

People Of Action NEWSLETTER

“Rotarians are People of Action Making a Difference”



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District Governor's Message

Rotary's Ultimate Goal

As the world's finest humanitarian service organization, Rotary's ultimate goal is world peace.

Life is a journey and we learn something with every step. Back in January 2017 Tracey and I attended the International Assembly in San Diego for incoming District Governors. This was a strong dose of Rotary to take in at one time, but we did our best. One of the things I remember most happened in a small breakout session with some of our DGE Classmates. We were talking about peacebuilding and how it works with Rotary.

The facilitator asked each of us to share our ideas about peace. Most of the comments seemed routine until we came to a gentleman from Germany, who had the experience to speak about the days when the historic German capital City of Berlin was divided by a great wall and peace between the east and west seemed elusive. One of our peers commented that the two sides should meet and create a lasting peace. Our German DGE disagreed. You cannot have peace without laying the groundwork first. You cannot simply convene a meeting and talk about peace. Peace comes through small steps of kindness, support and respect. It takes years to build relationships that can ultimately support peace.

After thinking about this, I recalled the six areas of focus of The Rotary Foundation. Each of these areas meets basic human needs. How can

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Bill Emslie
District Governor 2017-18

*Fort Collins After-Work
Rotary Club*



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we be at peace if we do not meet these basic needs? These six areas of focus include the following:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution.
- Disease prevention and treatment.
- Water and sanitation.
- Maternal and child health.
- Basic education and literacy.
- Economic and community development.

I realized that our fellow DGE from Germany was correct. If you meet the needs by working to provide support in the six areas of focus, then you have a better chance of peacebuilding.

Back in September 2017 I heard this stated in different terms. PDG Kelly Atkinson, our Rotary Coordinator from Zone 27, at the request of Nancy Hobbs, our District Membership Chair, put on a membership summit. We learned a lot that day, but I will remember forever one series of comments Kelly made. We were talking about peace. Kelly said you cannot have peace with out meeting Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. He then outlined what these were, and then it really came into focus. According to Maslow, humans have basic

needs that ultimately allow us to reach self-actualization. These include physiological needs, safety needs, needs of love and belonging and needs of esteem. Only by satisfying these needs can we reach self-actualization, where we have the best chance of good morality, creativity, spontaneity and problem solving, the lack of prejudice and acceptance of facts. These needs include the basic elements for peace and are part of the six areas of focus. In summary, when we as Rotarians assist others in these six areas of focus, we are peacebuilders.

DGE Chuck Rutenberg asks the question "why?" with regard to Rotary service to others. My "why" is what I believe to be the ultimate goal of Rotary, World Peace.

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“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

A BOX Buster

The future of Rotary with kids

by Ted Cluett

Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work

Should a Rotary club be a go with the flow and accept the status quo club, or break with that tradition and become a thinking out of the box club?

The [Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work \(RAW\)](#) has decided to branch into the unknown by thinking out of the box and addressing the future growth of Rotary International by incorporating youth under the umbrella of our Club.

YRYLA (Young Rotary Youth Leadership Award) and RYLA (incorporates older Kids) have both been a major focus of our Club. Over the years many of our members as well as other Rotarians from Districts 5440 and 5450 have participated in a variety of staffing capacities.

The issue we decided to address was how to maintain the enthusiasm of these kids after they had finished their week's training at the RYLA [conference](#). There is normally a two-year gap between the [two conferences](#) and the kids have [may have](#) forgotten many of

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the leadership skills they learned from their previous experience.

As a Club we voted to combine the two RYLAs and establish an Interact Club within our own Club and share two of our meetings with them each month.

Their structure as a Club is the same as ours, and we share in the opening and closing of each joint meeting which allows them to function as a regular Rotary club. By establishing Interact our hope is to reinforce the leadership skills learned at YRYLA and RYLA.

The Interact Club is open to all Middle School and High School kids to come and join in this leadership experience. They participate in many of our Club projects as we do with theirs. The Interact

Club also opens the door for many of the Interactors' parents to be exposed to Rotary International; even opening the door to membership in Rotary. In many cases, gaining these new Rotarians helps address the youth gap Rotary International is trying to address.

