

People Of Action NEWSLETTER

"Rotarians are People of Action Making a Difference"



Casper PHS Celebration

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District Governor's Message

It All Starts With Our Members

Bill & Tracey's Journal of Club Visits; Part 5: Sept. 13 to Sept. 26

Visit #36, September 19: Rotary Club of Jackson Hole

Tracey and I drove from Fort Collins to Jackson on Sunday, Sept. 18 for a week of visits in Jackson, Wyoming and Victor, Idaho. It was a good drive, taking about 8 hours, but we thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful Wyoming scenery. **PDG Ken and Joan Small** hosted us for three nights in their beautiful home.

The **Rotary Club of Jackson Hole** was established on October 30, 1941 and has a current membership of 144, including four honorary Rotarians. Prior to the club meeting, we met with the Board and **AG Helen Bishop** in the Fireside Room at Snow King Grandview building. The Board members included **President Hank Phibbs, Kim Billimoria, Joni Upsher, Lee Burbank** and **Len Carlman**.

Last year, this club had a major impact on the Jackson community by awarding 32 scholarships between \$2,000 to \$3,000 each to high school seniors. Other projects included an annual luncheon promoting family literacy including before and after school support; reading to students; a second-grade graduation book; cleanup of pathways and roads; high school art in tunnels; spring clean-up of highways; bell ringing for the Salvation Army; support of the annual fireworks show; youth exchange; and sponsorship of an Interact club with 15-20 members. The club raises funds through a Casino Night at the Wort Hotel, which grossed over \$260,000 this year to support scholarships for local area students.

A special guest at the club meeting was **Father Ubald Rugirangoga**, who is a peace builder from Uganda. According to **Father Ubald**, the secret of peace is forgiveness. Community member **Katsey Long** works with **Father Ubald** on peace-building projects. **Rotarian Paul Vogelheim** is working with **Father Ubald** on peace-building efforts as well. A new video featuring **Father Ubald** will be premiered soon in Jackson. We hope to see more of **Father Ubald** in the future.

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Bill Emslie

District Governor 2017-18

*Fort Collins After-Work
Rotary Club*





Visit 36, Rotary Club of Jackson Hole. DG Bill Emslie welcomes visiting Rotarian Dr. Vladas Lasas.



Visit 36, Rotary Club of Jackson Hole. Board members and guests from left to right include President Hank Phibbs, Kim Billimoria, AG Helen Bishop, Joni Upsher, Tracey Emslie, DG Bill Emslie, Lee Burbank and Past President Len Carlman.

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We also met a Rotarian from Lithuania, **Dr. Vladas Lasas**, who is visiting in Jackson regarding high-tech businesses.

Thank you, **President Hank Phibbs** for your leadership of a very effective and community minded **Rotary Club of Jackson Hole**.

Visit #37, September 19: Rotary Club of Jackson Hole, Supper

Following our noon visit, Tracey and I drove to the downtown Jackson and the historic Wort Hotel, which has a rich history in Jackson and is the meeting place for the **Rotary Club of Jackson Hole, Supper**. Here we first met with board members **President Doug Schultz, Secretary Scott Daily, Treasurer Lee Harris, Program Chair Silvia Pack, Board Member Katie Klotz, Board Member Dr. Rich Whalen, Charitable Association Board Member Harriett Minczeski** and AG **Helen Bishop**.

The **Rotary Club of Jackson Hole, Supper** was established on February 23, 2005. Current membership numbers 41 including five honorary members. Meetings are held weekly at the historic Wort Hotel. This is a very social club with many activities and projects. Some of the highlights of this club include an annual fund-raising event at the Fall Arts Festival known as "Sips in the Square" This event just raised about \$18,000 for the club. Some of the proceeds fund Honoring our Veterans, a local nonprofit that provides therapeutic rehabilitation to veterans. The club helped the Historical

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Society pack artifacts for a move, funded a new kitchen at the Good Samaritan mission, completed a project with the senior center, and presented dictionaries to third grade students in Teton County. Each year, the club awards two scholarships to young adults for the Central Wyoming College (which is in Jackson). The club's foundation provided \$2,000 for hurricane relief with \$1,000 to Texas and \$1,000 to Florida. They sponsored students to RYLA and provides speakers honorariums to the Teton Literacy group. They also added two new members last month and had developed a couple's membership category and corporate membership category. The club also provided a donation for a service patrol car drug detector dog.

As you can tell from the wide variety of projects, this is a very active club. Thank you, **President Doug Schultz** and your community-minded club, for all you do for the Jackson community.

Visit #38, September 20, Rotary Club of Teton Valley

During the afternoon of September 20, we crossed Teton Pass into Idaho to visit the **Rotary Club of Teton Valley**. The communities here are home to many people who work in the Jackson area, thereby making the road a busy conduit that includes steep, 10% grades. On the way, Tracey and I stopped at the Teton Valley sign, which is embellished with two Rotary emblems. As it turns out, the **Teton Valley Rotary Club** helped brand the Teton Valley's

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Visit 36, Rotary Club of Jackson Hole. DG Bill Emslie speaks with Father Ubald and Katsey Long.



