

People Of Action NEWSLETTER

"Rotarians are People of Action Making a Difference"



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District Governor's Message

It All Starts With Our Members

Bill & Tracey's Journal of Club Visits; Part 7: Oct. 4 to Oct. 17

Visit #47, October 4, 2017, Rotary Club of Loveland, Mountain View

On October 4, Tracey and I made the short drive to Loveland to visit the **Rotary Club of Loveland, Mountain View**. This is a more recently formed club, established on January 12, 2007. The club has 38 active members, who are mostly young professionals who want to make a difference. An interesting point is that there are no retirees in this club. Although a small club, they have three fundraisers each year, which net in the range of \$33,000. We met with the Board, which included **Erik Berlin, Josh Miller, Anna Smoot, President Jake Atchison, Mindy McCloughan, AG Michael Wailes** also attended.

I learned about the many service projects and events this club supports each year. Every member is busy. Some of the club's projects include a service above self scholarship for students in the Thompson School District, a district grant funded garden project which allows a school to incorporate gardening into the curriculum, and a Heroes Among us project which recognizes students who write about heroes in their lives. The club also sponsors an Interact club that made a trip to Houston to help with hurricane relief work and sent a student on the Summer Youth Exchange program. The club also assisted other area Rotary clubs with the Paint the Town project, Habitat for Humanity, KidsPak, and the Larimer County Food Bank.

Thank you, **President Jake**, for your leadership of a very active Rotary Club of Loveland, Mountain View.

Visit #48, October 4, Rotary Club of Estes Park, Long's Peak

Following our visit with the **Rotary Club of Loveland, Mountain View**, Tracey and I drove to Estes Park to attend the **Rotary Club of Estes Park, Long's Peak**. On the way, we stopped at the offices of **District Treasurer Theresa Mueller** to turn over a substantial box filled with Polio Plus contributions from 47 Club visits. This was a mile-



Bill Emslie

District Governor 2017-18

*Fort Collins After-Work
Rotary Club*



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Visit 47, Rotary Club of Loveland, Mountain View. Board members and Rotarians from left to right are DG Bill Emslie, Treasurer Josh Miller, President Elect Anna Smoot, Board member Mindy McCloughan, President Jake Atchison, Board Member Erik Berlin and AG Michael Wailes.



Visit 47, Rotary Club of Loveland, Mountain View. From left to right are DG Bill Emslie, President Jake Atchison and AG Michael Wailes.

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stone for our Polio Plus effort. The total amount pledged and donated as of October 4 tops \$8,000 after including contributions from this night's visit to Estes Park. Our initial goal had been \$5,000 and we are so gratified by the generosity of our clubs and club members. We're not done yet, but this gift will immunize over 13,000 children, even before matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation triples that!

Our visit to the **Rotary Club of Estes Park, Long's Peak**, was held at a potluck dinner at the beautiful home of **President Tom Washburn**. Established on June 30, 2010, this small club of 10 active members accomplishes a great deal! The first major project for the club was a toilet. They have a grant for remodeling bathrooms and kitchens in Alamosa, CO, and are preparing for their 37th trip since 2002. They go down twice a year for projects. The current soup kitchen needs replacement, but they have served more than 50,000 meals for vets and anyone who is hungry.

They support local teachers and the food bank with KidsPak for children who need food through the weekend. This project was started with the **Rotary Club of Loveland**, has great community support and is worked through all three Estes Park Clubs and a District Grant. They also support an After-Prom Party to keep kids safe. There have been no lives lost since the After-Prom began. It provides bowling, pizza, soft drinks, keeping the students off the road and safe while requiring older people to stay up until 2 a.m. They do a Bright Christmas, which adopts a family with gifts purchased and wrapped; and Go Volunteers,

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which involves going abroad (China this year) to work on local students' English skills. They also helped raise money for an Exercise Lab, which provides exercise equipment for kids in schools who need movement and energy release. The project uses bicycles to provide electricity for video games, etc. The students can request to go there at any time.

Congratulations, **President Tom**, for your leadership of a club that provides significant impact on the community and beyond!