The project has attracted considerable support from our sister clubs in the Fort Collins area both financially and in their visits to explore the idea of cultivating additional youth involvement in Rotary International.

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge the members of RAW who have been instrumental in developing and implementing our Interact Club.

I guess I can say, it's a box buster!

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The Power of Partnerships

Working in partnership with the American Cancer Society can reduce certain types of cancer.

by DG Bill Emslie

Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work

and Emily Carey

*Senior Director, Principal Partnerships
American Cancer Society, Inc.*

On March 14, 2017, DG Bill Emslie, DGE Chuck Rutenberg and DGN Chris Woodruff met with members of the Greeley Rotary Club and the American Cancer Society to discuss the importance of immunizations to protect against the human papillomavirus (HPV).

HPV is a significant cause of cancer that can be prevented through vaccinations. Some of those in attendance at this meeting of the Rotary Club of Greeley are shown in the photo below.

For more than a century, the American Cancer Society (ACS) has been a leader in efforts to save lives, celebrate lives and lead the fight for a world without cancer. At ACS, we believe that **WHERE** you live shouldn't determine **IF** you live. To address the geographic dispar-

ities in cancer deaths around the world, we are launching a high impact global public health campaign to eliminate vaccine-preventable HPV-related cancers, starting with cervical cancer – and we want to partner with Rotarians to make this vision a reality. Rotarians understand the power of vaccination and have demonstrated the power of this life-saving public health solution with your polio campaign.

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From left to right in the photo are Bill Emslie, Governor, Rotary District 5440; Jamie Mager, CFP, Director of Estate and Gift Planning, North Region, American Cancer Society; Ambassador Sally Cowal, Senior VP, Global Cancer Control, American Cancer Society; Chris Woodruff, Governor Nominee, Rotary District 5440; Jean Morrell, Past President Greeley Centennial Rotary and Co-chair, Rocky Mountain States Area Board, American Cancer Society; Emily Carey, Senior Director, Principal Partnerships, American Cancer Society; Scott Dishong, Executive Director, North Region, American Cancer Society; and Chuck Rutenberg, Governor Elect, Rotary District 5440.

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The human papillomavirus (HPV) causes six types of cancer, including cervical cancer, and is a common infection. In fact, 9 out of 10 adults – both men and women – are infected with HPV at some point in their lives. Fortunately, we have a vaccine that will prevent this infection from ever occurring – and therefore prevent many of the cancers it causes. This is an unprecedented opportunity to save lives and reduce the global cancer burden – but we must act now and need strong partners to join us.

In the United States, 60% of girls and boys aged 13-17 have received at least one dose of the HPV vaccine, but only 43% of girls and boys have received the full series by age 17. Compare that to the national vaccination rate for tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) – recommended to be given at the same age as the HPV vaccine – at 88%, and you'll see that we still have much work to do here, as well as around the world.

Nearly all cases of cervical cancer are caused by HPV. Cervical cancer is the most common cancer among women in 39 low- and middle-income countries and is robbing societies of mothers, caretakers, employees, and community leaders in the prime of their lives. In 2012, more than 266,000 women died from this disease and 90% of these women lived in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Latin America. Adoption of the HPV vaccine remains very low or it is not yet available in most low- and middle-income countries.

Here is what you need to know about the HPV vaccine:

- HPV vaccination is cancer prevention.

- HPV vaccination is safe and effective.
- HPV vaccination is for boys and girls.
- Don't wait. If the children in your life have not been vaccinated, make it a priority.

Who should be vaccinated?

In the United States, HPV vaccination is recommended for girls and boys at ages 11-12, but it's not too late if they are age 13-26. In low- and middle-income countries, the World Health Organization currently recommends HPV vaccination for girls 9-14 years of age as the most cost-effective public health measure to address the cervical cancer burden.

What can Rotarians, together with the ACS, do to lead this charge?

