

**Rotary International:
President's Dinner
2017**



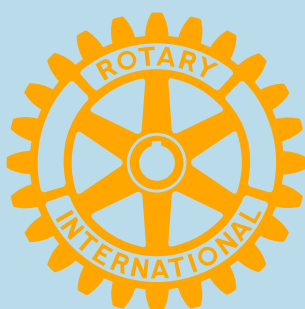
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Valentine's
Day!!!**

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Rotary District 5440 NEWSLETTER

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**Cheyenne Sunrise
Community Service**

District Governor's Message

Barb Redder • District Governor 2016-17

Casper Five Trails Rotary Club

This month we celebrate Rotary's 112th birthday. On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting. The purpose of this first meeting was Harris's desire for fellowship. The meetings would rotate between the offices of the members, leading the members to call their club "Rotary." From these humble beginnings sprang an International service organization with more than 1.2 million members around the world. Many aspects of Rotary have changed since February 1905, but fellowship remains an integral part of our Rotary experience. As such, it is critical that we provide a welcoming environment to members and visitors to our clubs.

As we all know, membership is a big challenge for many organizations, and Rotary is no exception. Thanks to all the Rotarians who attended the Membership Summit in Cheyenne last weekend. Our energetic attendees discussed different ways to recruit and retain members and were led by Membership Cadre members from our Zone. The attendees discussed new ways to tell our Rotary stories, reviewed membership statistics, and talked about effective retention strategies. Rotarians left the summit excited about membership and eager to share what they learned with their clubs. Membership Chair, Nancy Hobbs, is planning one more summit in the

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western part of our district, so keep an eye out for that event.

While it is always important to focus on membership in our own clubs, we should remember that as Rotarians we also belong to a truly international organization. February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month when Rotary celebrates its commitment to building peace and mitigate conflict. Through service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships, Rotarians, and their partners are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict and providing projects to respond to those affected by conflict. Each year Rotary selects up to 100 professionals from around the world to receive fellowships to study at one of Rotary's peace cen-

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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>).



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!):

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.

Cheyenne Sunrise Rotary:

Building partnerships, building community



Photo courtesy of the Cheyenne Sunrise Rotary Club

Among other community service projects, members of the Cheyenne Sunrise Rotary Club volunteered to “Ring The Bell” for one entire day and raised \$1,200 for the Salvation Army.

Wait a minute why haven't we heard from the Cheyenne Sunrise Rotary Club lately? What are they up to you might ask?

Our journey this year is partnering with the Cheyenne community. As a small club it isn't always feasible to host all of our own events so instead we have partnered with other community organizations to make a bigger difference.

Our partnering has led us to make new friends, learn more about the community and engage members who haven't normally joined in, a win – win all the way around.

A few things we have done:

Cheyenne's Farmer Market – Produce for Vet's project. Collected left over vegetables after the market to take to the local VA Hospital where Vet's

can pick up fresh vegetables for free.

Flu Shots for a Healthy Community – One member (Doc) donates his time and his nurse's time to give shots at our club meeting and we partner with other businesses in town to keep their staff healthy. The money pays our International Polio Plus commitment, assists with club projects AND we help Cheyenne citizens stay healthy through the winter and flu season.

Food Collection – The meeting before Thanksgiving we partnered with St. Joseph's Food Pantry and took up a food collection. It was amazing how much we collected from our small club.

At Christmas, we spent an entire day ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at our local King Soop-

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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
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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\$10,000 Raffle: Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast

Buy a \$100 Raffle Ticket

for your chance to win the

!! \$10,000 Grand Prize !!

Proceeds help us fund local organizations including FOCO Café, Crossroads Safehouse, Read Aloud, Veterans Plaza, The Growing Project, Project Self Sufficiency and the Gardens at Spring Creek as well as international projects.

Your \$100 ticket is a 1 in 500 chance to win the \$10,000 Grand Prize

Your \$100 ticket admits 2 people to the celebrations which includes food, beer and wine!