Visit #49, October 10, Rotary Club of Ski Town, USA

We set our goal of completing all Club visits by mid-October, not only to provide an opportunity for clubs to complete their DG visit early in the year, but also to reduce the possibility of travel in snow and icy conditions. This worked well until October 9, when our first snowstorm of the season gave us an opportunity to renew our winter driving skills. We left Fort Collins mid-day to meet the **Rotary Club of Ski Town, USA** board in Steamboat Springs that evening. Although we began with snow in Fort Collins, the roads were passable, but became more challenging as we progressed up the Poudre Canyon to the 10,300-foot Cameron Pass, where roads were icy and slick. While driving across North Park, we watched a coyote driven away from a road kill by a pair of magpies. We also drove over Rabbit Ears Pass with similar conditions, but arrived safely in Steamboat, where the sun was shining, and the grass was green. We met that evening with **President C.J. Mucklow** and learned more about the **Rota-**



Visit 47, Rotary Club of Loveland, Mountain View. From left to right are AG Michael Wailes, Mindy McCloughan, Mark Knudson, Jeff Lund, Stacy Stolen, Paul Matthews, Nicole Ferrara, DG Bill Emslie, President Jake Atchison, Ceri Anderson, Billy Shea, Andrew Flanscha, Leah Johnson, Erik Berlin, Collin Eisenhart, Jason Paiz and a guest.



Visit 48 - Rotary Club of Estes Park, Long's Peak. From left to right are club members and guests Ed Acela, Gary Wallace, Rachelle Washburn, President Elect Cathy Jensen, President Tom Washburn, Bob Vomaske, AG Linda Vomaske, Susan Tedder and Treasurer Renee McCauley.

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Visit 49, Rotary Club of Ski Town, USA. Left to right are AG Bill Emslie, new member John Kuhn and President C.J. Mucklow.



Visit 49, Rotary Club of Ski Town, USA. Left to right are Jeff Little, President Elect Loryn Kasten, New member John Kuhn, Past president Scott Parker, new member John Vanderbloemen, Leon Rinck, Terry Stokes, Treasurer Pam Palmquist, President C.J. Mucklow, DG Bill Emslie, Rob Knutson, Jan Fritz, Eugene Buchanan, Club Founder John Sherrill and Cheryl Fritz.

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ry Club of Ski Town, USA. C.J. shared an interesting story about his father and Rotary. His father was a Rotarian in Fort Collins for about 30 years until his passing in 2010. It was through his father that C.J. became aware of all the good in the world that Rotary does. Because of this, C.J. is a Rotarian today and attributes his initial involvement in Rotary to his father.

We spent a restful night in the local Holiday Inn, which is run by **Rotarian Scott Marr**. In the lobby, we also ran into **President Steve Sehnert of the Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs**. The next morning, a large herd of elk arranged itself most decoratively just below the golden aspen trees lining one of the fairways of the Catamount Golf Course, where this club meets.

We had a very enjoyable meeting with this wide-awake club of breakfast Rotarians. Some of the amazing projects this club does include support of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, support of Polio Plus, hands on support of a local nonprofit, Book Trails, support of United Way, support of after prom events, sponsorship of RYLA and Young RYLA students, mentoring high school students and a project to fight opioid abuse with other Rotary clubs. We had the honor of welcoming new member **Rotarian John Kuhn**, who had previously been a Rotarian. Welcome back to Rotary, John!

The **Rotary Club of Ski Town, USA** was established about ten years ago. With 35 active and six honorary members, this club is making a difference in the Steamboat Springs community. We appreciated the opportunity to visit.

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Congratulations, **President C.J. Mucklow**, in leading an active and diverse club that is making a difference in Steamboat Springs!

Visit #50, October 10, Rotary Club of Cheyenne, After Hours

Tracey and I completed our visit with the **Rotary Club of Ski Town, USA**, drove back to Fort Collins, stopped to take care of dogs, cats, horses, and assorted critters on our way to dinner with the **Rotary Club of Cheyenne, After Hours**. Prior to the club meeting we met with members of the board, including **President Beth Cook** and **President Elect Michelle Aldrich**, **Secretary Ann Lucas**, **Club Administration Director Judy Fossum**, **Fundraising and Community Service Director Rachel Martinez**, **Membership Director Brooke Zabka**, **Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Mathia** and **Sergeant-at-Arms Carol Mathia**.

This is a small, but active club of 22 members that was established on May 7, 2014.

Some of the recent projects of this club include preparation of chemo-care packages with the other Cheyenne Rotary clubs, the Rotaract, and the Interact clubs. Cheyenne After Hours also has a district grant to teach the Four Way Test to second graders in five schools. They also sponsor a very active Community Rotaract club.

Thank you **President Beth Cook** and your hard-working membership for making an impact on the community of Cheyenne and beyond.

Visit #51, October 11, Ro-

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Visit 50, Rotary Club of Cheyenne, After Hours. Front row, left to right are Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Mathia, Sergeant-at-Arms Carol Mathia, President Beth Cook, President Elect Michelle Aldrich, Community Service Director Rachel Martinez and Membership Director Brooke Zabka. Back row, left to right are Brian Farmer, AG Danny Brownell, Andy Aldrich, Club Administrative Director Judy Fossum and DG Bill Emslie.