Visit 37, Rotary Club of Jackson Hole, Supper. Board members and guests from the left going clockwise around the table include: Dr. Rich Whalen, AG Helen Bishop, DG Bill Emslie, Program Chair Silvia Pack, Board Member Katie Klotz, Secretary Scott Daily, Treasurer Lee Harris, President Doug Schultz and Charitable Association Board Member Harriett Minczeski.



Visit 37, Rotary Club of Jackson Hole, Supper. From left to right members and guests include: Dr. Rich Whalen, DG Bill Emslie, Rotarian and DG Spouse Tracey Emslie, Diana Vaughn, Lee Harris, Lynne Whalen, Norm Evarts, AG Helen Bishop, Board Member Katie Klotz, Secretary Scott Daily, President Doug Schultz, Charitable Association Board Member Harriett Minczeski, Lydia Leitch, Sandy Seitz, Program Chair Silvia Pack and Rod Everett.



Visit 38, Rotary Club of Teton Valley. DG Bill Emslie with Past President Pat Butts. D.G. Bill Emslie and wife, Tracey, stopped outside Victor, Idaho, to view Teton Valley Rotary's signature entrance sign as they drove to the evening meeting for the Rotary Club of Teton Valley.



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identity a dozen or so years ago. The local communities of Driggs and Victor were able to come together under a common, easily recognizable identity. The sign was erected to inform visitors they were entering the Teton Valley, which became an umbrella term for the area. **Past President Pat Butts** recognized this year's DG visit with a photo of the newly refurbished Teton Valley sign.

It was just a bit further down the road that Tracey and I backed the truck in front of the Knotty Pine restaurant where the club holds its weekly meetings. Cars here park with their rear toward the sidewalk and nose toward the street. This is how one is supposed to park in Victor, so no one backs out into a steady flow of traffic. The Knotty Pine is a supper club. Rotary meets in a back room that was a very cozy fit for 20 people.

We arrived early to meet with the Board and set up our audio-visual equipment. We had an opportunity to listen to Board members **Jennifer Blair, Kathy Evans, Past President Pat Butts** and **Bob Heneage** fill us in on club activities. Although small, this club held a record-breaking increase in membership this past year. When asked how they did it, they simply responded, "We decided we needed an increase in membership and a change in venue." They grew by alternating meetings between a noon meeting in Driggs and an evening meeting in Victor. This works well due to the varied work schedules and locations of club members. Many members attend meetings in both locations.



Visit 38, Rotary Club of Teton Valley. Cozy meeting room at the Knotty Pine supper club.



Visit 38, Rotary Club of Jackson Teton Valley. From left to right are new member, Pete Oslund; sister Penny Oslund, Pat Butts, TVR member and past club president, and DG Bill Emslie.

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The **Rotary Club of Teton Valley**, established on April 4, 2001, currently has 23 members and was honored at the 2016 District Conference in Casper for being the club having the highest percentage of growth during the year. This club focuses on valley youth.

One of the high points is its scholarship program which distributes funds collected from the valley's Community Foundation of Teton Valley annual summer Tin Cup Challenge. This year the club awarded \$18,000 in scholarships to Teton High School graduating seniors. A local benefactor contributes funding for a 4-year \$2,500/year scholarship for a graduating Hispanic student to honor his mother, a former ESL teacher.

The club also supports sending 3-4 students to RYLA each year, awarding vouchers to kindergarten and first grade students so they can purchase their own books through the local book fair, and honoring local seniors as Student of the Month throughout the school year.

The club supports inbound and outbound youth exchange students, plus an annual highway clean up. The **Rotary Club of Teton Valley** was also responsible for starting up the local Food Pantry in town and funded and built two Welcome to Teton Valley gateway entrances to the valley. Internationally the club is partnering with the **Bama-ko-Koulouba Rotary Club in Mali** on a global grant supporting mother and child health for the community of Lougouana in Mali.

During the evening meeting at the Knotty Pine, we were joined by **AG Helen Bishop** and we



Visit 39, Rotary Club of Jackson Hole, Breakfast. Shown here are AG Helen Bishop, DG spouse and Rotarian Tracey Emslie, DG Bill Emslie and President Bill Winney.



Visit 39, Rotary Club of Jackson Hole, Breakfast. From left to right are President Bill Winney, Neil Ford, PDG Nancy Pettis, PDG Bill Pettis, Club Secretary Elizabeth Trefonas, AG Helen Bishop, DG Bill Emslie and Club Treasurer Jennifer Green.

had the opportunity to welcome new member, Pete Oslund, whose sister is a member of the Chapel Hill North Carolina Rotary and as a summer resident of Teton Valley, attends the local club meetings. Pete's wife, **Mary Lou**, is a well-known local photographer who gifted some beautifully photographed greeting cards to us.

During the meeting, Youth Exchange Officer **Pat Butts** introduced us to **Lowana KaPonji**, a year-long exchange student from Belgium, hosted by the club and currently staying with **Christi Bleffert** as her host family.

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Congratulations **President Pam Walker** on your leadership of this very active Rotary Club.

Visit #39, September 21: Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Breakfast

Our special thanks to **PDG Ken Small** and his wife, **Joan**, for hosting us for three nights in Jackson. We had a great visit

with them and were well rested between club visits. Our final visit in Jackson was with the **Rotary Club of Jackson Hole, Breakfast**. You know this is a dedicated group of Rotarians when the president dives over 40 miles one way to attend breakfast meetings!



