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cherry pie, and  
Rotary???



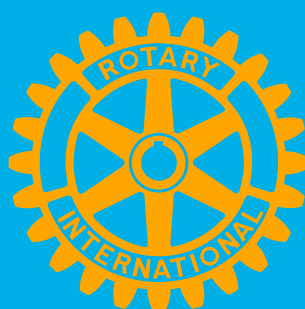
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# The Connection

Rotary District 5440 NEWSLETTER

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# win for polio

Through teamwork, members of the Cheyenne Rotary Family scored BIG in the fight against Polio.

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# pie à la snow

What do heavy snows, cherry pie, and Rotary have in common?

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# double feature: meet the ag's

This month we meet two Assistant Governors: Brenda McGinnis and Steve Smith.

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# District Governor's Message

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

*Casper Five Trails Rotary Club*

**T**ime flies, and it is hard to believe spring is almost here. In Rotary, March is water and sanitation month – the month Rotary celebrates its commitment in creating healthier communities by supplying clean water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Sanitation has been a focus of Rotary since its very beginning.

In fact, Rotary's very first service project was the construction of public toilets (or what were then called "comfort stations") in Chicago. According to Rotary, there are 2.5 billion people in the world lacking access to improved sanitation and 748 million people without clean drinking water.

Nearly 1400 children die each day from diseases caused by lack of sanitation and unsafe water. When people have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives.

Our District has a great history of supporting water and sanitation projects around the world, including a global grant project in Kenya.

Clubs in our district have also supported water and sanitation projects in Haiti, Tanzania, Mexico, and Panama just to name a few.

Our members should be proud of the work we are doing to provide water and sanitation projects

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throughout the world. Rotary's goal is to provide everyone with safe water, sanitation, and hygiene by 2030.

In District 5440, there are some wonderful events coming up. There are multiple opportunities to attend Rotary Leadership Institute at locations throughout the district, so don't miss your opportunity attend these programs and learn more about Rotary.

Please mark your calendars for April 29th; this will be a big day in District 5440. First, we will have Spring Assembly that day at Little America in Cheyenne. I would encourage you to attend, meet other Rotarians and learn more about Rotary.

■ See **REDDER** on page 14



**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>).

# Foundation Celebration: Murphys named to Arch Klumph Society

by PDG Martin Limbird  
Rotary Club of Fort Collins

Fort Collins Breakfast Rotary Club member Krishna Murthy M.D. and his wife, Rathna, were recently recognized as Centennial Members of the Arch C. Klumph Society (AKS).

Named in honor of the founder of The Rotary Foundation, this prestigious society is composed of individuals who have contributed at least \$250,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

The Murthys were presented with AKS member pins on January 10, 2017 by Rotary Foundation Senior Major Gifts Officer Sean Allen. The couple will be officially inducted later this year into the Arch C. Klumph Society at a formal event at Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois.

A Rotarian since 1991, Dr. Murthy began Rotary service in 1987 as a volunteer at asthma and medical camps in India and Kenya.

He has served as a board member and president (1997-98) of



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his club; as district 5440 Matching Grants coordinator and district co-chair of the End Polio Now committee. He has been recognized by his club as Rotarian of

the Year as well as for outstanding vocational and international service leadership.

■ See AKS on page 9

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](http://WWW.ROTARY5440.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.

**“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*



**END  
POLIO**

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# Rotary 'Family' in Cheyenne puts full-court press on Polio

Story by President Brenda Laird  
Cheyenne Sunrise Rotary Club

On February 27, 2017 the Cheyenne Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs partnered with Laramie County Community College to "Crush Polio" at the evening men's and women's basketball games.

The Rotary Clubs worked with LCCC's Athletic Director, Scott Noble to organize the community event with all proceeds going to fight the crippling disease called Polio.

Not only were the proceeds donated to the Rotary Polio Plus program but the event also educated the community on Rotary's ongoing



Photo courtesy of Brenda Laird

Don Day, Deb Sanchez, and Brenda Laird receive a check for \$1,283 for Polio Plus at a recent LCCC Basketball game.

ing effort to eradicate the disease.

