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Celebration for The
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Estes Park AG
Ron Randle



update

Thompson Valley Rotary Club Member Dot Cada gives an update on the status of Myanmar/Burma.

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all jazzed up

Rotarians from Craig and Steamboat celebrate The Rotary Foundation's Centennial with a well-attended party.

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meet mr. randle

Recent semi-retiree, Ron Randle of the Fort Collins Foothills Rotary Club is the new Assistant Governor to the clubs in Estes Park.

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District Governor's Message

Barb Redder • District Governor 2016-17

Casper Five Trails Rotary Club

Happy Holidays to everyone in District 5440! Don and I have completed our club visits and are amazed by the fellowship and service we found in every club. Each club is different, yet tied together through the bonds of Rotary. You were all so friendly and welcoming, and we truly enjoyed each and every visit. We were also incredibly fortunate with the weather and appreciated the long, beautiful, relatively snow-free, autumn.

In the Rotary Calendar, December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month. Rotary's top priority in the area of Disease Prevention and Treatment is the eradication of Polio. Please continue to support the End Polio Now campaign, both by increasing awareness and funding. Together we will achieve our goal of a polio-free world.

While Polio eradication is important, disease prevention and treatment takes many other forms. The clubs in our district are a great example of the types of projects that support the goal of disease prevention and treatment. Clubs support projects to assist

hospitals and clinics serving many different populations in many different places around the world. Our clubs also support projects to improve drinking water and sanitation systems. These projects set an example for others to follow and are important to Rotary's goal of disease prevention and treatment.

Traditionally in the Rotary Calendar, December was Family of Rotary month, and that concept is still very important. The family of Rotary is more than Rotari-

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ans. The family of Rotary includes all the people involved in our work, including our family members, Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, RYLA, Rotary Foundation program participants and alumni (such as Ambassadorial Scholars, Vocational Training Teams/GSE Teams), community partners and many others. We cannot accomplish all the good we do in the world by ourselves. During December think of ways your club can embrace and involve the family of Rotary. We need the family of Rotary to help us accomplish our goals and continue providing great projects in our community and around the world.

I wish each of you joy and peace during this holiday season. You truly are the embodiment of Rotary Serving Humanity.



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>).

Update on Myanmar/Burma and Rotary efforts

Story by Dot Cada

Rotary Club of Thompson Valley, Loveland

What a year this has been, we now have re-established Rotary with very active members closer to age 50.

Members are full of ideas and excitement about finally having Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy Party having a majority.

The Yangon club has a continued emphasis on Water Systems for NGO orphanages and now villages at the request of Aung San Suu Kyi.

This was part of the effort to illustrate to the government the desire to re-establish Rotary. To that end and with this recent year of so much violence and hate-related activities a light is shining in this area.

There are two villages, 4 hours out from Mandalay, where 30% Buddhist and 70% Muslim people have lived together for over 400 years! What an example of Peace and Conflict Resolution, and another all Muslim village with no electricity but a huge generator.

The villages have passed all the inspections and water testing to be approved for water systems. Due to the extra three days of travel to get equipment to the site, the Village supporters have pledged to cover this cost over the current \$9,000.

With Friendship Partners in Mandalay, this group located and got cooperation; they are working through club membership with NGO Friendship Force International. The villagers in both locations have pledged to provide housing and food for the construction period.

There is a match from an estate as well as the Friendship Force members of Northern Colorado. With all the matches there is still a shortfall of about \$4,000 from the original \$22,000 estimated costs.

The groundbreaking is in early March, so please consider the impact toward "Peace and Conflict Resolution" by making a check made to Los Angeles's Rotary Foundation and sent to Dot Cada, 2918 So. County Road 9, Loveland, Co 80537 to be sure it receives ALL matches.

Dot Cada can be reached at DotCada@yahoo.com

2017 ROTARY DISTRICT 5450

PRESIDENT'S DINNER

JANUARY 7, 2017 - 5:30 P.M.
Denver Marriott South

Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.