- Educate yourself about HPV and make sure the children in your life are vaccinated.
- Work with your local ACS office to champion HPV vaccination in your community.
- Invite an ACS staff or volunteer to speak to your club and district about *HPV Cancer Free*.
- Identify potential grant opportunities with your club or district for *HPV Cancer Free*.

Contact your fellow Rotarians Jamie Mager (jamie.mager@cancer.org) or Scott Dishong (scott.dishong@cancer.org) to learn more. Together, our collective voices can bring the power needed to decisively end cervical cancer worldwide.

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Torrington 17th Annual Wine Tasting Gala



Photos courtesy of Susan Klemola

Top Left: The satellite club has past District Assistant Governor Wayne Gentry and Past President Tom Kelly with members Michele Traher and Missy Miller.

Left: President-Elect Tim Pieper and Linda Baumgardner hand out wine glasses.

Above: silent auction tables.

Cheyenne Community Rotaract selected as finalist for International Outstanding Rotaract Project Award

The Cheyenne Community Rotaract Club has been selected as a finalist for the Rotary International Outstanding Rotaract Project Award due to an innovative project it conceived. Rotaract is made up of younger Rotarians and partnered with Cheyenne's three other Rotary clubs to provide 180 "Chemo Care Packages" to each new cancer patient at the local hospital.

Cheyenne Community Rotaract first began planning the project shortly after a club member's relative underwent treatment at the Cheyenne Regional Cancer Center and shared the fact that each visit would have been easier with some basic comfort items. Speaking with a nurse manager, a patient's chance of success is greatly increased through a strong sup-

port system both of the patient's own family as well as the community. The patient's ability to have the highest level of success of beating cancer through treatment is heavily weighted by his or her

well cards designed by each Interact Club among a number of other comforting items. The club reached out to the other local Rotary clubs to request their involvement. A planning team was

formed, the project came into fruition, and along with a Centennial Rotary Grant of \$6,000 to be donated directly towards this project.

Along with the grant,

a number of the items were purchased at a reduced cost from Walmart Supercenter. The bags were donated by Malm Real Estate at Coldwell Banker. Completion of the packages took place during the Rotary Spring District

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mental stability and mindset.

Rotaract member Cierra Hipszky proposed the idea of supporting the Cancer Center patients with 'Chemo Care Packages' full of comfort items such as blankets, neck pillows, puzzles, coloring books, lotion, hand written get





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Assembly's first Interact assembly at Triumph High School where Interact students and Rotary leaders joined in an assembly line to fill each bag. Transportation of the items was provided by the local Wyoming Beverage Pepsi distribution company where they are currently being stored at American National Bank. The completed care packages are then delivered to the Cheyenne Regional Cancer Center on a quarterly or as needed basis.

"It is with much hope that these care packages embolden success, are an encouraging reminder

from the Cheyenne community, and support a stable, positive state-of-mind for all patients and their families as they face this trying period in their life," said Hipszky.

About the Award:

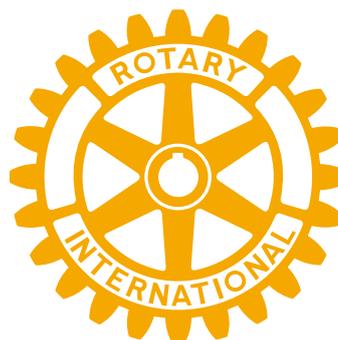
Every year, Rotaract clubs around the world develop innovative solutions to community challenges. Rotary International recognizes these high-impact, sustainable projects with the Rotaract Outstanding Project Award. Cheyenne Community Rotaract's 'Chemo Care Package' project was one of 32 outstanding projects selected as a finalist out of 470 nominations from 59 counties around the world. Projects are evaluated on their sustainability,

innovation, and collaboration. The six regional winners and international winner will be announced soon!