During the men's second half, Brenda Laird, Sunrise Rotary Club, Don Day, Noon Rotary Club, and Deb Sanchez, After Hours Club were invited onto the court to receive the

check. Noble made the presentation of a check for \$1,283.00.

By partnering with another local organization for a general cause we were all WINNERS for the evening.



## 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.



# Community Service: Pies for Plows

Some folks in Kemmerer, WY refer to this winter's unremitting snow-fall as "Snowpocalypse." Almost every day, more snow arrives--three, five, eight inches or more. Although everyone is affected to some degree, no one is more impacted than the operators of the cities' snow plows and trucks.

To recognize the extraordinary efforts of the cities' snow removal crews, Kemmerer Rotarians presented cherry pies to every street department employee.

In notes that accompanied the pies, Rotarians expressed their appreciation for the "hard work of the employees who make it possible for the rest of us to get to school, to our jobs, and to remain safe. Thank you!"



**Above:** crews work to remove snow from streets in Kemmerer, **below-left:** Diamondville equipment operators with their cherry pies, **below-right:** a cherry pie with a thank-you note attached.



LOOK SHARP!

## Black Tie Bingo

Saturday, March 25th

RIO GRANDE, AGAVE ROOM  
143 WEST MOUNTAIN AVENUE, FORT COLLINS

*Black Tie*  
preferred

**BINGO & SILENT AUCTION**  
7:00pm

**SOCIAL HOUR**  
6:00 to 7:00pm

*Rsvp*

by March 13th

☎ 970.420.1478

🌐 [www.FCBlackTieBingo.com](http://www.FCBlackTieBingo.com)

✉ [FCBlackTieBingo@gmail.com](mailto:FCBlackTieBingo@gmail.com)

**\$100 per person:**

Includes one bingo card for each of the five games, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.

TO BENEFIT





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!**



## AKS from page 4

As a physician-allergist, Dr. Murthy has served his profession as president of the Larimer County Medical Society which recognized him in 2010 as Physician of the Year.

In 1993, Murthy was appointed clinical professor of medicine, University of Colorado Health Sci-

ences. His community service includes as an adult volunteer with local Boy Scouts and as a trustee of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado.

In District 5440, Murthy is perhaps best known for his tireless efforts involving area Rotarians and their clubs in collaborating with Rotarians in India and Kenya in over sixty Matching Grants and eight Global grants in water, sanitation, sustainable develop-

ment and health-related projects supported by The Rotary Foundation.

In 2014, Murthy and his wife Rathna organized a group of Rotarians to participate in a National Immunization Day, End Polio in Bangalore, India.

The Murthys reside in Fort Collins, Colorado, and are parents of three adult children.

# Greeley After Hours Rotary Bowl-A-Thon

**Your contribution will help in supporting our local and international projects, including future projects**

- Christmas bags for 200+ shut in senior citizens
- Weld Food Bank deliveries
- Guadalupe Shelter
- Teacher appreciation gifts
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)
- Solar lights for villages in Malawi, Africa
- Track team uniforms for Northridge High School
- Northridge High School Interact Club projects and leadership opportunities



**[www.gofundme.com/afterhoursbowling](http://www.gofundme.com/afterhoursbowling)**

We are also looking for teams of 4 to participate - \$200 per team  
Highland Park Lanes - Greeley, Colorado

**March 19th, 2017 - 3:00pm**

### **“Perfect Game” Sponsorship Levels:**

\$1,000 Title Sponsor  
\$500 STRIKE Sponsor  
\$250 SPARE Sponsor  
Or prize donations