Visit #51. Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work. From left to right are Wally Van Sickle, Joni Van Sickle, David Johnson, Past President Marji Trinen, Secretary Nikolas Foster, Past President Bryan Thompson, Satellite Chair Linda Knaack, James Knaack, Jim Grieve, President Ted Cluett, Program Chair Valarie Arnold, Rotaract member Rob Hope, Guest Rotarian from Turkey, Treasurer Neil Harrison, Past President Bill Krupke and sitting, DG Bill Emslie and Tracey Emslie.



Visit #52. Rotary Club of Estes Valley, Sunrise. From left to right are Leslie Glover, David O'Farrell, DG Bill Emslie, AG Linda Vomasse, President Michael Aldrich, Robert Foster, Lori Gaglio, Neil Herman, Katie Webermeier and Gordon Slack.



Visit #52. Rotary Club of Estes Valley, Sunrise. DG Bill congratulates two new members Aaron Florence (center) and Cory Workman.

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tary Club of Fort Collins, After Work

On October 11, we visited our home club, the **Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work**, also known as RAW. This required a slight change from our regular format, so after welcoming a visiting Rotarian from Turkey, we enjoyed more of a club assembly and report rather than doing a presentation on our own.

Fort Collins RAW was established on January 3, 2003. It is a small club, also known as "The little club that could." This hands-on club has a major emphasis on participatory projects.

When asked to expand on what factors keep specific members engaged, quite a list emerged:

More than 40 projects in Nepal, covering everything from orphans' support and schooling to medical relief, women's and deaf empowerment centers, school reconstruction following the April 2015 earthquake, all with close collaboration on site with our local contact and **Rotarian, Sudip Koirala**. **Sudip** has visited Fort Collins, our members have visited Nepal, creating a long-term relationship with great benefits to people in great need.

RAW also does a playground clean-up at La Familia, participates with the other three Fort Collins Rotary Clubs in sponsorship of the **Fort Collins Rotaract Club**, sponsors and hosts the local **Interact Club** twice a month, pitches in on the Peach Festival, provides medical supplies and equipment to Mexico, new well-drilling equipment in Cambodia, sponsors "mine-sniffing rats" (honest) in Africa, Cambo-

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dia & Viet Nam (the training is in Tanzania), contributes to a re-hab center in India for maimed workers who get hurt picking coconuts, and maintains an annual scholarship to Front Range Community College.

RAW has sponsored a satellite club in nearby Wellington, which will soon become the **Rotary Club of Wellington**, fondly nicknamed RCOW, which has been highly active on community projects and awareness. A budding e-club is also in the works.

Funding for all this is primarily through the club's annual Black-Tie Bingo, where generous people get dressed to the nines, enjoy the Rio's famous margaritas, listen to good music, sample food from Fort Collins finest restaurants, bid on silent and live auctions and, yes, play bingo.

Congratulations **President Ted Cluett** and all the exceedingly active members of the **Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work!**

Visit #52, October 17, 2017 Rotary Club of Estes Valley, Sunrise

On Monday, October 16, Tracey and I drove to Estes Park again, this time to meet with the **Rotary Club of Estes Valley, Sunrise** Board of Directors. We were hosted in the beautiful home of **Mark Holt** and **Leslie Glover** for the meeting, dinner, and a good night's rest. During the Board meeting, Tracey and I met with **President Mike Aldrich, Treasurer Dave O'Farrell, David White, Secretary Lori Gaglio, PP Gordon Slack, Katie Webermeier, Leslie Glover** and with **AG Linda Vomaske**. The board members took turns telling us about all the organizations this

club supports in the town of Estes Park. Last year this club raised approximately \$65K through two key fundraising events, which included hosting an annual arts and crafts fair and Autumn Gold benefit (bands, brats, and beer). These highly successful fundraisers enable the club to support many community organizations, which include dedicating 6,000 to a matching grants program where a club member donates up to \$200 and the club matches this donation. Also supported by this club are \$27,000 in community grants of which \$6,000 went to the American Legion this past year, a donation of \$2,000 to polio plus, recognition as Every Rotarian Every Year Club, and a drawing for a Paul Harris Fellowship. Social events include a home reception, and bowling, the club holds 6-8 social events per year. The second Tuesday of the month are team meetings where committees meet and plan their activities.

We got up very early the next morning for the short drive to the breakfast meeting at The Other Side restaurant. Here, **President Michael Aldrich** gave us a rousing welcome as we presented **Sam Portman** with a Paul Harris Fellowship and inducted two new members, **Aaron Florence** and **Cory Workman**.

We had several members visit us before and after the meeting. One of the unique practices of this club is to hold a social event every two to three months which allows members to get to know each other better as a breakfast club often requires many members to leave right after the meeting to open businesses, which limits social time together. These periodic social events help strengthen the club's personal ties. Thank you, **President Mike**, for your leadership in helping to make Rotary's presence in Estes Park a jewel in this community.