RI President, John Germ

\$65 PER ROTARIAN OR GUEST

REGISTER AT: WWW.ROTARY5450.ORG

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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.

**END
POLIO
NOW**

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

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

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Steamboat Springs Celebration Draws Large Crowd

Story by PDG Mike Forney
Rotary Public Image Coordinator, Zone 27

Some 140 Rotarian families, friends, Interact club students and prospective members from Steamboat Springs and Craig participated in a dinner and celebration of The Rotary Foundation Centennial November 10, in Steamboat Springs. A private reception for Paul Harris Fellows was held beforehand.

Rotary Peace Scholar Jeff Runyan and RI Director-Elect Larry Dimmitt were the featured speakers.

Runyan, a Colorado native, received a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship and a Rotary World Peace Fellowship in International Peace and Conflict Resolution. He shared his experiences working with groups in Thailand, Malaysia and India.

"Rotary has given me both the inspiration and the wherewithal to make a difference in the world," he said.

Runyan and his wife Emily now work for The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) based in Genesee, Colorado.

Runyan directs their international mission program which has mobilized thousands of university students to participate in service trips in 45 different countries.



Photo courtesy of PDG Mike Forney

Rotary Peace Scholar Jeff Runyan describes his work on conflict resolution with Steamboat Springs Rotarian, Lori Livingston.

Director-Elect Dimmitt congratulated the three sponsoring Rotary clubs in Steamboat Springs and Craig for putting together the event. "The turnout tonight is absolutely fabulous," he said.

Dimmitt spoke about The Rotary Foundation's amazing achievements over the past 100 years, including one of the Foundation's "gems," a peace scholarship program which resulting in more

than 1,000 graduates from 120 different countries. "Last year alone 89 peace scholars from 39 countries received program awards totaling \$3.8 million dollars through the Foundation," he said.

The idea for the dinner came about at the 2016 President Elect Training Seminar in Denver.

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Then Presidents-elect Steve Hitchcock (RC of Steamboat Springs), Scott Parker (Ski Town USA RC) and Assistant Governor Randy Looper (RC of Craig) agreed to stage some form of multiple club celebration to commemorate the Foundation Centennial.

Scott Marr, Past president of the noon Rotary club chaired the event.

Although Craig president Leif Albaugh was unable to attend that first meeting, he was enthusiastic in his support and joined the other club leaders at the centennial dinner.

Ten members of the Steamboat Springs Interact Club also attended the dinner and helped with ticket distribution. Following the formal presentations, they gathered around peace scholar Runyan and his wife Emily to learn more about his work with Rotary and conflict resolution.

"We made a conscious choice to make this a 'celebration' rather than a fund-raiser," Steve Hitch-



Photo courtesy of PDG Mike Forney

Past Steamboat Springs club president Kris Hammond (far right) poses with members of the Steamboat Springs High School Interact Club who participated in the Rotary Foundation Centennial Dinner.

cock said. The \$50 admission included a full three-course dinner, music by a well-known jazz group, and dancing. All three Rotary clubs contributed additional money to support the event.

"We wanted our Rotarians, friends and prospective members to share in the rich history and accomplishments of The Ro-

tary Foundation," Hitchcock said.

On the other hand, he expects the excitement generated by the dinner to increase contributions to the Foundation. He also plans to launch a matching program to encourage Rotarians to reach their first Paul Harris Fellowship or attain the next Paul Harris Fellowship level.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



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

An Experience Not to be Missed!

Rotary Leadership Institute provides fellowship and growth ideas

Story by Kathy Zavela Tyson
Greeley After-Hours Rotary

John Stewart, Dick Lubinski, and Marie Zimenoff were the Training Leaders/Facilitators for the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) that was held on November 4-5, 2016 at Front Range Community College in Fort Collins, Colorado.

