

**Estes Park  
Paul Harris  
Fellow Family**



**Rock Springs Rotary  
Celebrates Local  
Sponsors of Flag  
Display**

# The Connection

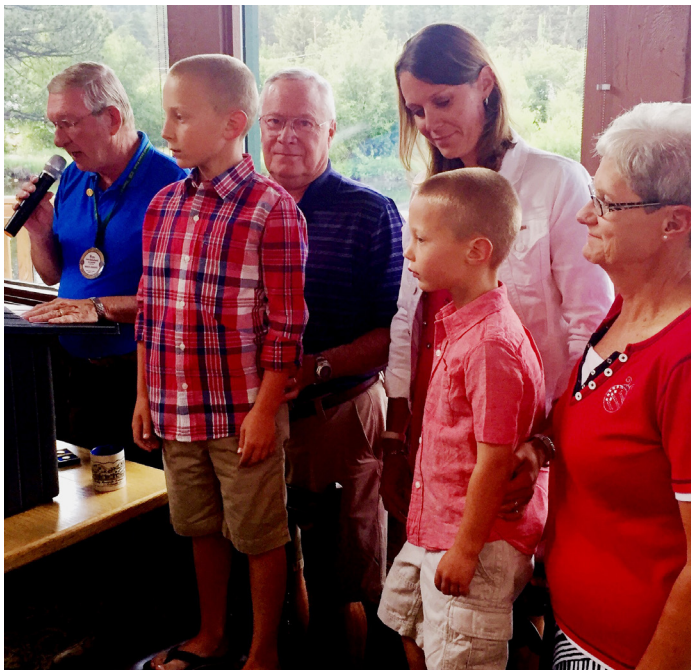
**Rotary District 5440 NEWSLETTER**

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**Rotary**



**Evanston Rotary  
Community Garden**



# PHF + Family

It's a pretty awesome honor for a Rotary Club to become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. One Rotarian is extending that idea to his family.

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## community gift

Members of the Evanston Rotary Club recently completed a year-long Community Garden project.

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## flag day

The Rock Springs Rotary Club recently added new flags to their display in town with the help of local supporters and sponsors.

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## meet mr. addleman

This month, we get to know Assistant Governor, Billie Addleman, who serves the Rotary Clubs in Cheyenne and Laramie.

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# District Governor's Message

**Barb Redder • District Governor 2016-17**

*Casper Five Trails Rotary Club*

As always, summer in our part of the country is flying by. It is hard to believe it is already August. Don and I started our club visits the first part of July and are having a great time. Rotarians are the best people in the world, and District 5440 has the best Rotarians. In fact, our District has the most members of any district in our Rotary zone, which includes fifteen districts. Growing Rotary's membership is important. With more members, we can do more good in the world. For this reason, increasing membership is an integral part of Rotary Serving Humanity.

While we are proud our District membership is growing, we need to continue to focus on membership. Membership is about both retention and recruitment. Clubs need to meet the needs of current members, while also working to attract new members. Rotary happens in the clubs, and the clubs themselves are best suited for coming up with ideas for attracting new members and engaging current members. We can increase membership if we have active, well-run clubs that are engaging their current members.

ernors, I am amazed at how well the members keep the clubs running smoothly. Our clubs allow Rotarians to enjoy fellowship with each other, while also engaging in service projects locally and around the world. To manage the sometimes burdensome demands on club leadership, some clubs have co-Presidents; some have a Council of Past Presidents stepping up when unexpected issues arise, while other clubs have Presidents serving two-year terms. These solutions, while not the traditional Rotary structure, allow our clubs to meet the needs of their members.

The District leaders, including me, the District Membership Committee, and the AGs, are all here as resources to help clubs develop membership plans and help clubs come up with ideas for engaging their current members and getting new members.

It is also rewarding to see that Rotary International, through the Council on Legislation, has recognized that demands on members and clubs have changed over the years. The Council approved Resolutions allowing clubs to have flexibility in determining attendance requirements, meeting times and locations, and membership requirements. Clubs may now offer associate, corporate, family or other membership types. These options allow clubs to make

As I visit with Club Presidents and Assistant Gov-

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Photo courtesy of Gordon Slack, President, Estes Valley Sunrise

From left to right, Estes Valley Sunrise Rotary Club Past President Eric Blackhurst as presenter; Austin Hunt, Paul Harris; Ray Leaycraft, Paul Harris +6; Sandy Hunt, Paul Harris; Toby Hunt, Paul Harris; Cindy Leaycraft, Paul Harris.

**WHATEVER ROTARY  
MAY MEAN TO US,  
TO THE WORLD IT  
WILL BE KNOWN BY THE  
RESULTS IT ACHIEVES."**

On July 5, 2016 Ray Leaycraft's two grandsons, Austin and Toby, became Paul Harris Fellows thanks to Ray's generosity.

Ray, a member of the Estes Valley Sunrise Rotary Club, is a PH+6,

and he has previously given Paul Harris awards to his wife, Cindy, as well as to their daughter, Sandy, and son-in-law, Bob.