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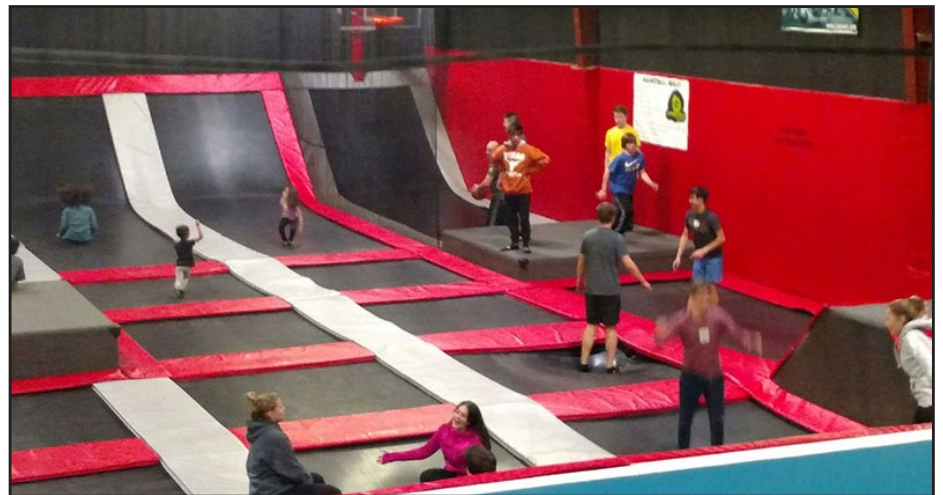
**President Joe Aschenbrenner**

**President Elect Mark Tovar**



# Inbound and winding down

Inbound Rotary Exchange students took some time recently to unwind and enjoy some recreation and fellowship together

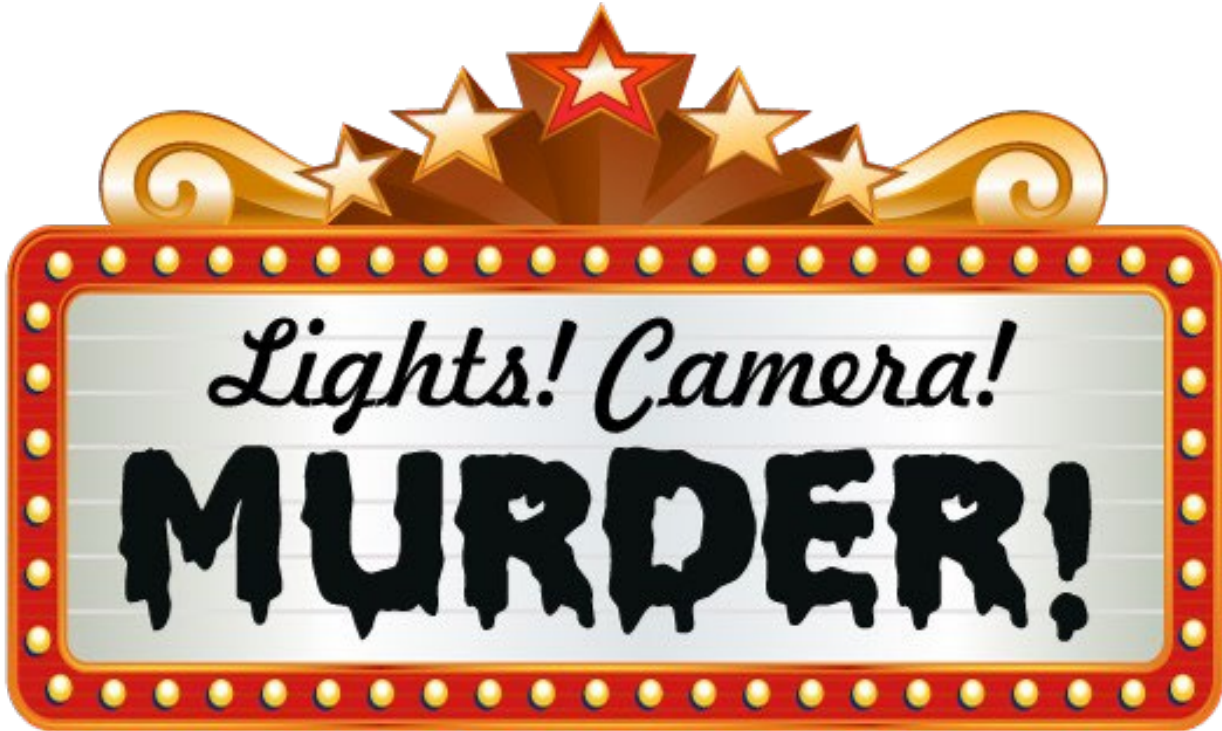








Cheyenne Rotary After Hours Presents...



