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District Governor's Message

Barb Redder • District Governor 2016-17

Casper Five Trails Rotary Club

Welcome to the 2016-2017 Rotary Year! Thank you to Past District Governor Ken and his Rotary partner Joan for all they did for District 5440 during the past Rotary year. Thanks also to the District Committee chairs and members, Assistant Governors, and all the members of District 5440 for your hard work and successes during the 2015-2016 Rotary year.

It was a cold day in December 2013, when the nominating committee selected me as the 2016-2017 District Governor for District 5440. Then, July 2016 was an eternity away. Now here we are, the beginning of July 2016. Don and I are starting on a great adventure and look forward to a great Rotary year.

Paul Harris believed serving humanity was the most worthwhile thing a person could do. In honor of this belief, Rotary International President, John Germ, selected "Rotary Serving Humanity" as the Rotary International theme for 2016-2017. This is a great theme and reminds us of the goal of Rotary, and our charge from President Germ, to "do good in the world."

I encourage Rotarians to continue to work to end polio, provide clean water and sanitation, improve health, and promote peace. In addition to doing good in the world, we must also continue with those projects to help our communities.

I know all the clubs in our District are working hard on projects both locally and internationally and I would like to showcase those projects. I encourage all the Rotary Clubs to submit articles to Kellie Tovar to be included in the District Newsletter, so we can share these great projects with Rotarians around the District.

This is an exciting Rotary year as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation. Our Foundation started with \$26.50 in 1917. Over the last 100 years, through the generous support of Rotarians around the world, we have raised and spent over 3 billion dollars supporting projects to do good in the world. Thanks to the generous contributions of the members of District 5440, this year we are implementing a Centennial Grant program to allow each



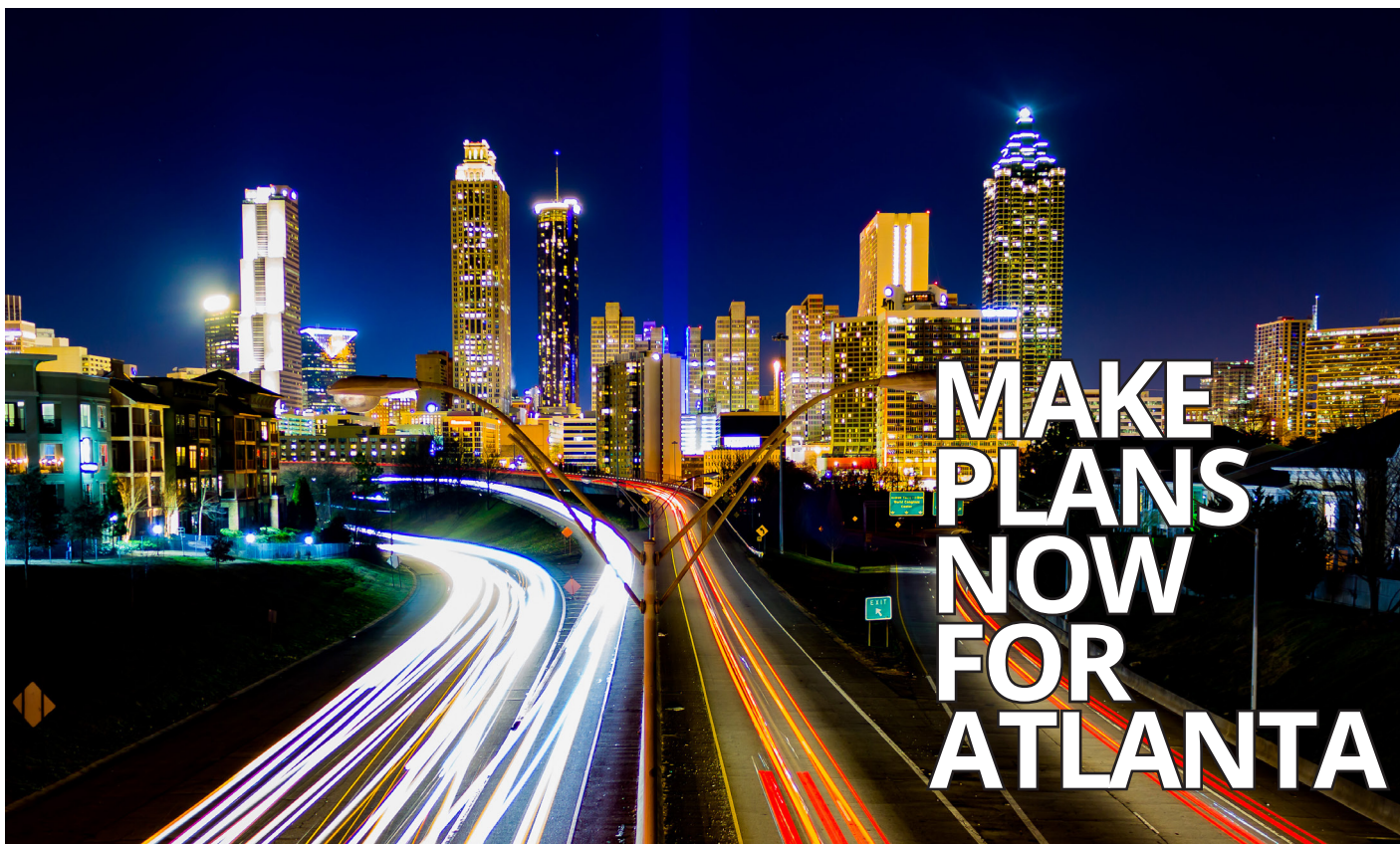
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Don and District Governor Barbara Redder with Past Rotary International President Ray Klingensmith.