Visit #53, October 17, Ro-

tary Club of Fort Collins, Foothills

Following our visit with the **Rotary Club of Estes Park, Sunrise**, Tracey and I drove back to Fort Collins to meet with the **Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Foothills**. This club is special to me because it was in 1986 that **Rotarian Art Bavoso** invited me to become a member of this club. I spent the next 17 years experiencing Rotary in this club and enjoyed the friendship and fellowship and opportunity to serve as a member, ultimately becoming President in 1995-96. It was a pleasure to see **Art** again at this homecoming. As with other clubs, we began with a meeting with the board members, who included guest **AG Jerry Westbrook, President Curtis Carlson, Jacque Niedringhaus, Newt Wyler, PDG Mike Forney, International Committee Member Kathe Haake, AG and Club Treasurer Linda Vomaske, PEN and Membership Chair Mike Hohl, International Committee member Pete Thomas, PE Chris Coley, Community Engagement member Kelly Moll, Club Secretary Karen Morgan, and Erica Siemers**.

At this meeting we learned a lot about the many and diverse projects with which this club is involved. Some of the many projects this club sponsors include the Vocational Service Area Student and Teacher of the Month and year, The Four Way Test program at CLP and Lincoln Middle schools, a literacy grant to the Book Trust, support of Project Self Sufficiency, support of seven scholarships through the club foundation, Christmas baskets for families in need, and Rise Against Hunger which prepares nutritious meals for those in need. This club supports an Interact Club that is raising funds to support a project to prevent human trafficking. The club has an evening satellite group that works on their own

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Visit #52. Rotary Club of Estes Valley, Sunrise. DG Bill Emslie congratulates Sam Portman who is receiving a Paul Harris Fellowship.



Visit #53. Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Foothills. From left to right are AG Jerry Westbrook, Jacquie Niedringhaus, Newt Wyler, PEN Mike Hohl, Karen Morgan, Engagement member Kelly Moll, AG and club member Linda Vomaske Tracey Emslie, DG Bill Emslie, President Curtis Carlson, Win Schendel and PE Chris Coley.

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service projects such as coats and boots for children and a focus on homeless children. International projects include a water project in the Puerto Vallarta in Mexico with a club from Ohio.

Also, they have a brand-new fundraising mechanism, the Fort Collins Ale Trail, which is an app you download on your phone, then make a \$20 donation, which goes to support four charities, and the user receives discounts at almost all the breweries around Fort Collins.

Another major fundraiser for this club includes the Fort Collins Peach Festival, which evolved out of a coordination of efforts among the four **Fort Collins Rotary Clubs**. Leaders from the four clubs have been meeting on a regular basis since 1995. As a result, they have produced several coordinated projects or fundraisers that have benefited all four clubs.

This includes the Gardens at Spring Creek, a Four Way test coin and the Peach Festival. I remember when this club coordination began as I was President of the Foothills Club at that time. We conducted a survey of club members and one member suggested that the (then) three Fort Collins clubs coordinate their efforts. From this comment the Tri-Club Presidents meetings began, which have now evolved to the Quad Club monthly meeting.

Thank you, **President Curtis Carlson** for your leadership in continuing club traditions and community and international service from the **Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Foothills**. Your club is truly a high performing, community oriented Rotary Club.



Scottsbluff / Gering Rotary



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Gering Civic Center
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Hope to see you there!

Rotary District #5440 DGND: Bill Schilling

by PDG Mike Forney

Chair, Rotary District 5440 Nominating Committee

The District 5440 Nominating Committee has selected Bill Schilling of the Rotary Club of Casper as District Governor Nominee-Designate.

His year of service will begin on July 1, 2020. He joins Governor Bill Emslie, Governor Elect Chuck Rutenberg and Governor Nominee Chris Woodruff in the district's leadership.

Bill was president of his club in 2010-11.

He was a member of the District Grants Committee, a Rotary Leadership Institute graduate,



Rotary Foundation Bequest Society member and a Paul Harris Fellow plus eight. Recently retired, Bill continues to chair the

committee responsible for the million-dollar multi-year Casper Rotary Park project and is recipient of the Distinguished Committee Award, Distinguished Club Service Award, Ken Kurtz Award and the U.S. Senator Craig Thomas Award.

He will begin a three-year Rotary International training program for incoming district governors in July of this year.

District #5450 End Polio Now Dinner

Incoming zone director Larry Dimmitt with PDG Bryan Cooke and his wife Carolyn (right), with RI president Ian Riseley (bottom left), with PDG Barb Redder and her husband Don (bottom right). Photos taken at the D5450 Presidential End Polio Now dinner held January 6, 2018 at the Marriott Hotel, Lone Tree, CO.



