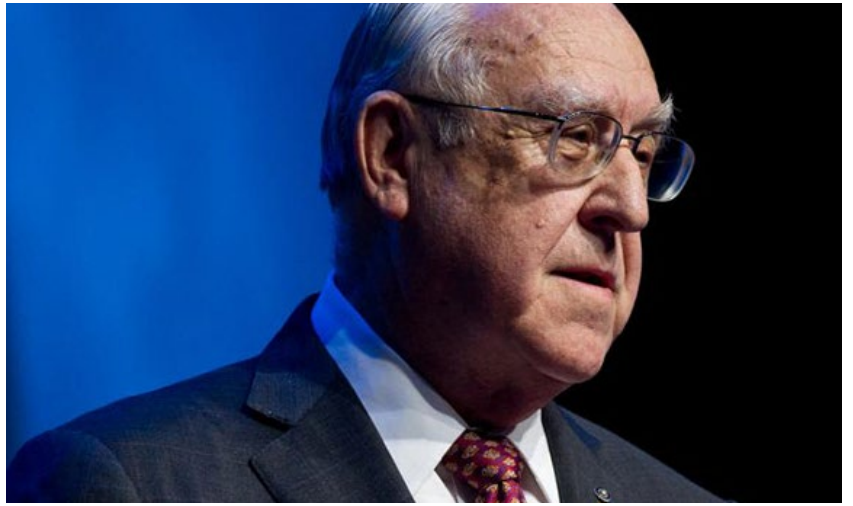


Greeley Celebrates,
100 Years
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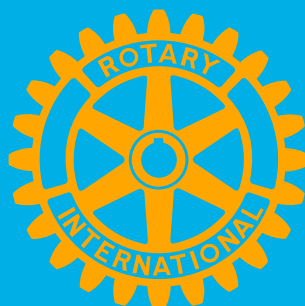
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AG Showcase:
Meet Mr. Looper

District Governor's Message

Barb Redder • District Governor 2016-17

Casper Five Trails Rotary Club

It is hard to believe that March has already flown by and we are at the start of April. April is an exciting time in Rotary. During April, Maternal and Child Health Month, Rotary celebrates its commitment to improving the lives of mothers and babies around the world.

An estimated seven million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care and poor sanitation, all of which can be prevented. Rotary is working to reduce this rate by providing immunizations and antibiotics to babies, supporting trained health providers for mothers and their babies, providing education, birthing kits, and mobile health clinics, along with many other projects.

Many Rotarians and clubs in our district are involved in projects supporting maternal and child health, including projects in Turkey and Kenya. Rotarians are also supporting maternal and child health in their own communities.

April is also the month for spring District Assembly. Make plans to attend District Assembly in Cheyenne, Wyoming on April 29th. It is a great opportunity to learn more about Rotary and to connect with Rotarians from all around the district to network about ideas and projects. More information and registration is available on the district website at www.rotary5440.org.

“**Many Rotarians and clubs in our district are involved in projects supporting maternal and child health...**”

Then on the evening of April 29th, District 5440 is formally celebrating the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation, with our Centennial Foundation Dinner at Little America in Cheyenne.

This event will be headlined by Ron Burton, Past Rotary International President, as our keynote speaker. At this dinner we will announce the Centennial Challenge grant winners and our \$30,000 Global Grant Scholarship recipient.

We will honor our Benefactor, Bequest Society, Paul Harris Society, White Hat Society, Major Donors and Arch Klumph members.

On display will be an iron lung to remind us that the fight to eradicate Polio worldwide is not over and

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Join DG Barb Redder in Atlanta for the 2017 Rotary International Convention!

Registration links, convention hotels, event tickets can all be accessed using the RI Convention Atlanta link (<http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta>).