Visit 40, Rotary Club of Craig. Pictured left to right are Liane Davis-Kling, Treasurer Lief Albaugh, James Adeyelu, Randy Looper, Jesse Arthurs, David Pressgrove, Neil Folks, Sheli Steele, DG Bill Emslie, President Len Browning, AG James Moylan and Jeff Smith.



Visit 41, Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs. Board of Directors. Pictured left to right are Jim Nowak, Kerry Shea, Dillon Fulcher, Ashley Kane, Celina Taylor, Tracey Emslie, DG Bill Emslie, President Steve Sehnert, President Elect Carol Johnson, Past President Steve Hitchcock, Marci Valicenti and AG Jim Moylan.

This small club of 19 members was established on June 3, 1990 and has a great history of giving to the Rotary Foundation. **President Bill Winney** welcomed us for a 7 am meeting, which is held at the Jackson Whole Grocery's Community Room. We met the owner who let us in early, so we could set up our equipment.

On the morning of our visit, we had a full house attending the meeting. We had a great dialog regarding Rotary's impact on Jackson. Following breakfast, for which we helped ourselves from the store shelves, we made our DG presentation to the club and then met with the Board to talk about specific projects. Some of these include two miles of highway cleanup; a Centennial Grant that included materials for a new deck at the Mission; a community service project; providing 4,000 new books to the local jail library; and support of an international project by providing funds to the **Rotary Club of Evanston** Guatemala Stove project. This provides energy efficient, cleaner burning stoves to seven villages. Other projects include an elementary after school day care project for working parents. The club raises funds though the annual Jackson Sled Dog race. This is a very popular event and second only to the famous Iditarod race in Alaska. Funds from this event support low income dental and medical care.

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Board members we met with included **President Bill Winney, Neil Ford, PDG Nancy Pettis, PDG Bill Pettis, Club Secretary Elizabeth Trefonas, AG Helen Bishop, DG Bill Emslie** and **Club Treasurer Jennifer Green. PDG Bill Pettis** and **PDG Nancy Pettis** were among the members who gave us a thorough review of club activities.

Thank you, **Rotary Club of Jackson Hole, Breakfast** for all you do in your community, and thank you to **President Bill Winney** for leadership of this strong and successful Rotary Club.

Visit #40, September 26: Rotary Club of Craig

The week of September 24 was one of our busiest weeks, with an ambitious goal of visiting five Rotary clubs.

On Monday morning, Sept 25, we headed west to the town of Craig, Colorado, by way of the Poudre Canyon. We spent the night at **Past AG Randy Loop-er's** hotel, The Elk Run Inn. Here we learned that there are just three significant towns in all of Moffatt County, and that this county is "the elk hunting capitol of the world."

The Rotary Club of Craig was established on June 3, 1982. Current president is Len Browning assisted by Club Secretary Renee Campbell and Club Treasurer Lief Albaugh. The club currently numbers 18 members, which includes one honorary member.

That night **Randy** hosted us with the **Rotary Club of Craig** Board for a dinner. We had an enjoyable evening and learned a lot about the activities of this small, but effective Rotary Club. Some



Visit 41, Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs. Pictured left to right are DG Bill Emslie, President Steve Sehnert and AG Jim Moylan standing in the Rotary Peace Pavilion.



Visit 41, Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs. Plaque commemorating the Boardwalk at Rotary River Park.

of these activities include partnering with the local affiliate of Love INC to provide school supplies for the 180 local teachers to help off-set personal expenses incurred due to budget cuts.

This started with a district grant. Other projects include Book Buddies, a second-grade program that includes gifting of books, reading by Rotarians and

students, snacks and a Christmas party.

There is also a 4th and 5th grade reading program, Passport to Reading, that requires students to read 20 different genres and passing a test. The **Rotary Club of Craig** host's a barbecue celebration at the end of the year.

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Visit 41, Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs. Pictured left to right are DG Bill Emslie, President Steve Sehnert and AG Jim Moylan standing in the Rotary Peace Pavilion dedicated in 2015.



Visit 41, Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs. From left to right are President Steve Sehnert, new member Joanna Allison, new member Brett Allison, new member Bill Kennedy and DG Bill Emslie.

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The club presents dictionaries to third grade students, supported four RYLA and four Young RLYLA students and was awarded a Centennial grant for RYLA.

To raise funds, the club places American flags, sponsored by businesses and individuals, on holidays. There are 8 holidays and about 140 3'x5' flags. The flags are very impressive lined up along main street.

The club also raises funds at their annual Diamonds an Spurs dinner and dance in January.

The club awards four, \$1,000 scholarships, two \$2,000 scholarships to single parents and one \$1,000 scholarship to a nursing student.

The club sponsors Young Life Christian Camps by matching the funds kids earn to go to camp. There is a ski scholarship with ski equipment for four kids sponsored by the Club in honor of now deceased **Rotarian Bob Johnson**. The club provides a **Bill and Nancy Muldoon Humanitarian Service Award**. This is given at the Diamond and Spurs dinner.