Rotary Leadership Institute

The Nuts and Bolts of Rotary

by John Stewart, Marie Zimenoff,
and District Governor Bill Emslie

"It's like learning the Nuts and Bolts of Rotary" was part of a discussion about the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) training held of February 2-3 in Fort Collins.

The most recent RLI class was held on this past weekend with ten participants from northern Colorado clubs.

RLI is a 12-hour training held on Friday evening and Saturday to enrich our knowledge about Rotary.

Instructors included President **John Stewart** from **Loveland Rotary**, **Marie Zimenoff** from **Fort Collins Breakfast Rotary** and **DG Bill Emslie**. When you complete RLI, you have a lot better knowledge about how Rotary provides the many services and opportunities available to Rotarians and Rotary Clubs.

Some of the comments from class participants regarding this RLI class included:

- "Open discussion, shared ideas, informative
- Learned a lot about The Rotary Foundation and grants
- Much expanded my knowledge of Rotary, especially RI grants
- Membership Ideas and how to think about our club and potential new members
- How my club fits into the big picture
- Membership, foundation,

strategic planning, fellowship, engaging members

- Where our funds go
- Camaraderie among participants"

The RLI classes that have been requested this year include the class just completed in Fort Collins on February 2-3; and

Laramie at Laramie County Community College-Albany County Campus Feb 16 starting at 5:00 PM – Feb 17, 2018 4:00 PM

Windsor - to be scheduled

Casper - to be scheduled

Your area - contact John Stewart



Rotarians participating in the Fort Collins RLI Class on February 2-3 include: Back row, left to right Instructor Marie Zimenoff from Fort Collins Breakfast, Kathryn Vilha from Loveland, Eric Ferm from Fort Collins Foothills, Instructor John Stewart from Loveland, Katie Guthrie from Loveland Satellite, Suzanne Peterson from Loveland and Lori Gaglio from Estes Valley Sunrise. Front row left to right: Karen Monks from Estes Valley Sunrise, Bob Eatman from Loveland, President Mark Tovar from Greeley After Hours, Debbie Ledbetter from Windsor and Susan Johnston from Estes Valley Sunrise.

or Marie Zimenoff to schedule.

If you would like to take advantage of this great training opportunity please register for one of the classes above on our District 5440 Website at <http://www.rotary5440.org/>, or if you wish please contact our District 5440 RLI Co-chairs John Stewart at jstewart@frii.com or Marie Zimenoff at marie@strategicadvantage.com and ask to have an RLI class scheduled in your area.

It is a great way to learn more about Rotary and meet some wonderful Rotarians and share your Rotary experiences. Cost is just \$70 which includes two meals, lots of snacks and your class notebook.

Scottsbluff-Gering Rotary Dictionary Project

by Terry K. Rajewich
Scottsbluff/Gering Rotary Club

The Scottsbluff / Gering Rotary Club recently delivered dictionaries to approximately 500 third grade students in Scotts Bluff County including private schools. Literacy remains one of the clubs annual goals. The dictionary project originally began in Colorado in the year 2001.

Rotarians in the photo: far left – Gary Shoemaker, far right – Bob Pile are shown with students from Northfield Elementary school in Gering.

Many other Rotarians not shown helped deliver dictionaries to the schools to help make the project a success.



District Interact News

by Steve Misch
Rotary District #5440 Interact Chair

Let's celebrate a record year for District 5440 Interact successes: five new Interact Clubs and counting – a remarkable year of Interact Service Projects and fundraising – membership levels growing!!!

The District would love for you to gather to celebrate those successes, socialize and exchange ideas, not to mention, participate in an incredible Duck Race Event.

With your "Interact Advisors" support, please promote with the Interact Youth and have them register at "RotaryDistrict5440."

The cost of registration is being

reduced for Interact attendees, BUT, we need numbers to determine lodging possibilities and food.

Being a grandfather of Inter-

act-aged youth, I know how challenging it is to nail down the attendance – sports, finals, Prom, etc., BUT, advisors and supporting Rotary Clubs, please reach out to these youth soon.



Saturday, March 24th

AGAVE ROOM
RIO GRANDE MEXICAN RESTAURANT

143 WEST MOUNTAIN AVENUE, FORT COLLINS

BINGO & SILENT AUCTION

7:00pm

SOCIAL HOUR

5:30 to 6:30pm

**\$100
TICKET PRICE**



Painting a Rotary Logo on the Mexican Border Wall

Over the extended MLK weekend, ten Rotarians from the RC of Steamboat Springs and ten Interactors from Steamboat Springs High School travelled to Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico for the 10th year in a row to work with the Club Rotario de Agua Prieta.