100-Year Celebration:

R.I. President John Germ to attend Greeley Centennial celebration

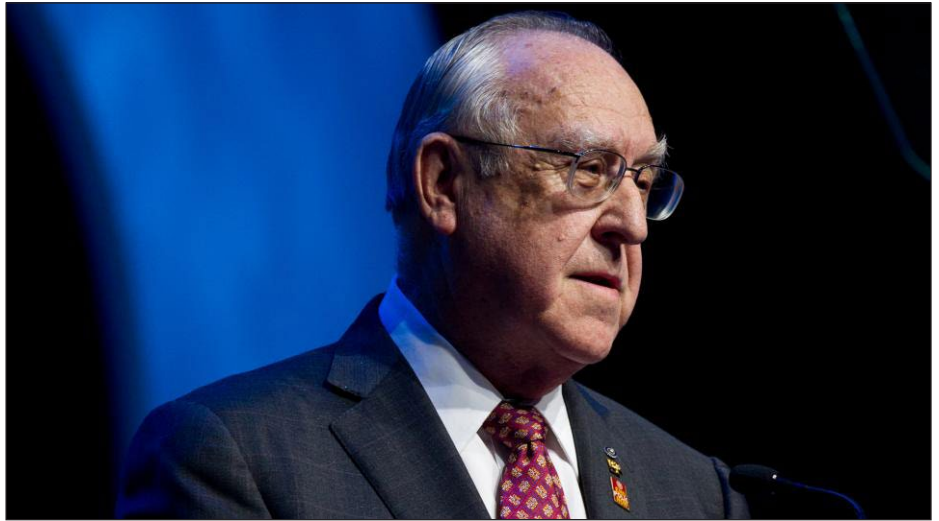
by Ron Wildeman
Rotary Club of Greeley

R.I. President John Germ and his wife Judy will help Greeley Rotary Celebrate its 100th Birthday on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

A celebratory dinner will be held that evening at the University of Northern Colorado Ballroom.

Social hour will start at 5:30 and the meal will be served at 6:30.

A cornerstone for the new Poudre Learning Center InSTEM building will be dedicated that evening. The four Greeley Clubs along with Eaton, Windsor, and Johnstown have worked together to raise the necessary \$1.3 million dollars for the construction of the new building.



Rotary International President John Germ will be the keynote speaker at a Rotary Centennial Celebration in Greeley on May 18.

Online registrations will be taken.
The window for registering online

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Thursday, May 18, 2017

InSTEM Station

Dedication at the Poudre Learning Center

Thursday, May 18, 2017 there will be a dedication of the building and a ceremony is planned. On that same day, there is an evening meal to be held at the UNC Ballrooms celebrating Greeley Rotary Clubs 100 Year Anniversary.

Rotary International President John Germ and his wife Judy will be in attendance for both functions and he will be the featured speaker at the evening celebration.

Invitations will be sent out for both events after a few more details like starting times are finalized.





SAVE THE DATE

**Save-the-Date for the
2017 District 5440
Conference!**

June 1-3 in Casper, WY.

Plans are already being made to host you in Casper! Prepare now to come and enjoy the fellowship of Rotary with friends of old and new, along with inspiring speakers.

More details will be released in early fall.

**“If this Rotary of
ours is destined
to be more than a mere
passing thing, it will be
because you and I have
learned the importance
of bearing with each
other’s infirmities, the
value of toleration.”**

*~ Rational Rotarianism,
The National Rotarian, January 1911*



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4-Way Test: A perfect tool for harmony between ideals

How do we live peacefully in a world full of diversity?

by Larry Kunter

Rotary Club of Fort Collins

Editor's Note: The following article was submitted following a vandal's attack on the Islamic Center in Fort Collins, CO during the early-morning hours of March, 23, 2017.

The local news this weekend of the Islamic Center being vandalized highlights reprehensible behavior. I hope the person they arrested is the perpetrator and that the full force of the law descends on him.

I have served a church which was vandalized several times; I know the experience - you feel anger, fear, frustration, conflicted - especially when the local powers seem to dismiss the event and there is no resolution, so the people get away with it

So how do we handle these charged events which seem to come from differences of belief, faith, ideas, and politics? How

do we keep the cloth of America together without it being rent asunder by the depth of hateful feelings?