*A Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser  
Where you may be a detective, victim or  
even a murderer*

Saturday, April 1, 2017; 6:00 p.m.

Cheyenne Kiwanis Community House

Dinner • Raffle • Cash Bar

## TICKETS

Individual: \$45

Sponsor Table: \$400

[tinyurl.com/  
RotaryMysteryDinner](http://tinyurl.com/RotaryMysteryDinner)

## QUESTIONS

Lori Brand: 307.631.3410

Jeannie Martinez: 307.631.0694

Deadline for  
registration is  
**March 21st**



Cheyenne After Hours

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Proceeds benefit Rotary Youth Leadership Award &

Laramie County Unaccompanied Youth Initiative



## Brenda McGinnis - Assistant Governor for Kemmerer, Evanston, and Rock Springs Rotary Clubs

Brenda McGinnis is the Assistant Governor for the Kemmerer, Evanston, and Rock Springs Rotary Clubs.

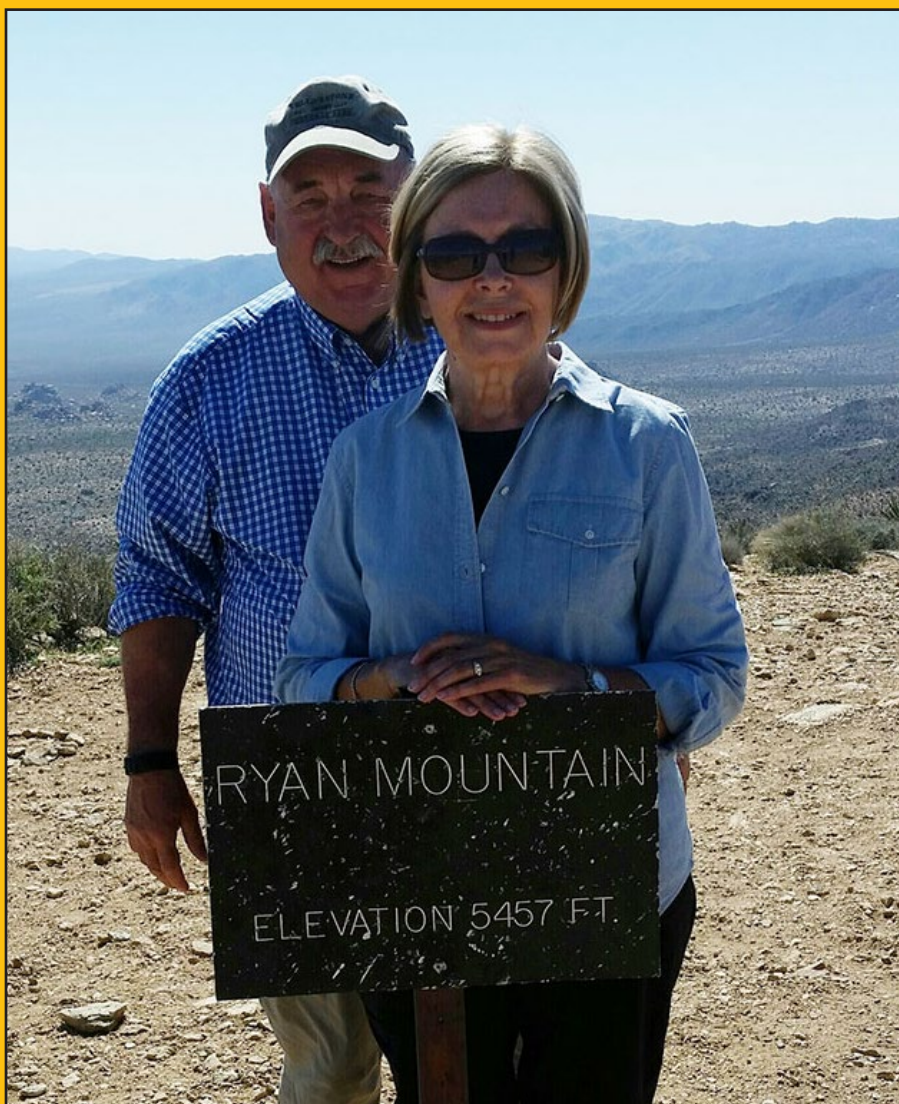
Brenda has been a Rotarian since 2003 and is Past President of the Kemmerer Club. Her husband, Dave, served previously as Assistant Governor as well.