Agua Prieta is a border city of 80,000 people with a very active and involved Rotary club of about 15 dedicated members. Many of the residents of Agua Prieta are without running water, trash collection, paved roads, or other city services.

One of the highlights of the trip was to paint the Rotary logo "Be a Gift to the World" on the border wall between Agua Prieta and Douglas, Arizona.

The "Wall" is constructed of steel girders and panels over 30 feet tall that stretches for miles across the border between the two countries. On the Mexican



Prieta Fire Chief (Jefe de Bomberos) and the Mayor each presented the club with official letters of thanks and a plaque during a ceremony attended by local citizens and the entire crew of "Bomberos". The plaque was presented to Steamboat's "Jefe de Policia" and fellow Rotarian, Cory Christensen who had arranged for the donation of nozzles, fire-resistant clothing, and helmets from the Steamboat Springs Fire Department.

The Interact students, including two Rotary exchange students from Switzerland and Germany also planted trees and painted swings and slides at a playground being added on property next to the new fire station.

The Rotarians and students also participated in a project being sponsored by "Reflect – a Ray of Hope" where 50 people on each side of the border spaced 10 meters apart wear a small mirror on their fore-



side, artists have been given permits to paint various creations on the wall alongside the road that leads to the busy border checkpoint, where cars line up most of the day.

The students all pitched in with brushes, ladders, and scaffolding to create a very visible symbol of the connections between our two clubs and the two cities.

The Mayor of Agua Prieta was there for a photo opportunity and words of encouragement to the Rotarians and students.

Another highlight was the donation of \$5,000 of surplus firefighting equipment to a new fire station in Agua Prieta still under construction. The Agua

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heads. In the strong desert sun these mirrors reflect a dazzling sun flash back to drone video cameras.

These flashes join to become a single brilliant light burning across the border - a ray of hope **promoting peace, tolerance and unity.**

The local Rotary club assisted with visits to a school for children with disabilities, a senior citizen center, and to assist a local group who provide recreation and food every Saturday to neighborhood children. We handed out school and art supplies, soaps and cleaning materials, and nearly 100 soccer balls from money raised by the Interactors.

The local Rotary club provided home-prepared



Mexican food and entertained us with Mariachi bands, Spanish dancers, and singing accompanied by guitars from members of both clubs. We participated in the induction of two new members for their Rotary Club.

It was a very memorable weekend for everyone and a tradition that will continue for many years to come with our friends from Agua Prieta.



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Purple Pins For Polio

Eighth Annual Fort Collins Rotary Clubs Purple Pins for Polio event raises \$117,000 for Polio Plus

More than 170 Fort Collins Rotarians, Colorado State University Roteract and Fort Collins High School and RYLA Interact Club members and guests participated in the 8th annual "Purple Pins for Polio" event at Chipper's Lanes in Fort Collins on January 28th. It was great fun, great fellowship and we raised \$39,000! Combining this with the double matching funds from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Fort Collins Rotary clubs contributed \$117,000 to the Rotary Foundation Polio Plus program providing funding to vaccinate 195,000 children worldwide.

With this outstanding support for the 2018 Purple Pins for Polio event, the Fort Collins Rotary clubs have contributed nearly \$500,000 to Rotary Polio Plus over the past 8 years.

The participating clubs included the Rotary Club of Fort Collins and its satellite club, Foothills Rotary Club of Fort Collins and it's evening group, Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast, Fort Collins Rotary After Work, CSU Roteract Club, Fort Collins High School Interact Club and Fort Collins RYLA Interact Club. We received



41 total lane sponsorships this year from Rotarians and their sponsors including 3 major donors. Major donors are members who contribute \$1,000 or more to Polio Plus and this year special recognition goes to Mike Sanders of the Foothills Rotary Club who contributed \$26,400 to Polio Plus. We also want to thank the many additional donors who raised pledges and made personal contributions. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

We also want to recognize our very generous food donors who

have enthusiastically supported this event over the years:

- Domino's Pizza - Eight Year Sponsor of Purple Pins for Polio
- Qdoba - Eight Year Sponsor of Purple Pins for Polio
- Chick-fil-A - Three Year Sponsor of Purple Pins for Polio

We also want to express our thanks and appreciation to the

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Youth Exchange Ski Trip



District 5440 Youth Exchange students had a wonderful opportunity to ski at Snow Range Ski Area in January. It was cold and windy, but they were troopers and even the beginners were out all day. The next day everyone watched the Wyoming women beat San Jose in an exciting basketball game. Some of the students got shirts and signed posters! Members of the Laramie club graciously hosted the students overnight. They played games, watched a couple of movies and went bowling. Thanks everyone who worked to provide this very special weekend for our Inbound students!