I believe we need to honor each other and intentionally allow others to hold opinions that are not even similar to ours.

We need to be tolerant and mannerly, without needing to give up our position or having to stop trying to convert others to embrace our ideas.

We need to get beyond Political Correctness, so we can discuss ideas and beliefs and come to a place where we can live with each other. We need to find a resolution with our neighbors that is tolerant and gracious. And we need to realize that living in America is a messy thing where there are lots of conflicting ideas, and that's OK.

Our 4-way test goes a long way to finding that middle ground for living with our neighbor, even when we disagree on core values.

Violence is not a choice, nor are threats or bullying. We should not put up with raunchy language or clearly untruthful stories and demand our news sources truly try to be neutral on reporting. False News and propaganda are also not acceptable, even if it supports your side of the argument - without truth, we are unable to find solutions.

The Islamic Center vandalism or Jewish Community Centers being threatened, or churches being vandalized or burned must end. The persons from right, left, environmental, crazy identity hate groups, you name it, we need to speak clearly to them to cut it out, it is not acceptable.

They can believe that stuff, but they can't act upon it. This is not a Democratic or Republican but an American to call people back to moral and ethical behavior, behavior that lives under the constitution and laws of our country. Speak up, and help establish an environment where we behave ourselves.

2017 ROTARY DISTRICT 5440

FOUNDATION DINNER

APRIL 29, 2017 - 5:00 P.M.

Little America, Cheyenne

Social Hour - 5:00 p.m.

Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker:
Past RI President & Current Foundation
Trustee, Ron Burton

\$50 PER ROTARIAN OR GUEST

REGISTER AT: WWW.ROTARY5440.ORG

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AT THE ROTARY DISTRICT 5440 SPRING ASSEMBLY

APRIL 29, 2017

LITTLE AMERICA, CHEYENNE

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District 5440



Save The Date: Opening Night Patron/Gala • Friday, April 28, 2017
Show Dates: April 29 – May 28, 2017



Please join us for the first ever

DISTRICT 5440 INTERACT ASSEMBLY

Saturday

April 29, 2017 9 a.m.– 3 p.m.

Triumph High School

1250 W. College Drive Cheyenne, WY

Come and get great ideas for your club! Leadership Development! Awesome team building ! Participate in a community service opportunity!

Design a presentation board about your club and share it!

Load up a car or van and make your way to Interact District Assembly!

Free Registration! Please Register before April 22, 2017!

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will go from April 1, 2017, to May 1, 2017.

Information concerning the cost to attend, the options for meals, requirements for parking and the opportunity for additional donations will be made available through a link on the home page for Greeley

Rotary which is GreeleyRotary.org. A direct link will also be available at GreeleyRotary100years.org

We welcome all Rotarians and their guests to join in fellowship and fun. We are anxious to celebrate 100-years of Rotary in Greeley along with being inspired by President John Germ who will be the keynote speaker at the dinner.

We have gathered much in the way

of historical memorabilia that will be on display and plan to show a 20-minute video that evening highlighting the "milestones of Rotary in Greeley."

Ron Wildeman is the immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Greeley and the Chairman for the 100-Year Greeley Rotary Celebration.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



**100 years of partnering with Rotary
clubs to do good in the world**

Julie Johnson-Haffner - Assistant Governor for Greeley Rotary Clubs

Hello Rotarians,

I'm a Wife, Mom, Mimi, Rotarian, consultant and knitter; and, depending on the day, not necessarily in that order! I'm married to Gene Haffner (a Greeley Kiwanis member; I know, I know we have a "mixed marriage").

I have three daughters; one is an attorney in Castle Rock, CO, a middle daughter is a labor and delivery RN in Omaha, NE and the third is Nurse Kelley, my nurse who took nursing to the Miss America stage in 2015 and was second runner up to Miss America. Now she promotes and supports nurses across the country. My most fun job is being a "Mimi" to my Grands, ages 3 and 9 months. I also have four furry grandchildren as well.