Rotarians also pair with school children over lunch once a week and mentor. Rotarians keep the highway clean by sponsoring a two mile clean up. This was the first one in the state of Colorado.

International projects include partnering with other clubs to fight Dengue fever in Guatemala with a **Fort Collins Rotary Club** and working with the **Greeley Centennial Rotary Club** to rebuild three schools in Honduras. This includes solar lighting and is

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funded with a District grant.

The **Rotary Club of Craig** meets at the local hospital, high on a hill overlooking Craig at 6:50 a.m. each Tuesday morning. The hospital not only provides a comfortable meeting room, but also provides breakfast to the Rotary Club free of charge.

Thank you, club **President Len Browning**, for your leadership and inspiration of this high-performing Rotary Club.

Visit #41, September 26: Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs

Following the inspirational meeting with the **Rotary Club of Craig**, we drove on to Steamboat Springs. Here we toured the Rotary Park with **President Steve Sehnert** and **Assistant Governor James Moylan**, which includes a nature board walk along the Yampa river and a most impressive Peace Pavilion dedicated in 2015.

The **Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs** was established on August 10, 1974. Current president is **Steve Sehnert** is assisted by **Club Secretary Holly Rogers** and **Club Treasurer**

Jim Nowak. The club currently counts 104 members, which includes eight honorary members.

The **Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs** is effective in providing a wide array of services and projects in the City of Steamboat Springs. After meeting with the Board at 11 a.m. at the Steamboat Grand Hotel, we came away with a positive impression of the effectiveness of this club.

The club's contribution to Hurricane Harvey relief has been incredible. This club has a direct relationship with a Rotary Club in Humble Texas. As a result, the **Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs** has donated over \$27,000 to the **Humble Texas Rotary Club** in support of Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.

The club raises its funds through a barn dance and a separate golf classic event.

There is a Paul Harris recognition program where non-Rotarians are recognized for their work. Funds raised by the good news announcements are used for high school scholarships. Club programs are scheduled by a committee of 12 members who each take the responsibility for one month.

The club supports an Interact Club. They have made humanitarian service trips to Mexico for

the last ten years and sponsored one outbound and two inbound youth exchanges this year.

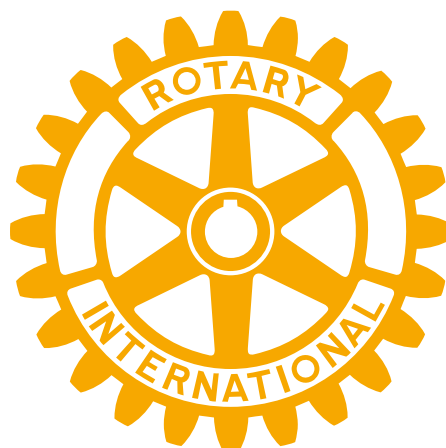
There is a school liaison person on the board and the club participates in career interviews at the school each year. They also participate in a Fourth of July parade.

A major effort from the community grants committee includes awards granted in the fall and again in the spring. This year, \$21,000 was awarded to 20 different groups who will or have come to speak to the club. Funding for community grants comes from the club's community foundation endowment fund. **Rotarian Dave Talbot** receives mobility devices through a club international project for "Crutches 4 Africa."

Overall, we found the **Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs** to be a generous and caring Rotary Club. The club sponsored **Peace Fellow Cornelia Weiss**. **Cornelia** will be speaking at our Rotary District conference in May 2018 and was at the dedication of the **Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs** Peace Pavilion in 2015.

Thank you, **President Steve**, for your incredible leadership in continuing the tradition that makes the **Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs** so exceptional!

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Torrington Rotary Dictionaries

Members of the Torrington Rotary Club deliver dictionaries to Third Graders in all schools, both private and public and homeschooled children in Goshen, Niobrara and Platte Counties. Pictured are the children from Trail Elementary in Torrington with Rotarians: Wayne Gentry, Susan Klemola and Bob Mayor



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Scottsbluff-Gering Rotary

Summary of Activity

by Terry Rajewich

Public Relations Chair

Scottsbluff-Gering Rotary Club

June / July / August

RYLA and Young RYLA camps

Students were recognized from this year's R.Y.L.A. camp and Young R.Y.L.A. during the weekly club meeting at the Scottsbluff Country club held on September 27th.

Both camps are one week long and there are two sessions of each with the Senior camp being held at the YMCA of the Rockies at Estes Park, Colorado and the Young RYLA camp held at the Ponderosa Camp in Larkspur, Colorado.

Each camper was asked to share what they gleaned from the week. Many were enlightened by the personality presentation, True Colors. Each participant takes a personality test and discovers where their strengths and weaknesses are. They then must apply this knowledge to team challenges. Others mentioned hikes and zip lining course which enabled them to attain goals which they did not feel possible.

All mentioned The many friendships they made and many feel they are lifetime friends.

The Scottsbluff / Gering Rotary Club #1126 hosted eight seniors and six junior high students from the Scottsbluff and Gering school districts. Camps were two weeks for each group and ran from June through August.

Counselors included: Kyra Wil-



RYLA students are recognized at the September 27th club meeting.