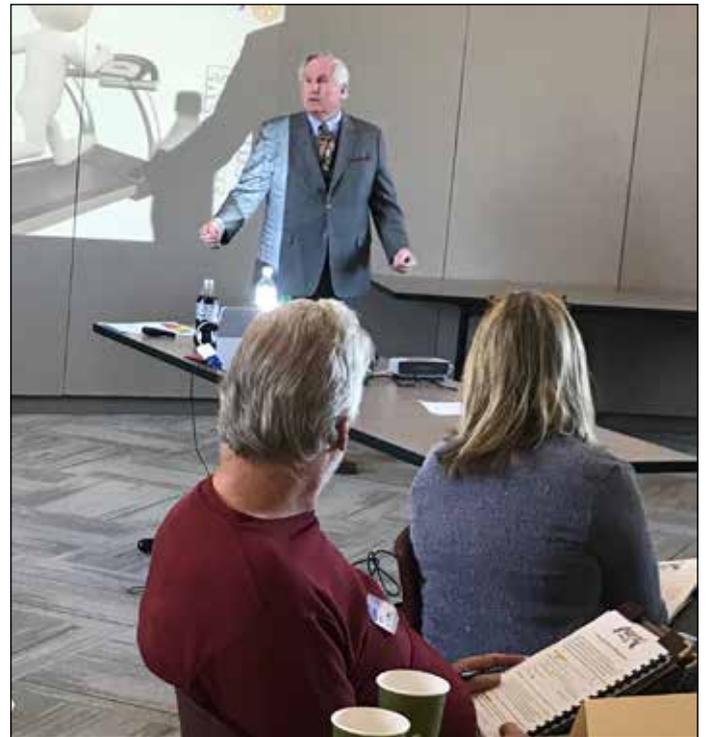
About Cheyenne Community Rotaract:

Cheyenne Community Rotaract is a service club sponsored by Cheyenne Rotary for young men and women ages from 21 to 35. Rotaract's purpose is to provide opportunity for members to enhance their knowledge and skills to assist them in personal development, address the physical and social needs of the community and the world, and promote long lasting relationships between all people through a network of friendship and service.

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2018 Membership Summit Highlights



Who Will Wynn?

by **Chris McMahon**

President, Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast

Who will win?

This was the question 300 Rotarians and friends of Rotary had at the annual \$10,000 Raffle hosted by the Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast on 23-Feb-2018. Throughout the evening great fellowship was shared by all. Many shared their "Rotary Moments" with guests who were very inspired by the Rotary Story. In the background, throughout the whole evening, the suspense was building – Who will win, who will win the \$10,000 Raffle prize? This suspense did not build over just these three hours on a snowy Colorado night; it started building two months earlier.

The Breakfast club had come together this year to sell as many of the 500 raffle tickets between 1-Jan and the 23-Feb raffle dinner. Paul Knight and Diane Kessel Knight (PDG) chaired this fundraiser and inspired us all to do better in the world. While our club members sell raffle tickets, we make sure to share the Rotary Story with friends and family allows them to be a part of the success of Rotary through the world. This is a process that brings Rotary to the community, and the community to Rotary. We were proud of our club members and many



Rotarian Wynn Washle receives a \$10,000 check from the Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Breakfast. Wynn then announced that he will be donating the funds to Polio Plus. He offered to match 500 points to members of the club as an incentive to give to The Rotary Foundation. Pictured left to right are DG Bill Emslie, Co-Chairs PDG Diane Kessel Knight and Paul Knight, Wynn Washle, Bob Klick and Club President Chris McMahon.

friends of Rotary who contributed, with donations directly to our club foundation and raffle ticket sales; we raised just over \$50,000. After the \$10,000 Raffle Ticket Winner, and the expenses for the evening event – this has provided just about \$30,000 to our club to do good in the world. This is one of the answers to the question "Who will win?" With this approximately \$30,000 the club will work through each of the Rotary Avenue of Service to do good in the world: Voca-

tional Service, Community Service, International Service and Youth Service. I hear your question dear reader, "Yes, but who won the raffle?"