I am a fundraising consultant and nonprofit coach part time as well. I help nonprofit boards and executive directors build capacity for their agency futures, both from a fundraising and internal organization standpoint. Some of this spills over in to my Rotary work as an AG (for the Greeley Clubs: Greeley Rotary, Greeley Centennial, Greeley Red-Eye, and Greeley After-Hours); I help my clubs get their boards and officers ready for the future regardless of their membership or budgets. It is satisfying volunteer and paid work.

In my spare time I like to knit and travel. I enter my knitting in fiber



Julie Johnson-Haffner, Assistant Governor for the Greeley, CO clubs gets some quality time in with one of her grandchildren.

shows and yarn markets here in the West. Rotary feeds both of these pleasures with trips to conferences, assemblies and in-

stitutes; knitting as I go.) And yes, Gene usually drives!) I am a lucky woman; many blessings and much to be grateful for.

AG SPOTLIGHT

This segment is designed to introduce you to our hard working Assistant Governors. An "AG" must have served as club president and agree to serving a 3-year term to be qualified for this position.

The role of an AG is the following:

- *Provide support to the clubs in which they are assigned*
- *Provide support to the District Governor during their official club visit*
- *Assist incoming club presidents in entering goals in Rotary Club Central*

Randy Looper - Assistant Governor for Craig, Steamboat Rotary Clubs

Randy Looper officially became a member of the Clear Lake Iowa club in 1994, but has been part of Rotary for most of his life.

His father Joe Looper became active in Rotary in 1952 and served as a District Governor in District #6270(SE Wisconsin) during 1985-86 the Polio Plus kickoff year. He was responsible to kindling

Randy's interest in Rotary and the work that they do by taking him to his club's volunteer activities. When he moved to Craig, Colorado in 2004 he joined the Craig Rotary Club.

Randy served as both President and Secretary for the Clear Lake club and he has served as President, Treasurer, Secretary and International Chair for the Craig club.

Randy really enjoyed his involvement in the 2013 District Conference in Steamboat Springs and after it was over wanted more involvement at the District level. The next year He became AG for the two Steamboat Springs clubs and the Craig club.

Randy has been a Paul Harris Fellow since 1996 and reached major donor status in 2010.

Randy met his wife and best friend Cindy at Iowa State in 1977 when they had dorm rooms next to each other.

They moved to Denver after graduation in 1981 where Randy worked for Colorado National Bank and Cindy worked for Marriott.

They have two children. Kellie, an Archaeologist that works contract jobs for the government or archeology companies in the summer and winter season-



Randy Looper, his wife Cindy, and their two children, Kellie, and Jeremy.

al jobs working for American Airlines and Jeremy, a Junior, at Moffat County High School. Jeremy is hoping to pursue a degree in marine biology in college.

In 1993 they decided to give up big city and corporate life and purchased the Lake County Inn a small mom and pop motel in Clear Lake Iowa. The average temperature during their first three months in Clear Lake was -15 with wind chills of 40-60 below.

Needless to say it was an interesting start to their new life. After 12 years they decided it would be nice to get back to Colorado where the sun was out more than once a month. In 2004 they purchased the Elk

Run Inn in Craig Co. Randy and Cindy have loved every part of being able to work together running a business over the last 24 years.

Randy loves the outdoors and enjoys hiking and exploring NW Colorado.

He is also enjoys and is very involved in theater. He helped start the Black Mountain Theater company and has been involved in plays with the Black Mountain and David Morris theater groups.

He also has been involved with the Moffat County High School theater department building sets and acting as needed.

Registration is
NOW OPEN
for



June 1-3, 2017 *District 5440 Conference 2017*

visit

www.connectincasper.com

to register.

District Award Applications are now available on
the District 5440 Website:

www.rotary5440.org/SitePage/awards



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why it is important for us to win this fight. We will also recognize those clubs who have met the Polio challenge of \$26.50 per capita giving this year. The District will also provide additional funds in the name of these clubs to the End Polio Now campaign. The cost of the dinner is \$50.00 per person and registration is open

on the District website www.rotary5440.org, so please register today. You will not want to miss this great event!