Pictured from left to right: Michele Lambert, Audrey Murphy, Robert Pile, President Shelley Knudson, Brianna Little, Miss Scotts Bluff County 2018, Lyle Hoke and Lori Browning.

lets (Jr. Counselor) with Rotarians Jim Trumbull, Rawnda Pierce and Dan Charron as our Sr. Counselors

September

Monument Marathon September 30, 2017

Rotarians at work provide food for 500 plus runners at the finish line participating in the sixth annual Monument Marathon sponsored by Platte Valley Companies. In addition many other Rotarians volunteer through their local businesses to ensure

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the success of this annual event. Racers can participate by choosing from our scenic and certified full or half marathon course, or a 5K course for participants of all ages.

Every dollar raised goes to support the local scholarship program at Western Nebraska Community College. Scottsbluff / Gering Rotary Club #1126 has manned the food booth for the past six years.

October

Day of Caring

October proved to be yet another busy month with Scottsbluff / Gering Rotary club #1126 helping with the third annual United Way Day of Caring on October 5, 2017.

Scottsbluff / Gering Rotary donated \$3,000 to the annual event to ensure the success of the program continues. In addition approximately 200 community volunteers came together to package 60,000 meals (10,000 packages) of shelf-stable, microwaveable, fortified apple cinnamon oatmeal and mac-n-cheese meals that will stay in area communities and be distributed through programs serving food insecure families.

Polio

Annually, the local Scottsbluff / Gering Rotary Club #1126 partners with the local Arby's to host a "Purple Pancake" feed to help educate the public about the strides made in eradicating Polio. Rotarians are provided with five pancake tickets to sell to the public for five dollars each. On Saturday, October 28th, the local Arby's provided a short stack of purple pancakes and a cup of coffee for the \$5 donation.



Pictured - Rotarians and spouses: Michele Lambert, Robert & Elaine Pile, Christina & Zac Karpf, Joe & Sandy Schon, Lyle Hoke, Mike Downey and Barb & George Schlothauer.



Rotarians pictured from left to right helping to educate the public are: Jeff West, Lori Browning, President Shelley Knudson and Robert Pile. Those not pictured include Michele Lambert and Audrey Murphy.

Fort Collins Interact Club



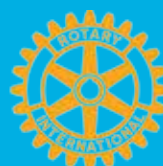
The Interact Club at Fort Collins High School has taken on a new project raising money and collecting items to help benefit Street's Hope, an organization which provides support and resources for victims of sex trafficking. They have raised over \$500 and collected many necessary resources for this cause.

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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.



District Governor 2020-21

Applications Now Available

Candidates to serve as District Governor in 2020-21 will be interviewed by the District 5440 Nominating Committee on Saturday, January 13th, 2018 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Applications must be received by the district office on or before December 15th. Go to <http://www.rotary5440.org/SitePage/nominating-committee-dgnd-candidate-info> for a detailed description about the position and links to the formal application.

If your club has a past president with excellent leadership qualities, this is the time to bring their name to your board for possible submission as a governor candidate.

"Serving as district governor is one of the most rewarding experiences one can have in Rotary," according to past district governor and current nominating committee chair Mike Forney. Forney's candidacy was submitted by the board of the Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs. He served the district from July, 2012 to June, 2013.

"Not only will you see the amazing work of our 54 Rotary clubs first hand, but you also create wonderful, long-term relationships with other governors from Rotary districts throughout the western United States and around the world," he said.

Bryan Cooke from the Rotary Club of Greeley Centennial was district governor in 2010-11. "I loved learning from my fellow Rotarians about the passions they had for their local and international projects," he said.

Nominations for the position must be submitted by the candidate's home club. While the proposed candidate must agree to their club's submission, campaigning for the position is prohibited by Rotary International by-laws.

TEN REASONS TO BECOME ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR

1. Meeting people from all over the world who share your commitment to service.
2. Enhancing leadership skills that will follow you in your business, profession or volunteer endeavors.
3. Experiencing the true meaning of Rotary through exposure to countless community, regional and international projects and initiatives.
4. Making a real difference by inspiring clubs and leaders in your district to use the power of Rotary to serve their community.
5. Finding true "Rotary moments" and lasting friendships while participating in extensive governor's training, assemblies and international conferences.
6. Discovering the "essence" of Rotary from Rotarians within your own district, other districts in the North America, and Rotary leaders throughout the world.
7. Freeing up the "inner you" through fun and craziness created by your class of fellow district governors at regional conferences and seminars.
8. Sampling exotic cuisine during your visits to clubs in Wyoming, Idaho, Nebraska and Northern Colorado, along with international fare at Rotary International Conventions in Hawaii (2020) and Taipei (2021).
9. Honoring your club as a possible host of a district conference and giving them district-wide recognition as the Home of the District Governor.
10. Beginning a leadership cycle within Rotary while preparing to be district governor, but continuing to serve and grow in Rotary for years to come.



Hey Rotaractors and Interactors

Do you want to do good and have fun?

We want to help with an RI (Rotaract/Interact) Grant from District 5440

Overview

Develop your own service project in your community or internationally and apply for an RI grant of up to \$500 from Rotary District 5440. The top three projects submitted will be funded and the top project selected will also be guaranteed another \$500 grant next year and be recognized at our foundation dinner on April 7, 2018. Projects will be judged on their humanitarian nature and the involvement of Rotaractors/Interactors and community members.

