

Laramie Sunrise:  
**100%**  
Paul Harris Club



Casper Rotaract  
teams up with Casper  
Rotary to fight Polio

# The Connection

Rotary District 5440 NEWSLETTER

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Rotary



North WYO AG  
Dave Brown



## all in

Members of the Laramie Sunrise Rotary Club are excited to announce that they are now a 100% Paul Harris Club.

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## so close

Casper Rotaractors join in on the fight against Polio.

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## meet mr. brown

A recent empty nester, Cody, Powell, and Worland Assistant Governor, Dave Brown, is excited about the next chapter in his life.

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# District Governor's Message

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

*Casper Five Trails Rotary Club*

November is Foundation Month! This year we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation began in 1917 with \$26.50, for the purpose of "doing good in the world." Over the last 100 years Rotarians have contributed a billion dollars to improving the lives of people in our communities and around the world.

One of the most significant accomplishments is the continuing fight to eradicate Polio. The Rotary Foundation also improves world understanding with Peace Fellowships and Cultural Exchange Programs.

Finally, The Rotary Foundation funds humanitarian projects throughout the world and in our communities. These activities would not be possible without the support of Rotarians.

In celebration of The Rotary Foundation's 100th Anniversary, District 5440 has initiated the Centennial

Grant program to allow clubs to partner with The Rotary Foundation to improve the lives of people in our communities.

Clubs are using Centennial grants in a variety of creative ways.

These projects include providing chemo care packages to cancer patients, providing food boxes for struggling families, installing buddy benches at elementary school playgrounds, providing Alzheimer's education and awareness, meeting basic needs of elementary school students and many more projects. It is very rewarding to see our clubs engaged with both The Rotary Foundation and the local community.

As we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation, please consider becoming a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member by

committing to donate at least \$100.00 each year to The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation has received the highest possible score from an independent evaluator of

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**Join DG Barb Redder in Atlanta for the 2017 Rotary International Convention!**

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



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

This year, as you probably know, is the 100-year anniversary of the Rotary Foundation.

A foundation started with a service project to build public toilets in Chicago and has grown to giving \$89 million dollars in grants to communities around the world last year.

Some people think of the Rotary Foundation as the international arm of Rotary but the Rotary Foundation has also done a lot to build communities and invest in the future right here in district 5440.

Last year, using district grants, 21 clubs in the district completed over \$105,000 in local community service projects. In addition, there were also international projects and efforts to eradicate polio that Rotary clubs in the district participated in.

For this Centennial year, the district has put an emphasis on service projects in the community with a special Centennial grant for projects in local communities in the district. To date, 31 Rotary clubs have applied for one of these grants to address needs in

their communities.

Some examples are: put buddy benches in school playgrounds to create a safe area for kids; provide mattresses in a local homeless center; provide materials for English learning in citizenship classes; setting up a community model for providing free mammograms; providing medication to reduce opiate narcotic abuse; and many more.

The creativity of the Rotary clubs is impressive when they partner with other Rotary clubs, district 5440 and the Rotary Foundation to provide service in their own communities.

Investing in the future through scholarships has been another way that clubs have taken advantage of Rotary Foundation programs.

Last year, Rotary clubs in the district sponsored three short-term study abroad programs and a master's degree program for students studying in one of Rotary's six areas of focus: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education,

and growing local economies.

This year we will expand the program to give six short term scholarships to student in universities and community colleges throughout the district and one Centennial graduate level scholarship of \$30,000.

If your club currently is not participating in one of these activities, you are probably participating in the campaign to eradicate polio throughout the world through donations to the Polio Plus fund and raising awareness of polio in your community.

The resources put in place to eradicate polio will still be very valuable after polio is eradicated.

Response teams that are used to detect and control outbreaks of polio have already been used to prevent the spread of Ebola in Africa.

We live in a global world where outbreaks of infectious diseases in one part of the world can easily travel to any other location.

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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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District 5440





# Laramie Sunrise become 100% Paul Harris Club



Photo courtesy of Laramie Sunrise Rotary Club

Eleven of the Laramie Sunrise Paul Harris Fellows at the club's July 2016 social gathering. TOP ROW, (l to r): Gustave Anderson, Jerry Schmidt, James Maim, and Dave Mullens; MIDDLE: Jim Speight, Rick Melone, Bruce King, Tessa Cedillo, and Manuela Hofer-McIntyre; SEATED: Jill Ottman and Maureen Boddicker.

The Laramie Sunrise Rotary Club 31279 of District 5440 is delighted to announce that as of June 2016, each one of our club's 27 members is a Paul Harris Fellow! The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute (or who have contributions made in their name) of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Ro-

tary International. Members received their Paul Harris Fellow certificates and pins at the July assembly, and celebrated this achievement at their July social.