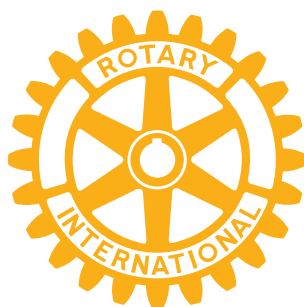
You need NOT to be present to win, but we hope you can make it

Date: March 3, 2017
Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Location: Windsong Estate Event Center
2901 Saddler Blvd.
Fort Collins, CO
NE Corner of Highway 257 & Highway 14
RSVP: *RSVP Required by Feb 15th*
Contact Chris McMahon:
chmbuin@gmail.com



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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



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

RI Presidential Dinner: 2017



Photos courtesy of Ron Wildeman

A few Rotarians from District 5440 were in attendance at the Rotary International Presidential Dinner hosted by District 5450 in January. Left, Greeley Rotary Immediate Past President, Ron Wildeman with RI President, John Germ. Right, RI President John Germ and his wife Judy, with Past District Governor Bryan Cooke and his wife Carolyn.



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.

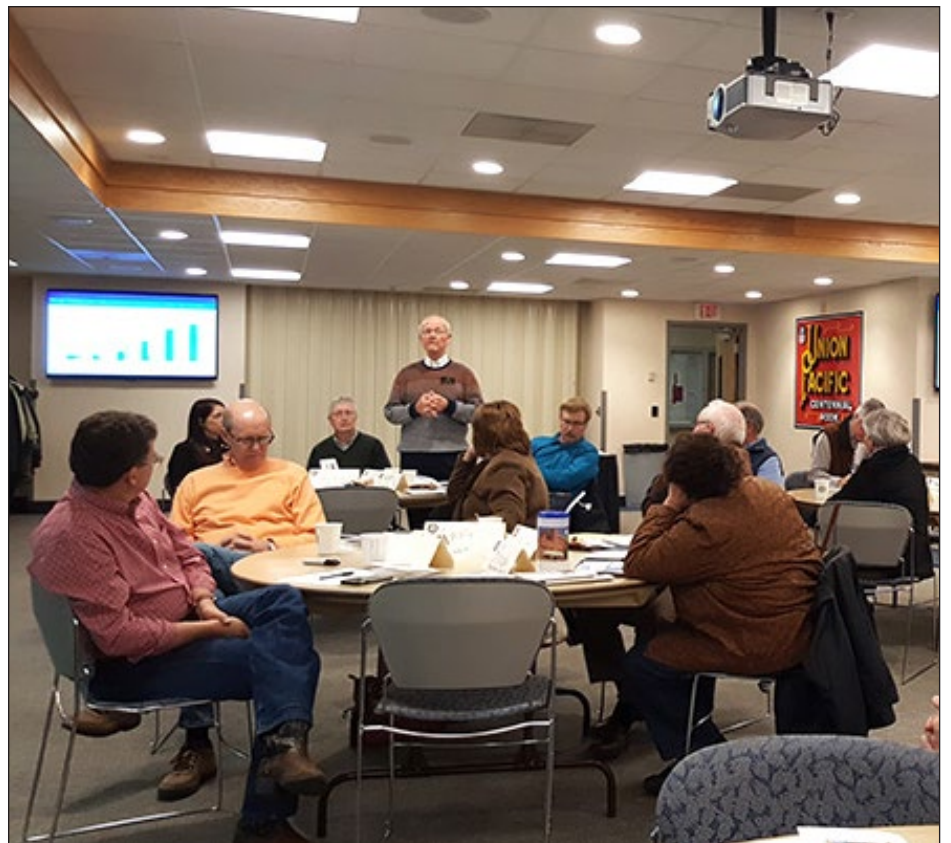
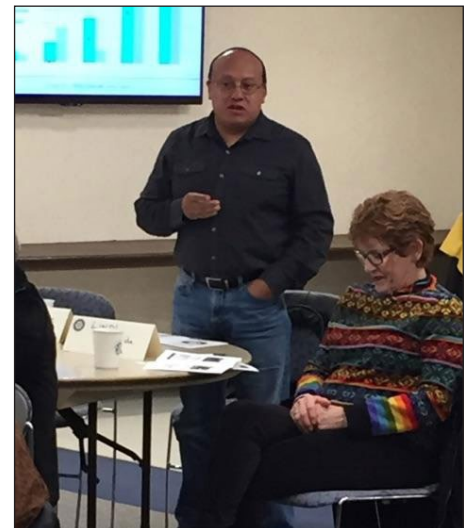
Invitations will be sent out for both events after a few more details like starting times are finalized.



Membership Summit

a HUGE success...

Members from clubs across District 5440 converged on the Campus of Laramie County Community College for a day of intensive membership discussions. Broken into two groups and facilitated by members of the Zone 21b-27 Membership Cadre, participants worked through a number of exercises designed to build membership and increase retention.



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ters. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in applying to be a Rotary Peace Fellow, more information is available at <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>.