Project requirements

- The project must be humanitarian
- The members of your Rotaract or Interact club must participate in the project
- Your host Rotary club must review and OK the project
- Your club must raise at least one third of the total cost of the project (For example, if the project budget is \$750, your club must raise \$250 of this budget)
- Project must be completed by the end of 2018

Grant funds can be used for:

- Project materials
- Transportation to the project location

Selecting a project

Start by finding out who in your Rotaract or Interact club would like to investigate the possible projects and propose them to the rest of your club for final selection. Brainstorm projects that would be of benefit to the community being served and will also fit well with the skills and interests of your club members. Determine a time when you can do the project and a budget for how much it will cost. Determine how much money you can raise and how you will raise it. Get final approval from your Rotaract or Interact club members and then submit the project to your club's advisor for review.

Firm Foundations

by **Bill & Tracey Emslie**
District Governor, District #5440

The **Rotary Club of Casper**, **The Reveille Rotary Club**, the **5-Trails Club** and the **Casper Rotaract Club**, all based in Casper, Wyoming combined forces to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation at the Three Crowns Golf Course Clubhouse.

This festive occasion was marked by 72 Rotarians and guests, including **DG Bill and Tracey Emslie**, **PDG Barb** and **Don Redder**, **Foundation Chair Jim Epstein**, **AG Wayne Heili**, **District Paul Harris Society Committee Chair Liz Becher**, **Rotary Club of Casper Five Trails President Chad Cundy**, **Rotary Club of Casper President Richard Schwahn**, **Rotary Club of Casper, Reveille President Carolyn Griffith** and representatives of the **Rotaract Club of Casper**, who all feasted on pheasant shot by members, beef brisket, wine, and a tremendous cupcake cake with 100 candles linked by paper strips which produced a spectacular lighting display.

There was an inspiring presentation of projects of all the clubs, including the wonderful new Rotary clock that now stands tall as a popular photo point in downtown Casper.

Because of an impressive District challenge, seven new Paul Harris Society members stepped up to the plate. An auction of a Rotary tie and earrings, as well as a spirited request for donations raised a total of \$16,100. The seven new Paul Harris Society



Six of the seven new PHS members named above are in this photo. From left to right are District Foundation Chair – Jim Epstein, Becky Junge (Casper Rotaract), Casey Allison, Dennis and Diana Jack, Rick Reimann, Bob Barnard, DG Bill Emslie, District Paul Harris Society Committee Chair – Liz Becher. Not pictured is new PHS member Becky Byron.



DG Bill Emslie congratulates Rotarian Becky Byron, one of our seven new Paul Harris Society members.

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District Foundation Chair Jim Epstein addresses the audience.

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members included **Casey Allison, Becky Byron, Dennis Jack, Diana Jack, Rick Reimann, Bob Barnard,** and **Casper Rotaract.** The donor for the **Casper Rotaract** member will make a \$1000 contribution each year, and name an annual Paul Harris Fellow.

This was a great evening for the Casper Clubs and The Rotary Foundation, which made possible all the projects presented that evening. Congratulations and thank you **Rotary Clubs** and the **Rotaract Club of Casper** for showing us how it is done.



When the candles lit simultaneously it created a blaze of light and celebration.



District Paul Harris Society Committee Chair Liz Becher and DG Bill Emslie draw for prizes during the banquet.



The 100 cupcake cake happy birthday to The Rotary Foundation.



Rotary

And What Can You **GET DONE** In An Hour?

by Bill & Tracey Emslie
District Governor, District #5440

Tracey and I went to the terrific 6th Annual Mammoth Quick Draw in Worland, Wyoming on Friday, November 10. This is a unique fundraiser for both the Rotary Club of Worland and the Washakie Museum, which share the proceeds.

There was wine, a dinner buffet, deserts and a performance by singer/guitarist Jeff Troxel, while some 400-people dispersed through the museum to watch 32 exceptional artists at work; some local, some from out of state.

One came all the way from Alaska. They had exactly one hour to complete a piece of art that would be auctioned off later in the evening, with a portion (in some cases, all) of the proceeds going to Rotary and the museum.

There were oil paintings, water colors, quilting, sculpture, ceramics, wood working, pretty much everything you can imagine.

Imagine the pressure and concentration required to produce beautiful, professional art with hundreds of people wandering around, looking over your shoulder from about six inches, talking, commenting, joking and enjoying wine.

The finished works were displayed for half an hour, after which they were auctioned off by auctioneer Ed Keller as they



Rotary Club of Worland President James Donahue, with Tracey Emslie and DG Bill Emslie at the Mammoth Quick Draw.



PDG Dave Bostrom with Tracey and DG Bill Emslie at the Mammoth quick draw

were paraded down a raised catwalk by volunteers. Additional original pieces by the artists were also displayed for sale.

It was a wonderful, fun night, one we can heartily recommend to any visiting Rotarians!



Mammoth Quick Draw art is staged and ready for the auction (left). One of the 32 featured artists, Mr. Monte Stokes (above).