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Fort Collins Quad-Club Committee that makes this event happen every year:

- Bill Brayden: Foothills Rotary Club
- Susie Ewing: Rotary Club of Fort Collins
- Jim Grieve: Rotary After Work
- Ruth Lutes: Foothills Rotary Club
- Phil Murphy: Fort Collins Rotary Breakfast Club
- Tanis Roeder: Rotary Club of Fort Collins
- Bill West: Rotary club of Fort Collins
- Newt Wyler: Foothills Rotary Club Evening Group

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Douglas Rotary/Interact

The Rotary Club of Douglas, and the Douglas High School Interact Club (a branch of Rotary at the high school level), had their first joint meeting since the inception of the Interact Club. Both Clubs perform a variety of community service projects, local, domestic, and international. This meeting shows both students and Rotarians working together to make dog toys out of old t-shirts for our local Humane Society.



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Date: February 23rd, 2018

Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Location:

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Overview

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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.

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Area of Focus: Water & Sanitation

Clean water and hygiene have been a central focus of Rotarians since 1907, when the first Rotary club initiated its first public service project: the construction of public toilets in Chicago. Since then, Rotary service projects have been addressing water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) needs for more than a quarter of a century.

Concern for clean water and sanitation has now risen to be one of Rotary's six "Areas of Focus". Since the launch of Global Grants, Rotary has invested in nearly 500 water and sanitation projects, making this area of focus the second largest in terms of global grant activity and dollars spent from 2013 to 2015.

Perhaps the most active WASH interest in Zone 27 is located in Colorado's District 5450. Under the leadership of DG Abbas Rajabi and workshop co-chairs Bruce Halloran and Steve Werner, a WASH Symposium was held in Denver on October 15, 2017.

Under the title "Building WASH: building capacity and sustainability in water, sanitation and hygiene", two key objectives were addressed: 1) strengthening WASH education, WASH in schools and capacities for sustainability, and 2) building successful business models that bring functional and sustainable WASH solutions to areas in need.

Under the leadership of Chairman Paul Netzel and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, committees of Rotarians have been established to raise major gifts in support of our six areas of focus.

A goal of \$25 million has been set to support water and sanitation projects, and as of December 31, 2017, over \$10.5 million has already been raised toward that goal.

Among the twelve members of the water and sanitation major gifts initiative committee (WAS*MGI) is PDG Martin Limbird, who

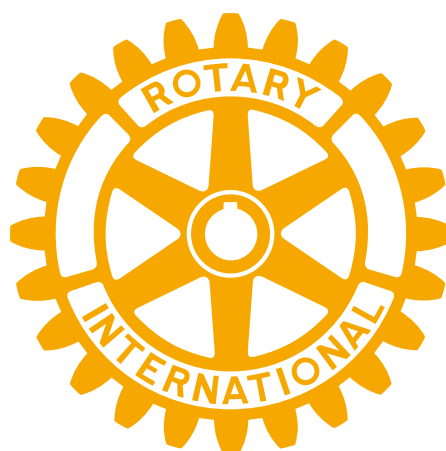
belongs to the Rotary Club of Fort Collins, CO (D5440). Among his duties on the WAS*MGI committee is consultation with Rotarians to identify individuals and firms interested in joining in supporting Rotary's efforts in this important area of focus.

R. I. President Ian Riseley has set forth a strong emphasis on the relationship of world peace and Rotary's six areas of focus by initiating six small conferences throughout the world during his term. Limbird will attend the peace/water and sanitation symposium to be held in Beirut, Lebanon in February 2018.

"On returning to Zone 27 after the Beirut conference, I intend to organize small group events in our zone to further major gift development in support of WASH", said Limbird.

For further information, contact Limbird at rotarymartin@com-cast.net

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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.



Inspiration Around Every Corner

2018 RI CONVENTION TORONTO, CANADA

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 under-way 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:

2018 Rotary Convention Promotion <https://vimeo.com/198229501>

Toronto-Edgewalk with RI President <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vg5bRC-670BE&feature=youtu.be>

Canada's Pastime-Hockey Museum https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=42&v=WLTi6e4CyQY

Welcome to Toronto! https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=14&v=e4m1p0y6C4A

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My Rotary Story

by Jim Lutey

Greeley After-Hours Rotary Club



I'm a generalist. Always have been. I think it evolved from my childhood and early years. I liked to do lots of things (fish, hunt, golf, taxidermy, fly tying, camping, etc.) and really never concentrated on any one thing to do it really well. I was "good" at lots of things, but never an expert at any one thing.

I had a 32 ½ year career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. During my career, I was never a "specialist" in any one aspect of fish and wildlife management or natural resources. I was a "generalist." I've never felt a need to apologize for being a "generalist," because, even though I wasn't an expert, I've always done a good job at whatever task I was committed to doing.