club a 2 for 1 match for a project meeting humanitarian needs in its community.

While we are "this close" to ending polio, we are not done with End Polio Now. Please continue to raise awareness and funding, so we can finally put an end to this devastating disease. Soon we hope to cele-

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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*

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



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POLIO
NOW**

POLIO UPDATES

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CASPER INTERACT RAISES BIG MONEY FOR POLIO

Student Group Drives Huge Fundraising Effort

The Casper Five Trails Rotary Club hosts an Interact club at the Casper Classical Academy (CCA) Middle School.

As a club project, the CCA Interact club challenged their classmates and local Rotary Clubs to raise funds to help Rotary end polio.

As an incentive to engage the 6th, 7th and 8th graders, the school faculty agreed to let the students "pie the faces" of one teacher for each \$100 raised on the last day of school. Spoiler alert - lots of pies were needed!


Including the pledges from the Reveille Rotary Club, the Five Trails Rotary Club and the Casper Rotary Club, \$1,418 was raised locally by the students for Polio vaccinations.

With the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matching pledge of \$2 for \$1, the Interact club students will be responsible for raising over \$4,255 which pays for over 25,000 vaccinations.

Five Trails Rotarian Debbie Bradley is the Interact Club representative and Suzanne Nelson is the club sponsor from CCA.

Eight grade student Darrah Short, daughter of Casper Rotarian Tara Short is the Interact Club President.

Congratulations and our appreciation to the CCA Interact Club in Casper.



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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*



Loveland Area AG - Michael D. Wailes

My name is Michael D. Wailes and I am a member of the Greeley-After Hours Rotary Club in Greeley, CO. I will be taking over as Assistant Governor for the three clubs in Loveland, CO – Loveland Rotary, Thompson Valley Rotary, and Mountain View Rotary.

My wife Nicole and I, along with our 8-year-old daughter Ella, live on my family's farm in Johnstown, CO. Nicole works with special needs

children in the local school district and I own and operate a small digital marketing agency – Spectrum Interactive Group.

I've been a Rotarian for five years and am the Past-President of the Johnstown-Milliken Rotary Club. In addition to my role as Assistant Governor, I'm also the chairman of the District Public Relations/ Public Image Committee and a member of the District Paul Harris Society Committee.

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brate the full eradication of polio from the earth, a feat that has been accomplished for only one other human disease.

One of the exciting events for a District Governor is hosting District Conference. Please put June 1-3, 2017 and plan to Connect in Casper. The District Conference Committee chaired by Liz Becher is already working hard at planning a great conference with motivational speakers and fun events. We hope to see you all there!

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Thanks for all you have done and will continue to do as District 5440 Rotarians Serving Humanity. I look forward to seeing you at your clubs and other Rotary events.

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

District Assembly

October 1, 2016
Little America Hotel
Cheyenne, WY.

2017 President Elect Training Seminar (PETS)

February 24 - 26, 2017
Renaissance Hotel
Denver, CO

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