Back to that cold Friday night, the suspense continued to ratchet higher and higher – each raffle ticket was placed into the raffle drum and the drum was spun. One by one fifteen tickets were

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pulled from the drum and the purchaser of each ticket was welcomed to the front of the audience. These fifteen tickets were returned to the drum – now the raffles elimination stage started. First one, then two and shortly fourteen tickets were removed from the raffle drum. We all knew who had lost, but who had won? The final raffle ticket to be taken from the drum was purchased by Wynn Washle, a Rotarian from the Fort Collins (Foothills) Rotary Club. Finally, we now knew who won - or

did we?

My phone rang on that next day, Wynn had called to let me know it was not his turn to win and explained to me who had really won that night, this conversation will forever be one of my favorite Rotary Moments. So, the suspense that our club thought was over on that snowy Friday Colorado evening continued to build for two more weeks. This morning Bob Klick introduced Wynn to our club as Bob had sold Wynn his raffle ticket. Bob shared that he was brought to tears after learning of Wynn's plan two weeks ago. So, who won?

This morning Wynn Washle transferred the \$10,000 Raffle proceeds to The Rotary Foundation's Polio-Plus Fund – this to help finish the eradication of Polio throughout the world. This gift will be matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation 2:1, so Wynn's \$10,000 will grow to a total of \$30,000. So, who wins? The Polio vaccine to immunize a child costs as little as \$0.60, which means 50,000 children win a life without Polio. Wynn asked that each of our club members to consider coming alongside him with a contribution to the Rotary Foundation. I am sure that he would ask you, the reader, to consider the same.



ROTARY CLUB OF CHEYENNE

turns 100 THIS YEAR!

#ROTARYHISTORY

For more than 110 years, Rotary members have been addressing challenges around the world.



Grassroots at the core, Rotary links 1.2 million members to form an organization of international scope. It started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities.

Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members.

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Fort Collins Rotarians support Rotary Peace Centers

by PDG Martin Limbird
Fort Collins Rotary Club

In 1999, the trustees of The Rotary Foundation approved what had been a Rotary dream for decades: The Rotary Centers for International Studies and Conflict Resolution.

Known today as Rotary Peace Centers with the purpose of training Rotary Peace Fellows, these six centers have already trained over 1,000 professionals who have become ambassadors for peace in organizations on every continent.

Fort Collins Rotarian Charlie Peterson served many years on the District 5440 committee recruiting Peace Fellow candidates. In 2016-17 District 5440 was recognized by The Rotary Foundation as being in the top five districts world-wide in number of Peace Fellow candidates accepted and trained.

Among those nominated and selected from this area was Lucas Wolf, who earned a master's de-

gree in Peace and Conflict Resolution from the Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina. A fluent speaker of Spanish, Lucas was employed in Central America by a Fort Collins' based non-profit, Trees, Water & People, until his untimely death in 2017.

Inspired by Lucas and other Peace Center graduates, Fort Collins Rotarians established the "Rotary Clubs of Fort Collins, Colorado

Endowed Peace Fellowship" at The Rotary Foundation in 2013, with a goal to raise \$1 million so the spendable earnings would fully fund a Rotary Peace Fellow for a 2-year master's degree program

at a Rotary Peace Center every two years.

As of 2018, over \$600,000 has been received and nearly \$400,000 in life gift expectancies has been pledged from the following Rotarians: John Roberts, Martin and Mary Catherine Limbird, Barton and Mildred Kingham, Bonnie Titley, The estate of Joe and Joan Looper, Dr. and Mrs. Krishna Murthy, Myra Monfort-Runyan, and Di-



Karah Germroth

ane and Paul Knight.

Based on funds already donated by 2017, the first beneficiary of this scholarship fund was Karah Germroth, a U.S.-born educator and founder of MoyoWaAfrika, based in Arusha, Tanzania.

The organization's goal is to improve access to health and education services by supporting community-led initiatives. Germroth's Peace Fellow studies were part of a certificate program held at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.

In her own words, Germroth described her Peace Fellow training as "life-changing". Just as Paul Harris and Desmond Tutu would have felt, Fort Collin Rotarians have reason to be proud of their support of the Rotary Peace Centers.