Finally, we are excited to welcome all of you to Casper, Wyoming for the District Conference on June 1-3. We have a variety of Rotary and non-Rotary speakers, free time activities for everyone to enjoy and multiple opportunities to network and have fun. We have 31 committees of dedicated Rotarians and Rotaracters just

waiting for you to arrive. Registration is open. You can register for the conference, make your hotel reservation, and take a look at the free time activities, all on the District Conference website www.connectincasper.com. At least one of the free time activities is already sold out, so register today!

Happy Spring everyone. Don and I look forward to seeing you all at the multiple events coming up in District 5440.



ROTARY DISTRICT 5440 ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a leadership development program for all Rotarians.

RLI believes that excellent club leadership (all types of club leaders) is essential to the future of Rotary in a complex and fast changing world. Most Rotarians have not been exposed to the great scope of Rotary around the world and the leadership opportunities available to move Rotary forward.

- *Learn about the evolution of Rotary and its activities in the world.*
- *Discover leadership strategies for your club, work, or other volunteer activities by participating in interactive discussion.*
- *Fulfill one of the key purposes of Rotary by networking with other Rotarians*

There are many opportunities to complete the Rotary Leadership Institute in 2016-2017 (required to earn the Governor's citation!):

***April 7-8, Fort Collins, CO
April 7-8, Lander, WY***

**A Friday (5-8:30 p.m.) and Saturday (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
is all it takes to complete RLI!**



Join a session in your backyard, or make it a Rotary Vacation Weekend!

Register at: www.rotary5440.org/events



If you have any questions about Rotary Leadership Institute, please contact District 5440 RLI Co-Coordinator Marie Zimenoff at marie@astrategicadvantage.com.

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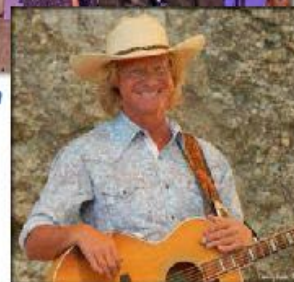
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June 10 -14, 2017

**\$340/Rotarian
Until December 15**

Register now for the best rates for the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, GA.

Until December 15, 2016, the rate will be \$340/Rotarians and \$70/Rotaractors. The rate goes up from there with two other deadlines of March 31, 2017 and June 14, 2017.

Your registration includes:

- Inspiring and entertaining speakers
- Informative breakout sessions
- Opportunities to network and exchange ideas
- Entertainment provided by local artists and musicians

Registration links, convention hotels, event tickets can all be accessed using the RI Convention Atlanta link (<http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta>).

Centennial Events

As you've heard, The Rotary Foun-

dation will celebrate 100 years in 2017! Special centennial events will be happening in Atlanta where it all began. You can explore The Rotary Foundation Centennial exhibit, attend the "Doing Good in the World" book signing and even attend the special centennial birthday party.

Program Highlights

In addition to the amazing speakers, entertainment and events there will also be a special moving screening of "Gone with the Wind" at the historic Fox Theatre.

Discover Atlanta

Plan your visit now to include family-friendly attractions like World of Coca-Cola and the Georgia Aquarium, enjoy Southern cooking during Restaurant night or Honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the King Center.

There is so much to do in this city full of rich history.

**Information courtesy of Rotary International*

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District 5440



U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Spring District Assembly

April 29, 2017
Little America Hotel
Cheyenne, WY.

Centennial Foundation Dinner

April 29, 2017
5-9 PM
Little America Hotel
Cheyenne, WY.

2017 District Conference

June 1 - 3, 2017
Casper Events Center
Casper, WY

2017 International Convention

June 10 - 14, 2017
Atlanta, GA

SEE YOU SOON

Share your club's projects, events, and milestones with the rest of Rotary District 5440, by sending your photos and stories to Kellie Tovar at rotary5440@yahoo.com