The training was attended by Dr. Pat Sullivan, (Loveland), Larry Wolfe (Cheyenne), Brian Nienhaus (Loveland), Mike Aldrich (Estes Valley Sunrise), Jim Collinson (Fort Collins 1918), Kathy Zavela Tyson (Greeley After Hours), Dave Boon (Fort Collins After Work), Randy Zila (Loveland), Jane Cluett (Fort Collins After Work), Andrea McCready (Estes Valley Sunrise), Valerie Arnold (Fort Collins After Work), and Bill Emslie (Fort Collins After Work).

The day-and-a-half training included a notebook packed full of Rotary Information (e.g. International and Local Service, Member



Engagement, Service Projects, Ethnicity & Vocational Service, the Rotary Foundation, Effective Leadership Strategies, Strategies to Attract Members, Strategic Planning, Public Relations, Team Building, Rotary acronyms, the Summer Youth Leadership Trainings) and a whole host of other information.

The training was interactive, thought-provoking and informative. This was a new condensed format and the participants appreciated receiving the training in one weekend.

The highlight of the training was meeting other Rotary club members and learning about their club activities, service projects, and ways they engage their members.

The experience also bonded the group and created lasting friendships. Healthy snacks and food were provided and appreciated by all.

The facilitators, who donated their time, led the group through interactive activities which thoughtfully engaged rotary members to think about what their clubs are doing and how to make them even better.

This experience was a golden gemstone and is recommended for all Rotary members in District 5440.

Attending will create new enthusiasm, connections and great ideas you can share with your club. It was an experience not to be missed!



and plan to attend the **2017 District 5440 Membership Summit**

January 28, 2017

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne

A Rotary Membership Cadre will facilitate this event. All members of our District who are interested in brainstorming new ideas on how to recruit, retain and engage members in their club are invited to attend! This is a **FREE** event but you do need to register on this site so we know how many to expect.

Check-in will begin at 8:30 am and the seminar will begin promptly at 9:00 am. Lunch will be on your own during a short lunch break in the college cafeteria.

Learn more at: <http://rotary5440.org/event/membership-summit>



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!):

November 4-5, Fort Collins, CO
November 11-12, Casper, WY
February 10-11, Fort Collins, CO
March 24-25, Casper, WY
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.

Ron Randle - Assistant Governor for the Estes Park Clubs

Ron Randle is a new AG for District 5440, serving the three clubs in Estes Park. Ron has been a Rotarian since 2000 and is a member and past president of the Fort Collins Foothills club.

Ron has been married to his best friend, Pat, for 48 years and together they have two wonderful children, Michelle and Steve. Pat is a retired registered nurse and Ron is a civil/structural engineer, who has been "trying" to retire since 2012 (but is loving his semi-retirement).

Michelle, a teacher and curriculum director in the Bowling Green public school system, is married to Phil who is President of the community and technical college in Bowling Green. They have two children: Shania, a senior in chemical engineering at the University of Alabama; and Teagen, a high school freshman who loves playing golf.

Steve, a technology applications director for a large IT company, is married to Christine who is a counselor who works with emotionally challenged children. They live in Lunenburg, MA and also have two children, Vaughn and Emily, both very active 8th grade students.

For the past 21 years, Ron and Pat



Assistant Governor Ron Randle and his wife Pat, at the 2016 District Conference in Jackson Hole.

have been living in and loving Fort Collins. Prior to 1996, they lived in Collierville, TN; Red Wing, MN; Kearney, MO; Granby, CT; and both Cheyenne and Laramie, WY.

While Pat is not a member of a Rotary club, she is a Rotarian in every other way. She accompanies Ron to all the District Conferences, PETS, an International Con-

vention, as well as to the many club social gatherings and service projects.