Congratulations boys! And thank you Ray for your contributions!

**~ PAUL HARRIS**



**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>).



# 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.



June 1-3, 2017 District 5440 Conference 2017



## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**Rotary Zones 21b and 27 will be meeting in Salt Lake City, UT on Oct. 27-30, 2016 for the Rotary Institute.**

Opportunities and Scholarships exist for Emerging District Leaders, Young Professionals, and Rotaractors.

**For more information on the Rotary Institute, please visit:**

<http://www.rizones21-27.org/zone-institute-2016/>

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## Evanston Rotary Club Completes Community Garden Pathway Project

● by Deborah Demander

**Evanston, WY** – The Rotary Club of Evanston, Wyoming has recently completed a community garden pathway project, as part of a District 5440 grant. The Evanston Rotary Club donated \$4,000 toward the pathway project; the District Grant provided \$4,000, and the City of Evanston donated \$4,000.

The garden began as a grass roots effort, under then-mayor and Rotarian Joy Bell.

Bell and the City of Evanston funded the project the first year, to allow Evanston residents an opportunity to garden if they don't have space at home.

The garden is handicap and wheelchair user accessible, and with the Rotarians work over the past year, it now boasts stone walkways.

components of the garden. They built a new storage shed, made a new hose reel for more efficient and easier watering, created new garden pathways, and built a new sign for the garden entrance.

The pathways created the biggest challenge for Evanston Rotarians, who laid 37 tons of sand, 37 tons of gravel and 26 tons of flagstone. Boy scouts, girl scouts, and community volunteers

joined Rotarians to create 4-foot wide walkways around the 79 garden plots.



**It will add to the quality of  
the garden for all the  
Evanston community to  
enjoy for many years."**

**~Tim Sehorn  
Evanston Rotary Club**

Rotarian Tim Sehorn headed up the Rotary Club pathway project and worked tirelessly, along with Bell and many other dedicated Rotarians, to improve four key

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# Working with community and District, club raises \$12,000 for local project

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Rotarian Mike Pexton donated a used storage shed, and club members worked to refinish and improve the shed, siding it with western red cedar. Rotarians also set five 6x6 posts at water hydrants throughout the garden. The posts support metal hose reels, which allow for easier watering. In all, ten reels were installed.

Sehorn, chairman of the Rotary Pathway project, also rents a plot at the community garden. He said that he enjoyed the project, nearly as much as the produce he grows.

"It will be fun when we get it complete and will add to the quality of the garden for all the Evanston community to enjoy for many years," Sehorn said.



Photo courtesy of the Evanston Rotary Club

*Pictured from left to right: Evanston Rotarians Tim Sehorn, Joy Bell, Kalene Collard, Karen Fry, Gerald Starkey, Keith Fry and Ryan Thomas.*

## A note from the Chairman...

*Good day Rotarians,*

*It is with much appreciation and excitement to announce that we completed the Pathways grant project last night. It has been over a year since we started this project and now we can see the results of our club coming together. I want to thank all of you that helped and supported this long, difficult project. The new entry sign was also installed yesterday. Thanks to Linda Biffert who built the new Robin Hood Plot sign and cleaned up the entry area to the garden.*

*Thanks to all Rotarians in the photos and Joy's sister for all you did last week and last year. This last shot is a special moment for me as it was the last wheelbarrow load of gravel laid on the paths.*



*As I reflect back on this project, all of the sweat, hard work, and backache seems trivial. The most important thing we all got out of it was the relationships and teamwork created by all of the volunteers and the continued accomplishments and progress we made.*

*It shows the power of a hard-working club and that any goal we set can be met.*

*The project brought 54 work parties together and 413 volunteer hours from Rotarians, their families, and friends. This does not include the work parties provided by other groups like the boy and girl scout troops, the high school, City staff and others.*

*We plan to have a Garden Party Social to celebrate in the coming weeks. Thanks again!*

*Sincerely, Tim Sehorn*



## Membership Minute

AG Nancy Hobbs  
District Membership Chair

*Torrington Rotary Club*

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer and keeping cool! I just came back from the Rotary Zone 27 Leadership Conference, and membership was a hot topic with everyone.

I spent many hours with membership chairs from around the Zone; it was very enlightening.

We will be getting our end of the year statistics soon and will be passing them on to you soon after.

The preliminaries show we are little behind in a few clubs. I hope to be able to help you all with your struggles this year.

Whether you're struggling or not, I'd love to get out to meet with you and your membership committees and get to know you.

I welcome the addition of Jim and Pam Lutey to the district membership committee. They have graciously volunteered to work with our satellite clubs/groups.

Whether you are interested in starting a satellite or have one already and just have questions, Jim and Pam are here to help. Thank-you, Jim and Pam.

I am always looking for people who would like to help with membership in the District.

Our committee will be starting up again in August. Please feel free to get in touch with me if you might be interested in joining us.