We are proud to be the first Rotary Club in District 5440 to be 100 percent Paul Harris Fellows!

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## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala & Casino Night

SATURDAY, NOV. 5 • 7PM 'TIL MIDNIGHT

### \$75 Dining, Dancing & Drinks

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# 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.*

**Casper Rotaractors  
partner with Rotary  
Club of Casper to  
raise funds for  
Polio Plus**

# We are 'this' close...

**Story by Christine Vencill**

*President, Rotaract of Casper: Young Professionals Network*

"We are 'this' close to eradicating polio."

We have heard this phrase throughout the year and the goal to eradicating polio has not escaped us.

Through the partnership of Rotaract of Casper: Young Professionals Network and Rotary Club of Casper, we hope to be \$778 closer to eradicating polio.

Rotaract of Casper had the privilege to attend the Casper Rotary meeting to raise awareness and funds for the PolioPlus Fund.

During the meeting, Casper Rotarians participated in the 'Purple Pinkie Project.'

In countries where polio still exists, children receive a freshly painted purple pinkie by a Rotarian indicating that the child has been administered the vaccination and to ensure that double doses of the vaccine do not occur.

Rotaract brought this same tradition to the meeting. In exchange for \$1, the approximate cost of one vaccination, Rotarians were given a purple pinkie signifying their donation.

During this meeting, Casper Rotary featured polio eradication speaker Dr. Robert Tello as part of World Polio Month.



**Photo courtesy of Rotaract of Casper**

*Pictured (l to r): Jim Ruble, President, Casper Rotary Club; Christine Vencill, President, Casper Rotaract; and Jackie Schulte, Vice-President, Casper Rotaract.*

Dr. Tello graduated from the University of Iowa Medical School in 1973 and is a board certified doctor of internal medicine practicing in Loveland, Colorado. He served as a Naval Commander in the Persian Gulf War where he earned the Bronze Star and the Navy Commendation Medal.

Dr. Tello spoke of the importance of donating to the PolioPlus fund and continued fundraising efforts

to eradicate polio by Rotarians.

Between the active fundraising through Rotaract of Casper and Dr. Tello's call of action, Casper Rotarians raised \$778 which was given to the young professionals to turn in on behalf of the club.

Members of Rotaract could not be more thankful for the support and generosity of their local Rotarians.



# Black Tie

## B I N G O

**Saturday, November 12, 2016**

*Social 6 p.m. / Dinner 7 p.m.*

*Three games of bingo to follow*

*Holiday Inn- 204 S. 30th*

**Proceeds to go towards SAFE Project**

**Corporate table \$600**

*(includes a bottle of red & white wine)*

**Tickets \$50 each**

*Tickets can be purchased from a Laramie Sunrise Rotary member  
or call Josie Molloy at 307-745-7339*

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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.