When Brenda was asked to serve as AG, she was just a couple of months away from retirement as Lincoln County Library Director. "It was perfect timing. I was looking for new opportunities and an expanded role in Rotary was something I wanted to pursue."

Outside of Rotary, Brenda serves as Vice-Chairman of the Lincoln County School District #1 Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Oyster Ridge BOCES Board, and is an area director for the Wyoming School Boards Association.

"Becoming better acquainted with Rotarians from our neighboring clubs and with others in the District has been a real joy. I know serving as AG has made me a better Rotarian."

Brenda and Dave enjoy travel and hiking in the National Parks and especially enjoy sharing their love of the parks with their grandchildren.



*Brenda McGinnis, Assistant Governor for the Kemmerer, Evanston, and Rock Springs Rotary Clubs, stands atop Ryan Mountain with her husband Dave in Joshua Tree National Park in California.*

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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

## Steve Smith - Assistant Governor for Sterling and Sedgwick County Rotary Clubs

Steve Smith is the Vice President of Student Services at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling.

He has worked at NJC for 17 years. He and Mary—a piano teacher for over 35 years—celebrated 30-years of marriage in 2016.

They have three daughters: Abbie, a freshman at Sterling High School; Meagan, who lives in Merino with her farmer/teacher husband Andy, and an almost-two-year old son, West. Baby number two is due in July; and Amy, who lives in Fairbanks, Alaska with US Army Sgt First Class husband Darren, and their daughters Emmalyn (5) and Everly (16 months).

While family is the joy of his life, he and Mary value faith, travel, and service.

Steve has been a Rotarian since 2010. He loves 70's and 80's music (especially Olivia



*In this photo, AG Steve Smith and his wife, Mary, and their 14 year old daughter, Abbie, are visiting The Getty Villa Museum in Los Angeles on Christmas Eve Day, Dec. 24, 2016.*

Newton-John...he has over 200 recordings by her!). He enjoys social media, theme parks, exploring the beautiful State of

Colorado and working out. And Steve is on a lifelong quest to find the nations BEST hamburger!

## REDDER from page 3

Concurrent with the Assembly, there will be a separate Assembly for Interact Members as Triumph High School in Cheyenne.

The District Interact committee is working on an exciting agenda for this event, and most events will be facilitated by members of the Cheyenne Rotaract Club. Please arrange for your Interact Clubs to attend since the Interact Assembly will be worthwhile for Interact Members. These groups are the future of Rotary.

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

Ron Burton, Past Rotary International President, will be our keynote speaker.