It is easier to interest me in war than in peace; it therefore requires more moral courage to talk peace than war.

Paul P. Harris, Founder of Rotary, in this article "Rotary at the Threshold" The Rotarian, 02/1917

Rotary believes, as I believe, that it is possible to have a world without war; by educating future peace-builders and working to ease the conditions that breed violence and conflict, Rotary is demonstrating to the rest of the world that peace is attainable.

Nobel Peace Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Tutu Foundation USA.org



ROTARY PEACE CENTERS

Dear 2017-2018 district officers,

Greetings from Evanston! As the 2019 fellowship application cycle continues, we would like to share important reminders about the 2019 application cycle.

Timeline

February-May: Districts recruit and mentor potential Rotary Peace Fellowship candidates

31 May 2018: Applications due to districts for endorsement consideration

1 July 2018: District endorsement decisions due to The Rotary Foundation (Please note that all candidates must to be interviewed by the district in order to be approved for district endorsement)

Mid-November: Selection decisions released

Upcoming district officer trainings

Rotary Peace Centers will offer a webinar training on March 6 at 10:00 AM CST to review the endorsement process and familiarize officers with the Embark platform. The webinar is called, "The Important Role of Rotarians" and will be offered in English and Spanish. You can register for the English webinar [here](#) and the Spanish webinar [here](#).

Thank you for the important role you play as a district officer involved in the Rotary Peace Fellowship endorsement process. If you have any questions about the role of the district or the endorsement process, please contact the Rotary Peace Centers atrotarypeacecenters@rotary.org.

Best,

Rotary Peace Centers

Fort Collins Rotary Club International Projects

The Rotary Club of Fort Collins (RCFC) International Projects and Grants (IPG) Committee likes to joke about how the Rotary International Fund helps us “print money”!

Since 1991, the committee has turned the \$427,000 raised by their club **into over \$3.6 million of Global Grant Projects around the world.**

Combining this \$427,000 with the generous contributions of other Rotary Clubs around the world, as well as District Designated Fund (DDF) matches (up to 100% match of cash generated by clubs) and Rotary International Fund matches (up to 150% match) every \$1 raised has been turned into \$3.50 to send around the world for projects such as:

- Peace Studies Project in Burundi, Africa where 1,700 students learned improved communication, cooperation, conflict resolution and mediation skills which they will move into other communities and nations – ultimately impacting over 11 million people!

In Chiquimula, Guatemala:



- The purchase and installation of 4 clean cooking stoves reduced indoor air pollution and deforestation while reducing operating costs.
- The installation of a bathroom and sink improved hygiene and sanitation for students who had previously used a hillside behind the school.
- The construction of a retaining wall stopped water leaking and subsequent mold in the classrooms.
- The local medical clinic, which had very little equipment, was



updated with much needed tools and supplies

In South Africa:

- Children with disabilities were provided with wheelchairs, beds and cushions specifically designed for their needs.
- Staff and parents were provided with training on how to properly utilize the new equipment as well as general dis-

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ability awareness training

- Public awareness campaigns and training were provided to de-stigmatize disability and create inclusion opportunities

Partnering with clubs around the world, the RCFC has many years of experience utilizing matching funds from the District and Rotary International to increase their financial impact around the world.

Although the process can seem difficult and onerous at first glance, **the RCFC would be delighted**

to mentor clubs, step-by-step, on how they can get involved, utilize the Global Grants process and start printing their own money!

Contact Robin Steele at robinlynn-steele@msn.com for more information.

Clothing Drive and Fundraiser

Street's Hope | Denver, CO

Fort Collins HS Interact



Who Are We?

Interact Club has only recently started at Fort Collins HS (this year, to be exact), but we have already built a solid base, with around 15 regular members. Our members chose a yearlong community outreach focus of combatting human trafficking in our local and larger communities. We are excited to announce our first effort, a drive for victims of trafficking through the Colorado-based organization 'Street's Hope.'

About Street's Hope

Safehouse in Denver, Colorado

Mission: Street's Hope provides holistic restorative services to women escaping sex trafficking, nurturing the resilience needed to heal and thrive.