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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*

Rotary District 5130 Fire Relief Fund

“What we Do”

- ◆ October 2017, massive destruction from numerous fires burning in Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties has resulted in the Rotary 5130 Fire Relief Fund to cover the 4 counties affected in District 5130.
- ◆ Committee Composition: 3 voting Rotarians from each of the 4 counties as appointed by District Governor will administer the direct deployment of these funds and will meet no less than monthly. Additional non-voting at large committee membership will consist of the following:
 - * Public Relations & Outreach
 - * Secretary
 - * District Governor
 - * Finance Officer
 - * District Governor Elect
- ◆ Stewardship: Lake Area Rotary Club Association 501c3
Rotary District 5130
Legal Counsel
- ◆ Funds Allocation: It is encouraged that all tax deductible donations go to the general fund for the committee to determine the highest and best use. However, it will be acceptable to have donations specified for allocation to a specific county. That will need to be clearly noted at the time of contribution and Finance Officer will track allocations.
- ◆ History: The LARCA Rotary Fire Relief Fund was founded in 2015 during the Lake County, CA fires by the Rotary Clubs of Lake County. Nearly \$1M was raised to support the fire survivors and businesses in those communities over the past 2 years. The fund has been administered with zero administrative overhead.
- ◆ Possible Uses for Funding: This list is in no way comprehensive as the needs of the affected communities will become apparent as time unfolds. However, these are some of the programs funded through the efforts of the Lake County clubs over the past 2 years. It is intended to give general ideas as to how the funds MAY be allocated but will be determined by the committee based on need.

- * Business Grant Program for small businesses
- * After school program funding for displaced children
- * Support for local school programs
- * Grief counseling services
- * Home rebuilds
- * Animal Care Grants
- * Reforestation projects
- * Senior support
- * 1st Responder Support



DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO:

LARCA c/o Rotary 5130 Fire Relief Fund
PO Box 2921
Clearlake, CA 95422

Or online at www.larca5130.org
NON-PROFIT TAX ID# 46-1149482

larca5130@gmail.com



DISASTER
RELIEF

Greetings from ShelterBox

As many of you know, ShelterBox is a front line disaster relief organization that was started by a Rotary Club in Cornwall, England back in 2000.

Since then we have expanded our reach and our operations to have helped well over one million people in 95 countries around the world. I am a ShelterBox Ambassador and a member of the Rotary Club of Aurora Fitzsimons in your neighboring District 5450. I am reaching out to you because of the exciting developments at ShelterBox and our need for an expanded base of dedicated supporters.

I am inviting you to join me as an active supporter for ShelterBox. There are a number of ways that you can get involved either on your club level, district level or active in delivery of our aid. I mentioned above that over the past 17 years we have impacted about 1.2 million people. ShelterBox has looked at the needs and has set a goal of being able to assist one million people per year by 2025.

I am available to discuss ShelterBox with you and what it means to be a club liaison or an ambassador. Please see my contact information below.

As an Ambassador, I get timely updated from ShelterBox USA about the current deployments around the world. We have a dedicated staff who promote and support the efforts of ShelterBox and will work closely with you should you decide that ShelterBox is something that you choose to support. As Rotarians you know the call to service. This is one opportunity.

Thank you,

David R. Addor

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DONOR ADVISED FUND The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund

The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund (DAF) account within The Rotary Foundation has been established to streamline the flow of contributions from Rotarians looking to assist hurricane victims. The fund will be directed by the account-advisers listed below.

The account-advisers will work with local Rotary clubs and districts, as well as relief agencies, to address the needs of people in affected areas. Account-advisers may make grant recommendations for projects providing longer-term support and recovery (e.g. funding for Rotary Foundation Global Grant projects).

The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund Account-Advisors

Greg Podd, Past Director, Rotary International
Barry Rassin, President Elect, Rotary International

Frequently Asked Questions

- **How can I contribute?** Please see the detailed instructions on page 2. You may contribute via check, credit card, wire transfer, or stock transfer. All contributions must go directly to the DAF account and be in U.S. dollars. Only U.S. tax receipts will be issued. On all contributions, please be sure to reference **The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund, #608**. Misdirected contributions to The Rotary Foundation lock-box (or a Rotary Association foundation) will benefit the Annual Fund—SHARE.
- **What amount of my contribution will actually go to the relief effort?** Nearly 100% of contributions to The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund will be granted to IRS-approved charitable organizations helping to provide relief and recovery. There is a small fee of 1% which covers the administrative and investment costs. Additionally, on 1 July of each year, 1% of the fair market value of the The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund is contributed to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund to support the programs of the Foundation.

Please note that The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund will make grants to other charitable organizations that may have other costs; however, efforts will be made to provide grants to organizations that directly support the needs of individuals and communities through the Rotary volunteer structure and other aid organizations. Additional fees may apply depending on the method of your contributions.

- **Will I receive recognition for my contribution?** Contributions to TRF DAF accounts are not eligible for Paul Harris or Major Donor recognition.
- **Where can I learn more about The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund and how it works?** Please visit www.rotary.org/daf for more information.

For assistance, please send a message to plannedgiving@rotary.org or call (847) 866-3100.



DONOR ADVISED FUND

Ways to Contribute

The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund

You can contribute to the Donor Advised Fund by following the instructions below.