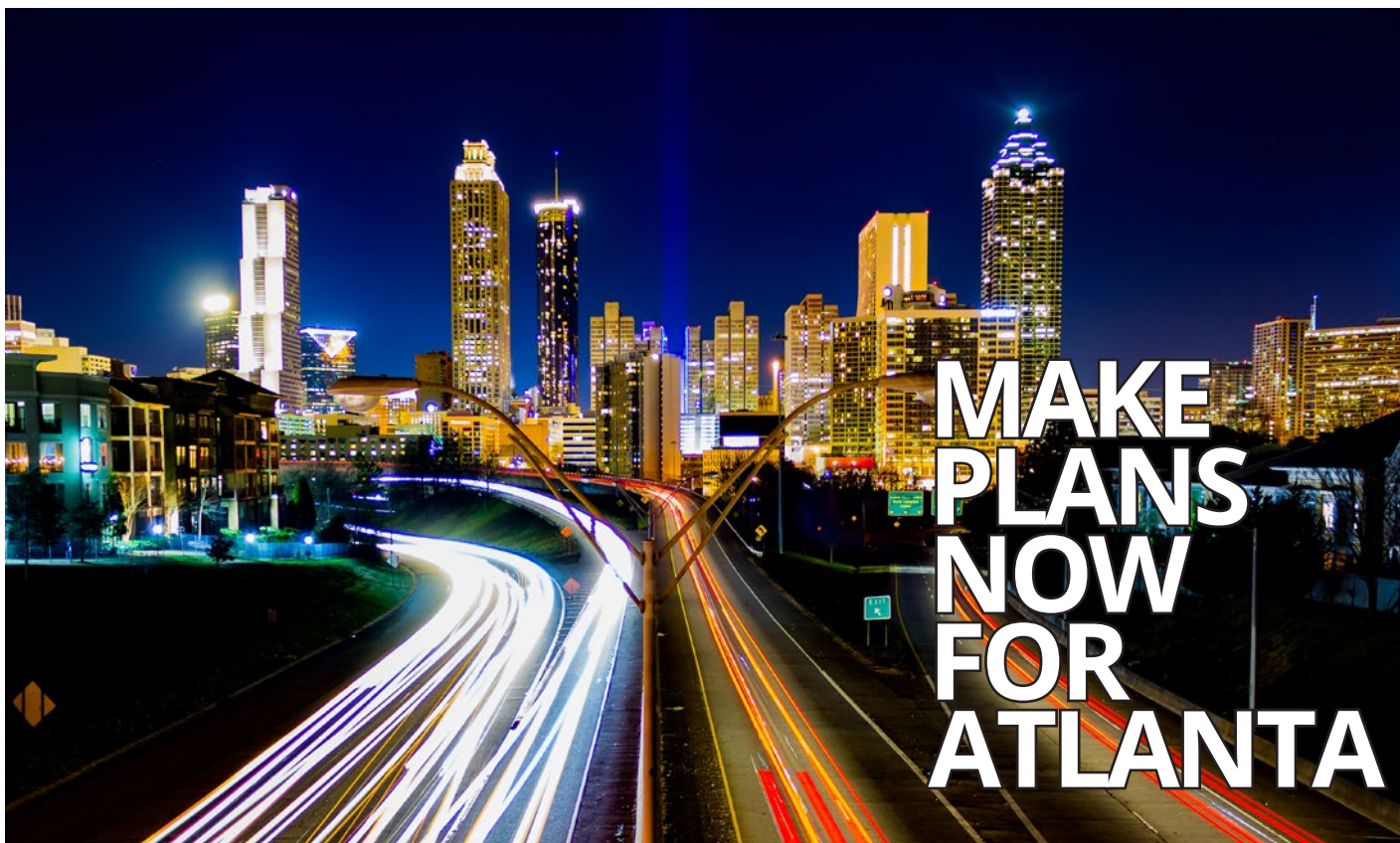
During this dinner, we will announce the Centennial Challenge grant winners. We will also announce our \$30,000 Global Grant Scholarship recipient.

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

At the dinner, we will have an iron lung on display to remind us that the fight to eradicate Polio worldwide is not over and 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, so please register today. You will not want to miss this great event!





**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*



## 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!):**

***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](http://www.rotary5440.org/events)**

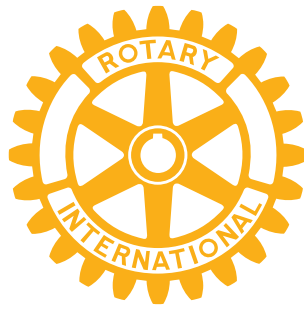
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If you have any questions about Rotary Leadership Institute, please contact District 5440 RLI Co-Coordinator Marie Zimenoff at [marie@astrategicadvantage](mailto:marie@astrategicadvantage).



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



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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](mailto:rotary5440@yahoo.com)