you have all had a chance to get outside and enjoy the sunshine, and had great times with family and friends! I know my family has been busy living life to the fullest this summer!

With the school year just around the corner for my kids, I see this time of year as a time of new beginnings. As our days begin to slow down and the weather gets cooler, we all have a little time to breathe and reflect. With some renewed vigor, I hope your Rotary Club will begin the Strategic Planning process. Please reach out and let us know how it's going, and

what we can help with.

I hope to see you all for the **Fall Assembly on September 18th at LCCC in Cheyenne.** Registration is now live on the District website- rotary5440.org.

Please also save the date for the **District Conference in Lander, June 9th-12th.**

Steve, Lee and I have really enjoyed getting to see your clubs, and meet the fantastic Rotarians in our District. It is mind blowing to see how much good is done in all of our communities! We look forward to seeing you soon, if we haven't had a chance yet. As we are visiting far fewer clubs than normal, we are all eager to attend any fundraiser, or event that you have as a club. Please let us know the dates as soon as you are able, so we can get them on our calendars!

Thank you for allowing me the pleasure of serving alongside you! I am truly humbled and honored to be in such great company!

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The Scheel family: L to R, Kaden, Alayna, Shurie, Phillip

Rotary Club of Jackson Hole

Would you or your club like to take part in a South African Rotary Global Grant Schools Water and Sanitation project of immense proportion?

by PDG Stuart Palmer, Jackson Hole Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Jackson Hole is undertaking a new and larger Global Grant (estimate - \$400,000) to bring consistent, clean water to seven schools in the township community of Makhanda/Grahamstown in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. The laborious two-month Community Schools Needs Assessment conducted in May and June by Jackson Rotarian **Julia Heemstra** has produced a long list of necessary school repairs. The project will include significant upgrades to the crumbling school bathrooms and kitchens where students receive a nutritious government mandated meal; for some students - the only secure meal they may receive that day.

The Eastern Cape of South Africa has experienced a multi-decade drought that has dried up municipal water storage reservoirs. Municipal water is often turned off - sometimes for days at a time. Schools are closed when there is no water and school bathrooms are compromised.

The Rotary Clubs (2) of Grahamstown and the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole and sponsoring Rotary Clubs throughout the western US are funding water storage tanks for the seven schools, affecting 4,981 students, while also providing significant renovations to school ablution blocks and kitchens. Repairs are also being made to school roofs and gutters to capitalize on any potential for rainwater harvesting.

To learn more about the project's Phase #1 (Installation of tanks and pumps to supply each school), listen to the early June Zoom presentation by the Project team of Rotarians in South Africa and Jackson, Wyoming.

Copy of the June Zoom presentation from Africa:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/>

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We are seeking partners and co-sponsors for this formidable humanitarian project. If your club would be interested in a Zoom presentation about this Grant opportunity, or would like to contribute and be a part of "Restoring Water, Sanitation and Dignity to the Grahamstown/Makhanda Schools in South Africa," please contact either Past District Governor Stu Palmer (StuRotary@gmail.com) or Past President Tony Paulus of RC-Jackson Hole (tonypaulus@gmail.com) or Rotarian Julia Heemstra (jrheemstra@gmail.com).



Julia Heemstra

Note: Julia Heemstra, Jackson Hole Rotarian, has committed to trying to climb the Grand Teton 7 times in 7 weeks, weather and physical limitation, permitting, in order to raise pledges for this Rotary Global Grant.



Tantyi studets - Rotarian, Julia Heemstra, with students from one of the schools

Reflections on Jim Foreman

Cheyenne and Rotary lost a giant last week with the passing of Jim Foreman. Jim was born in Guernsey, Wyoming, in 1915, where his father managed the meat market at the Guernsey Mercantile Store. As a young man, he delivered groceries and dry goods for the Guernsey Mercantile Store in a Model T Ford. Due to the depression, the family moved to Washington, before relocating to Cheyenne, where Jim attended Cheyenne High School graduating in 1934. Following high school, he attended the University of Wyoming as a student in the Business Department. It was in Laramie, that Jim met and married Elizabeth “Betty” Burrage. After working in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Wheatland, Jim and Betty moved to Cheyenne in 1940, where they would raise their family.

Eventually, Jim went to work for his uncle JH Walton at the Walton Motor Company, the local Ford dealer, as its business manager. Eventually, Jim became an owner in the Ford Dealership, which he continued to have a hand in operating until it was sold to Fassett Nickel Ford in 1975. For the past two decades, Jim and his son, Dave, have operated a cattle ranch in northern Platte County. Jim was preceded in death by Betty, his wife of 56 years, and his son, Jim, and his daughter, Mary Lou. He is survived by his son and former Club member, Dave Foreman.

In addition to Rotary, Jim was a leader in the community and involved in many civic organizations and nonprofits, including the Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce, the Salvation Army, Goodwill Industries and DePaul Hospital. He was also a charter member of St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church.

Jim joined Rotary in 1942. This October would have marked his 79th anniversary as a member of this Club, a record that will never be matched. Jim’s obituary mentioned that he resigned from the Club in 2015. However, the Cheyenne Board of Directors immediately made him an Honorary member in light of his years of service to the Club and Cheyenne. His uncle, JH Walton, was the first President of this Club. In Rotary, Jim served as the Club’s program chair, on the Board of Directors, and was Club President in 1960-1961.

In June 2004, Jim was recognized as the Club’s “Special Rotarian.” During that presentation, it was reported that Jim’s best Rotary memories were serving as the Club President and attending the District Conferences at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. Jim also shared that he loved spaghetti and polka and ballroom dancing. At the end of the presentation, Jim received a standing ovation from the Club. Jim also shared with a dear friend that his one regret in life was not learning how to fly. While he never learned to fly, Jim continued to drive up until the age of 102, when he surrendered the keys to his Buick Lacrosse. If you met Jim, you were immediately warmed by his incredible smile. It is unlikely any one of us will lead such a full life as Jim Foreman, but we will all have certainly been blessed in being in his presence.



Jim Foreman

Upcoming District Events

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.

- [First Timers Rate Rotary District 5440 Fall District Assembly](#)

Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, WY
September 18, 2021, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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- [Rotary District 5440 - District Conference 2022](#)

June 9, 2022 5:00 PM - June 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

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

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



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District Governor—Shurie Scheel