Check	Credit Card
<p>Payable to: The Rotary Foundation DAF</p> <p>In the Memo line: The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund #608</p> <p>Mail to: Rotary DAF c/o NRS 12 Gill Street, Suite 2600 Woburn, MA 01801</p>	<p>Contribute online at https://www.your-fundaccount.com/rotary/HowToContribute.asp.</p> <p>You will be asked to enter the account name (The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund) and the account number (608).</p>

Wire Instructions	
<p>In addition to authorizing the wire, you must fax a copy of the wire authorization to (781) 658-2497 to complete the transfer.</p>	
<p>Please wire funds to:</p> <p>ABA Number:</p> <p>For credit to:</p> <p>Account number:</p> <p>For Further Credit:</p> <p>Account Name:</p>	<p>Boston Private Bank & Trust Company</p> <p>011002343</p> <p>The Rotary Foundation</p> <p>943423732</p> <p>TRF DAF</p> <p><i>The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund #608</i></p>

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<p>DTC Shares to:</p> <p>DTC Participant ID:</p> <p>Agent Bank ID:</p> <p>Credit to:</p> <p>Account Number:</p> <p>Agent Internal STC Account Number:</p>	<p>SEI Private Trust Company</p> <p>2039</p> <p>94952</p> <p>Rotary Clearing/Liquidation Account</p> <p>755Z0007</p> <p>11110-C</p>

Please note:

- All accepted contributions are irrevocable assets of The Rotary Foundation.
- Contributions must be made in U.S. dollars and cannot be by money order or cashier's check.
- Donors will be issued a U.S. charitable tax receipt.
- The Rotary Foundation does not award recognition for contributions to this account; contributions do not earn Foundation Recognition points (toward Paul Harris Fellows) or count toward Paul Harris Society, Major Donor or Arch Klumph society status or district giving goals.
- Non-U.S. contributions may be subject to additional information to meet U.S. guidelines for international fund transfers.
- Contributions sent to The Rotary Foundation lock-box will benefit the Annual Fund—SHARE.
- For more information about the Donor Advised Fund, please visit www.rotary.org/daf or contact the Planned Giving Team at planned.giving@rotary.org or (847) 866-3100.

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Our convenient online system makes registering easy for all Rotary members, Rotaractors, and Rotary club and district employees.

Register today at riconvention.org.

Deadlines

Deadline	Fee (US\$)	
	Rotarians	Rotaractors
15 December 2017	\$345	\$70
31 March 2018	\$420	\$100
After 31 March 2018 until the convention closes	\$495	\$130
Cancellation deadline: 30 April 2018		

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**Make a Difference in your Community
with a
Local Global Grant
from
District 5440 and the Rotary Foundation**

Overview

In partnership with the Rotary Club of Shimoga, India and the Rotary Club of Bangalore North West, India, district 5440 will offer a global grant opportunity to one club in the district to do a \$35,000 project in their community for an investment of \$4,000 from the club or clubs.

Project requirements

- The project must be in the local community of the district 5440 club or clubs applying
- The project must be in one of the following six areas of focus:
 - Water and sanitation
 - Disease prevention and treatment
 - Peace and conflict resolution
 - Economic and community development
 - Education and literacy
 - Maternal and child health
- The project must be sustainable - it can't just be providing supplies or remodelling structures. There should be training, long-term management and a maintenance and support plan. Sustainability means providing long-term solutions to community problems that community members themselves can support after the grant funding ends.

Selecting a project

Start by assembling a small group of people in your club and other clubs in the community to make a community assessment. Also, look for partner organizations working in the community that have a track record of successful projects. Next, investigate where Rotary and the partner organization can make a long lasting improvement in the community. Define a project that is doable in a year or two with a budget of \$35,000. Examine the sustainability of the project using the district 5440 Sustainability Score found on the district web site at <http://www.rotary5440.org/SitePage/global-grant-training> under Files.

District 5450 Invites You to the Rotary International President's Dinner & Polio Plus Fundraiser

JANUARY 6, 2018



Keynote Speaker: RI President Ian Riseley speaking
on the 2017-2018 Theme
"Rotary Making a Difference"



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Special Guest: Rachel Lonsdale –
Senior Program Officer
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

All Net Proceeds from the Dinner and your additional contribution will be donated to the **End Polio Now** campaign. Those funds will be matched \$2 for every \$1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Saturday, January 6, 2018

5:30 pm Cash Bar | 6:30 pm Dinner

Denver Marriott South, 10345 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree

Special \$99.00 Hotel Rate Available!



Dinner - \$75.00 per person. Please plan to make an additional contribution to Polio Plus which will be credited to you & your club.
Please bring cash or check for your contribution.

Everyone must register individually – club members can request to be seated together.

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District 5440



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2018 District #5450 President's Dinner

Jan. 6, 2018
Denver, CO

2018 High Country PETS

Mar. 2-4, 2018
Denver, CO

2018 Spring Assembly

Apr. 7, 2018
Little America Resort
Cheyenne, WY

2018 Foundation Dinner

Apr. 7, 2018
Little America Resort
Cheyenne, WY

2018 District 5440 Conference

May 3-5, 2018
Estes Park, CO

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