Vision: Street's Hope envisions a healthy community void of sex trafficking and the commercial sex industry where every woman is empowered and restored to her humanity.



Tree Plant A Success

About 650 trees were planted on April 21 toward our goal of planting a tree for every Rotarian in District #5440

We did it! In the short space of about three hours Rotarians, Scouts and Scout volunteers managed to plant about 650 trees at Chadron State Park, Nebraska. The area had been impacted by a forest fire a few years earlier and was in need to some trees to replace those that had been burned.

Thus, and in keeping with President Ian Riseley's goal of planting a tree for every Rotarian in the world, we made progress toward our goal of about 3,000 trees this year.



Part of the tree planting crew. From left to right are Rotarian and Scottsbluff Distinguished Citizen George Schlotthauer, Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area manager, Rotarian retired Scout Professional Gary Shoemaker, DG Bill Emslie, Rotarian and Scout Professional Bryan Davidson and Scottsbluff Distinguished Citizen and volunteer Maurie Dienes.

Picture the beautiful rolling pine forests in northwestern Nebraska. It was a cool and foggy morning. I had driven up from Fort Collins and spent the night in Scottsbluff. From there it was just another 1.5 hours to the park. I arrived early with clear roads and a chance of the weather warming up a bit. Here we met **Jim Schmitt**, Tree Plant chair for the Scouts; **Bryan Davidson**, Rotarian and Scout Professional; Rotarian and Distinguished Citizen of Scottsbluff **George Schlotthauer**; **Maurie Dienes**, a wonderful volunteer and Distinguished Citizen of Scottsbluff; Rotarian **Gary Shoemaker**, a retired Scout professional and now manager of the Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area near Scottsbluff, several Boy Scouts, and a Scout leader.



Scottsbluff Rotarian and Distinguished Citizen George Schlotthauer demonstrates the use of the tree spade to the volunteers. This crew you see in the photo planted about 650 trees in 3 hours.

The trees were unloaded, and we had a brief but informative training session. The trees were about 18 inches tall with a healthy root ball. We simply pushed the planting spade in to the ground, made a hole a bit larger than the root ball, inserted the tree and then made sure the tree roots were firmly packed with dirt. The whole

process takes about 60 seconds. All was going well with our group because of this, I was able to plant when it began to snow. Big beautiful about 60 trees that morning.

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tiful snowflakes started coming down all around us.

I have been on many tree plants with the Scouts over the years, and a good number of these have been in the snow. You see, in western Nebraska, we always pick a time of year to plant when

moisture in most likely to produce good conditions for the new trees. The moisture is usually snow, so this was no surprise.

But no sooner did the snow come and we were done. 650 trees were in the ground. We then drove to a nearby restaurant and enjoyed some breakfast and some tall tree tales. It was fun, it was an adventure and it was good for Chadron State Park, the Scouts and Rotary.

We will finish the job in the fall when another tree plant is scheduled for October. We hope to plant over 2,000 trees at this event, thereby reaching our goal of 3,000 trees for District 5440 when we include the trees our clubs have planted this year.

Thank you, President Ian Riseley, for the challenge. We had a great experience and a lot of fun!

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23-27 June

www.riconvention.org

There's a world of opportunity waiting for you at the Toronto Convention!

Some of the key speakers have already been announced, including Helen Clark, former New Zealand prime minister, Caryl M. Stern, President and CEO of UNICEF USA, Rotary global grant scholar Anja-Nikolova, WASRAG ambassador Dr. Isis Mejias and Jane Nelson, Corporate Responsibility Director at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Director Elect Larry Dimmitt also announced a special dinner cruise for Zone 21b and 27 attendees on Sunday, June 24th.

A Rotaract pre-convention event begins on Friday, June 22nd. Two full days of general sessions, workshops, discussions and networking

opportunities are scheduled, as Rotaract celebrates its 50th anniversary! Plans are underway to honor those who paved the way for the organization and inspire continued involvement in Rotaract.