I also encourage all Rotarians in our district to continue to help their Club President achieve the Presidential, Governor's, and PR citations for your club.

In addition to receiving recognition and citations, these goals will help your club be more success-

ful going forward through engaging members, increasing Rotary Foundation contributions, developing leaders, working with youth and humanitarian service.

All of this helps us be an integral part of Rotary Serving Humanity.

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ers. We raised \$1,200.00 that day standing at the kettle caroling, saying Merry Christmas and just enjoying each other's company.

Finally, we partnered with the Department of Family Services and sponsored and organized the annual Foster Kid's Dinner. An estimated 200 kids attended with their Foster Parents to enjoy a Christmas meal and receive a gift from Santa.

We aren't a big club but we have made a BIG difference the first half of our Rotarian year! Join us in partnering with a local charity and helping with their fundraising efforts. It truly "good for all concerned."



Mardi Gras

BINGO

Save the Date!

FEBRUARY 28, 2017—6 TO 8 PM

CASPER SENIOR CENTER—1831 E 4TH STREET

\$1,400 IN TOTAL PRIZE MONEY INCLUDING ONE \$250 BLACKOUT GAME AND ONE \$500 BLACKOUT GAME

ONE \$20 TICKET BUYS YOU TWO BINGO CARDS FOR THE NIGHT

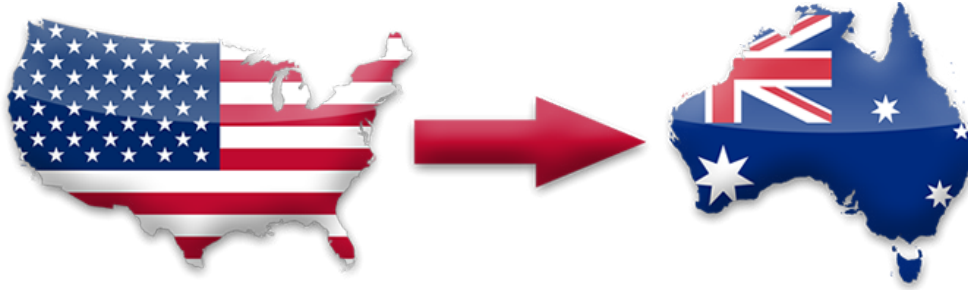
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Come join us for food and family fun . . .