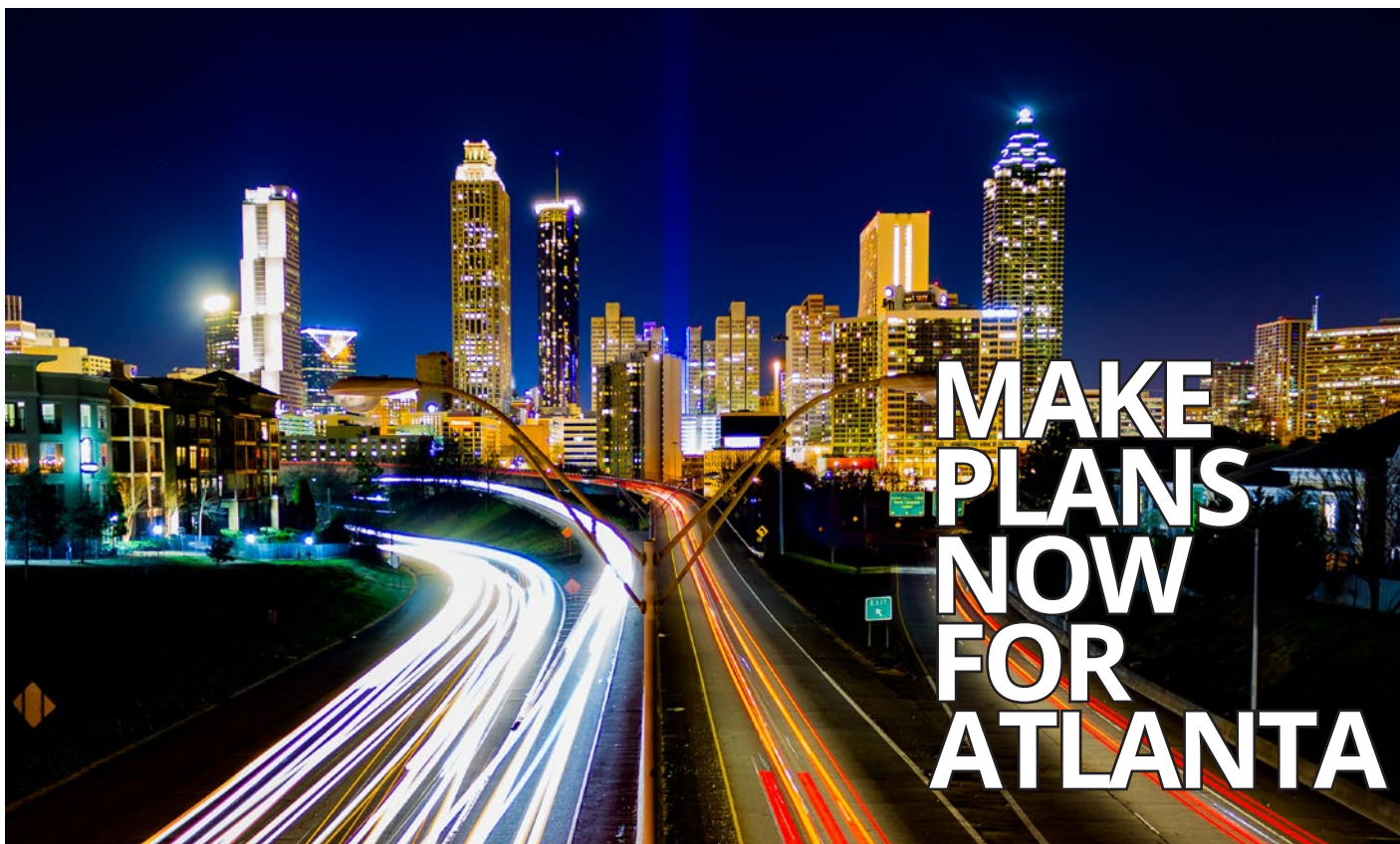


RI President, John Germ

**\$65 PER ROTARIAN OR GUEST**

**REGISTER AT: [WWW.ROTARY5450.ORG](http://WWW.ROTARY5450.ORG)**

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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*



# CLUB OFFICERS TIME IS ALMOST UP



## IRS TAX FILINGS ARE DUE

NOV. 15

[www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)



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So, what can your Rotary club do to increase the results of your service efforts with the help of the Rotary Foundation?

First, take advantage of these programs so your members will see first-hand the amazing things that can be done. Second, inform the members of your club on what Rotary clubs are doing throughout the district and in other countries by giving a presentation, showing Rotary Foundation short videos, or by having a guest speaker during Foundation Month in November.

Resources for doing this are available on the district web site at <http://www.rotary5440.org/SitePage/foundation-resources>.

Next, you can have a campaign in your club to exceed your Annual Fund giving goals by 10% as part of the Centennial year celebration. You can use recognition points to help people to become a Paul Harris fellow, you can hold a fund-raiser, or you can encourage members to join the Paul Harris Society.

Finally, you can celebrate.

Celebrate your successful projects with your own club and other clubs that you have partnered with. Also, celebrate with the whole district at the Centennial dinner on April 29, 2017 after the spring assembly in Cheyenne.

This is going to be a great year for the Rotary Foundation, your Rotary club, your club members, and your communities.

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U.S. Charities, Charity Navigator. This rating is based on The Rotary Foundation's efficient use of donations, sustained programs and services, and a high level of commitment to good governance and openness.

With your support of The Rotary Foundation we can continue "doing good in the world."

Finally, Don and I wish each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving, filled with friends and family and we are thankful for each of you and all you do to be an integral part of Rotary Serving Humanity.

## Dave Brown - Assistant Governor for Cody, Powell, and Worland

Dave Brown is the new AG for District 5440 for the Cody, Powell and Worland Wyoming Rotary Clubs. Dave is the past president of the Powell club and has been a Rotarian since 2006.

Dave has been married to Lynda for 28 years and they live in Powell, WY.

They have two daughters, Tamara, who is a critical care nurse in New York City, and Carli, who is a sophomore at Arizona State University.

Dave retired from law enforcement as an investigator in 2011. Lynda and Dave own Advantage Rehab, a physical therapy practice.

Lynda is the current President Elect for the Cody Rotary Club. They are both on the district committee for youth exchange and have hosted five exchange students.

In Dave and Lynda's spare time, they enjoy golfing, traveling,



*Assistant Governor Dave Brown and his wife on a recent trip to Devil's Tower.*

running, skiing, mountain biking and most currently learning how to be empty nesters.

Dave looks forward to meeting new Rotarians and seeing the old ones.

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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*





## 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](http://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](mailto:marie@astrategicadvantage).

# Rotary

## District 5440



### 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  
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your photos and stories to Kellie Tovar at  
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