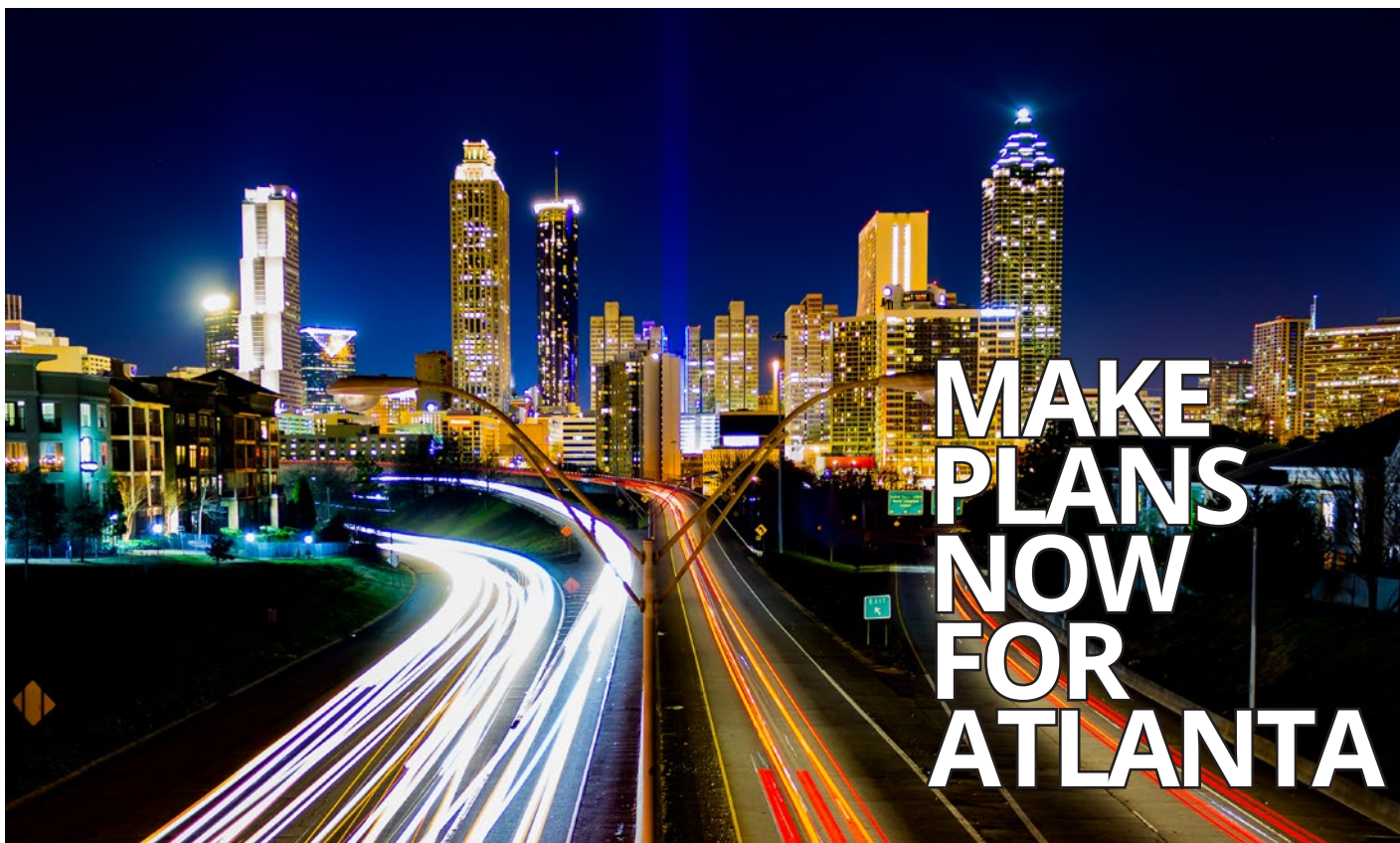
When not participating in Rotary activities, Ron and Pat enjoy traveling, reading, gardening, a little golf, and most of all – grandparenting. Together they hope to make many new Rotary friends at our many upcoming events.

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*



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

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.

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
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