Orientation for first-time convention attendees will be held on Saturday, June 23rd. Opening ceremonies begin on Sunday morning at 10:30 in the Air Canada Centre. A second opening is scheduled at 3:30 pm. The convention continues through Wednesday, June 27th.

The 2018 convention offers a variety of events including the House of Friendship, youth program sessions, general sessions and a wide variety of breakout sessions. This is also a great opportunity to discover Toronto, including the legendary outdoor market, Casa Loma, Toronto's renowned Gothic castle and wonderful shopping that will take advantage of Canada's attractive exchange rate against the US

dollar.

Early registration continues through March 31. The cost to attend a full schedule of activities is \$335 online for Rotarians and guests. Rotaractors and non-Rotarian alumnus are only charged \$70. Youth Exchange students and Interactors can register for \$10! Go to www.riconvention.org/en/toronto/register

See these great videos about Toronto and the 2018 Rotary International Convention:

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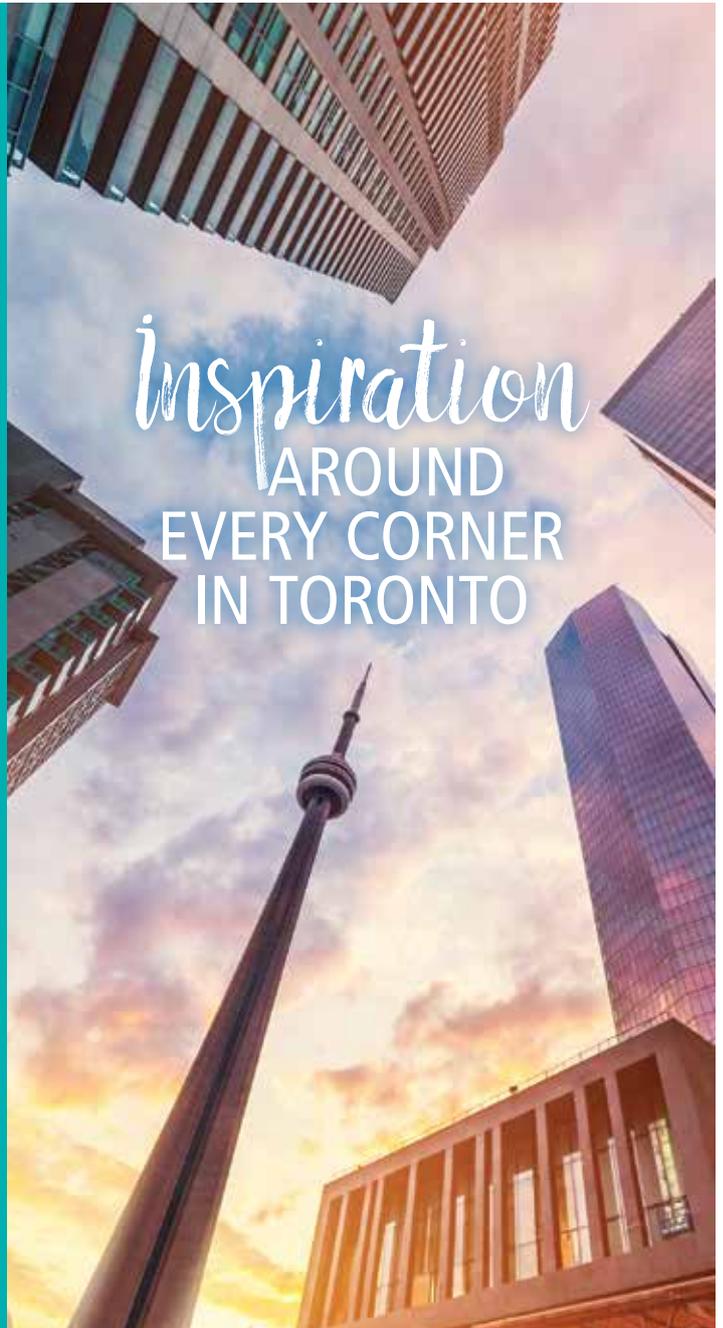


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