REVEILLE ROTARY OF CASPER HELPING SENIORS AGE IN PLACE

Rotary Friendship Exchange

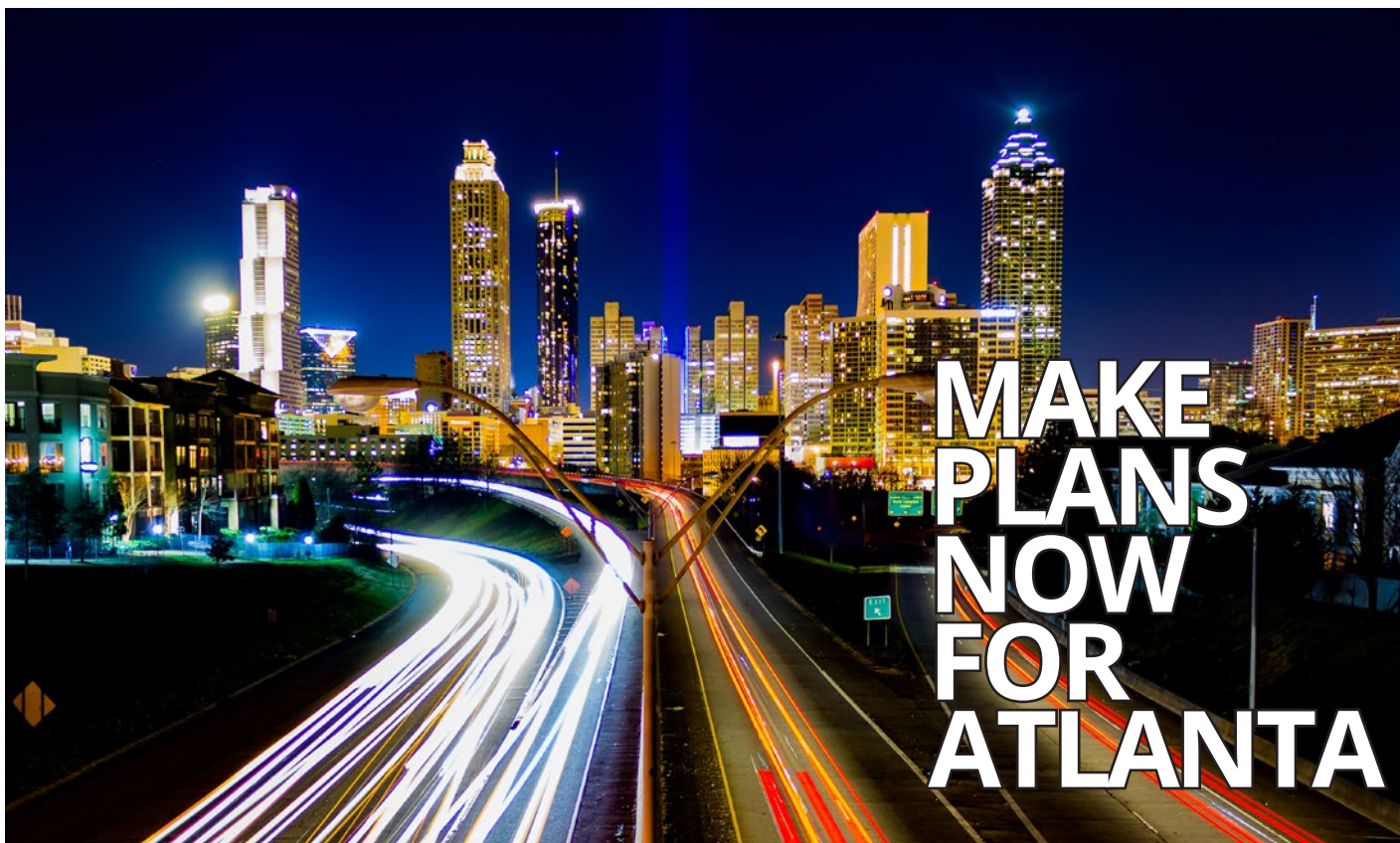
Dist. 9650 and Dist. 5440



Schedule for Outgoing Rotarians from Dist. 5440 to Dist. 9650 (March 16 – 26, 2017)

- **ARRIVE Sydney.**
- **Arrive Coffs Harbour Thursday 16th March**, PM preferably – by air. At home in evening with hosts.
- Friday 17th, Sat 18th, Sun 19th. March. Coffs Harbour Hosting - local stuff to include, including sightseeing, including a yacht cruise to the Solitary Islands, up close encounters with (wild) kangaroos guaranteed, pristine beaches and much more., social functions and a combined Rotary function. **Local transport** by members and members' perks.
- **Depart Coffs** for Dorrigo Monday 20th March AM (earlyish). **Transport** by Rotary volunteers.
- **Arrive Dorrigo** well before lunch Monday
- Balance of Monday 20th, all day Tuesday 21st March, host program by RC Dorrigo, with all the famous Dorrigo Plateau has to offer, World Heritage Sub Tropical Forests of Gondwanaland, and driving to and from Dorrigo on the renowned Waterfall Way, an Australian classic drive.
- **Depart Dorrigo** Wednesday 22nd March, AM for Walcha, Point Lookout on the way, likely lunch with **Armidale** Rotarians. **Transport** appropriate rental vehicle with volunteer, Coffs (most likely) to arrive Dorrigo in good time to transport the group from Dorrigo to **Wauchope**. (The rental bus naturally will be at your cost.)
- **Arrive Walcha** Wednesday PM, mid afternoon.
- Balance Wednesday, 22nd, all day Thursday 23rd March, host program by Walcha **local transport** by rental vehicle, if required, but more likely that locals would do their legendary 4WD tour.
- **Depart Walcha** Friday 24th March AM after all heads are clear, travel, most likely fairly directly to Wauchope.
- **Arrive Wauchope** as early as practicable to allow time for initial settling in with local hosts and good time to depart for the evening function at **Laurieton Rotary District Conference**. Once group is delivered to Wauchope hosts, the Coffs volunteer driver should return the rental vehicle to Coffs. Or, if it is Thrifty, perhaps the vehicle can be returned to Thrifty at Port, if the driver is planning to attend the conference.
- Balance Friday 24th, all day Saturday 25th and Sunday morning 26th March **D9650 Conference** and time with Wauchope hosts.
- **Depart Wauchope Sunday 26th March PM for Sydney** or other destinations. For some, or all, Monday morning might be better. By air from Port Macquarie, or maybe by train from Wauchope.

As well as the rental bus, there will be cost to attend conference, and possibly some meals, especially when traveling.



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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