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# Rock Springs Flags

by the Becky Gressette

Rock Springs Rotary Club owns and maintains the Giant American Flag and pole, located at the corner of Dewar Drive and Gateway Boulevard in Rock Springs, WY.

The first flag was flown September 15 of 2001, just four days after the September 11 attacks. The first flag is on display at the Rock Springs Historical Museum.

Flags cost \$3,000 to \$4,000 each, and they are expensive to maintain. The organization recently had the base of the flagpole painted and a new 30' x 60' flag is being ordered. Due to the high cost of maintaining the flag and pole, Rock Springs Rotary Club created a \$5,000 annual "Giant American Flag Sponsorship" program to help with expenses. The high Wyoming winds damage the flags fairly quickly, so multiple flags are needed. Sponsorship funds are used to purchase extra flags and pay for repairs.

All five sponsors received recognition for their support on Flag Day at the base of the Giant American Flag. The Rock Springs Fire Department handles the important responsibility of raising and lowering the flags year-round, so they were honored at the Flag Day event also.



## 2016 Sponsors and their representatives include:

- Solvay – Penny Jones
- Questar – Albert Bertagnolli and Jimmy Druce
- Rocky Mountain Bank – Suzette Williams
- Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County – Gary Collins
- United Steelworkers Union Local 13214 – Tony Tirado



**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*



## 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*



### Cheyenne and Laramie AG - Billie Addleman

Billie Addleman is the Assistant Governor for the Laramie and Cheyenne Rotary Clubs.

Addleman is also a partner at the Cheyenne law firm of Hirst Applegate, LLP, where he practices civil litigation with a focus on professional liability, medical malpractice and licensing matters. Four members of the firm have served as Rotary Club President.

Billie is a Past President of the Cheyenne Rotary Club and previously chaired the District Club Visioning Committee (with PDG Charlie Pe-

tersen) and co-chaired the 2014 District Conference (with his wife, Brandi Monger).

Outside of Rotary, he has served on numerous local and statewide organizations and boards, including the Wyoming Community Foundation, the Laramie County Community College Foundation and the Friends of the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens Foundation. He also serves on the University of Wyoming College of Law Advisory Board.

In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his wife and traveling.

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changes, if necessary, to facilitate membership. While the traditional Rotary model of membership with meetings and meals is still perfectly acceptable and works well for some clubs, Rotary leadership recognizes that not all clubs, and not all Rotarians, need to look the same. What is important is that we share the same goal of Rotary Serving Humanity.

As Don and I continue our club visits, we are looking forward to seeing the best parts of four states and interacting with the best Rotarians in the world.



The High Plains-Eaton Rotary club has a 8 ft in diameter Rotary Wheel that is being saved to go to a good home if someone can use it.

Please contact Kellie Tovar at 970-506-1036 or [rotary5440@yahoo.com](mailto:rotary5440@yahoo.com) and she can put you in touch with the owner.

# ARE YOU READY TO LEAD?

## Join the 5440 Team Serving With The Best

**Now seeking nominations for the District #5440 District Governor for the 2019-2020 Rotary Year.**

It is a matter of passage in Rotary, that on July 1 of every year, a new Governor assumes responsibility for our, and every, District.

### **This year's interview date and location is TBD.**

This brings a new theme, new responsibilities in the various committees, and, hopefully, a consistency of focus to attract new and keep current members, to make the world a better place, and to build awareness of our work.

The governor is charged with the duty of furthering the Object of Rotary by providing leadership and supervision of the clubs in the district.

The governor shall inspire and motivate them and ensure continuity within the district, according to the Rotary International Bylaws. There are sections in various documents addressing the qualifications and duties of the Governor that can be found in the Manual of Procedure; to make it easier for the average Rotarian to access and understand.



Our District Nominating Committee is comprised of five Past District Governors, Mary McCambridge (chair), Mike Forney, Julie Phares, Phil Murphy, Ken Small and two Past Presidents of Clubs in our District, Billie Addleman (Cheyenne) and Ron Randle (Fort Collins Foothills). Charged with the "duty to seek out and propose the best available candidate for governor-nominee" they will meet before May, 2017 in accordance with the bylaws, to interview and select our District's Governor for Rotary Year 2019-2020.

All Clubs will be asked to submit suggestions for nominations for Governor, and these "...should be in the form of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Club naming the suggested candidate."

As with all elective offices in Rotary "any effort to influence the selection process for an elective office in positive or negative manner by campaigning, canvassing, electioneering or otherwise is prohibited."

Rotary International and District 5440 pay the expenses of attending training in the Governor Nominee and Governor Elect years, and for the Governor. The Governor Elect and the Governor also attend the Rotary International Convention as representatives of our District.

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# Rotary

## District 5440



### U P C O M I N G   E V E N T S

#### **Fall District Assembly**

October 1, 2016  
Little America Hotel  
Cheyenne, WY.

#### **2017 President Elect Training Seminar (PETS)**

February 24 - 26, 2017  
Renaissance Hotel  
Denver, CO

#### **Spring District Assembly**

April 29, 2017  
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  
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your photos and stories to Kellie Tovar at  
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