What does that have to do with my Rotary Story? Well, I've been a Rotarian for almost 32 years. That doesn't mean I know a lot about Rotary. My "generalist" traits have persisted and followed me into Rotary. You see, it isn't my nature to be an expert in Rotary or in any one aspect of Rotary. I know a lot about Rotary generally, but really not much about Rotary specifical-

ly. I'm a "generalist."

It was in early 1986 that my father-in-law, a Rotarian with the Lakewood, CO Rotary Club, invited me to join Rotary. I was inducted in May 1986, before women were allowed to be Rotarians and Rotary was just starting the Polio Plus campaign. That started my Rotary journey. I was a member of the Lakewood Club for 15 years. Like my childhood and career, I enjoyed Rotary, learned a lot, but never was an expert in any one aspect of Rotary. Again, when I took on a job, I think I did it well. I held several offices, including President. During my term as President, our club received the Paul Harris Award during District Conference – the most prestigious award that District 5450 bestowed upon a club. I was proud of that. And I helped facilitate that prestigious accomplishment as a "generalist."

After I retired from the Fish and Wildlife Service, we moved to Johnstown, CO. I soon transferred to the Johnstown-Milliken Rotary Club and was a member there for 15 years. I served in several positions, including President for

1.62 years (that's a long story)! I was involved with Rotary – leading projects and serving on committees. And I was still a "generalist."

I transferred to the Greeley After Hours Rotary Club in November 2016. My wife also became a Rotarian. I see members of our club that are experts in such aspects of Rotary as The Rotary Foundation, RLI training, community service, etc. But, guess what? I'm still a "generalist."

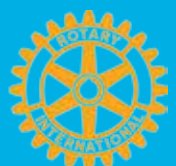
The moral of my Rotary Story is that I think Rotarians can contribute to the community and the world through Rotary in whatever way they can. They don't necessarily need to be an expert in any one aspect of Rotary or in a District leadership position. Being a "generalist" is sufficient.

Rotarians SHOULD be diverse, not just ethnically, but in terms of the various contributions they can make to their club, the community, and the world. We NEED generalists, just as we NEED those that get deeply involved in specific aspects of Rotary.

I like being a "generalist."

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My Rotary Story

by **Monty Weymouth**

Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Foothills

When you are six years old you can almost touch your toes with your elbow. When the doctor asked me if I could touch my toes I'm quite sure I looked at him like he was a little looney. As it turns out, I could just barely get my fingers below my knees. The doctor looked at my parents and said, "May be Infantile Paralysis". (Polio) My father transported me to the hospital where I would be for some time.

I mostly remember the hot packs, which were a type of wool pad, placed on my skinny little body. Hopefully to accomplish something? Your guess is as good as mine.

One afternoon a pretty blond girl was rolled into my room. I could not tell much about her other than the fact she had blond hair as the rest of her body was in an Iron Lung. The Iron Lung (as I remember) wheezed and clanked and went on and on. The next morning the little blond girl and the Iron Lung were no longer anywhere to be seen.

I was one of the lucky ones. After a few weeks I was sent home with tight back and leg muscles. Never

could touch my toes after that, but no apparent ill affects! I was very fortunate

Indeed!

I joined Rotary some twenty-five years later and have been a Rotarian for almost fifty years. My wife, Glenrose, and I have hosted two foreign exchange students, both from Australia. One, Kerrie, said as she left for home, "I'll be back." Six months went by and one day the bell rang, and sure enough Kerrie was standing on our front porch.

We hosted three young people from Group Study Exchanges and I had the privilege of leading a Group Study Exchange to Japan. I served as President and have served various times on the board of directors. All were wonderful fulfilling experiences.

Then Polio entered our lives again as Rotary took on the monumental task of eradicating Polio! Our club chose to order and sell hundreds of Rotary Cookbooks. We had cases and cases of cook books and everyone sold and sold. The overall job seemed to fall to me and I loved it! I have

been in sales all my life and nothing ever sold easier, especially when coupled with a story about eradicating Polio. When it came down the last fifty or so books sales seemed to slow down and got a little tougher, but perseverance paid off. Strange, Glenrose and I ended up without a Rotary Cook Book.

We purchased many but they all seemed to be given to friends.

I think of the thousands and thousands of young kids like the little blond girl in the Iron Lung, the ones who will not have to go to Heaven long before their time, the ones who will not go through life with terrible paralyzed bodies and even the ones like me who were just down and out for a while.

Thank you, Rotary, thank you for the thousands and thousands of hours of work the millions of dollars raised and donated! The world is so much better off because of the sacrifice so many Rotarians.

Thank You!!!

THANK YOU!!!



My 2018 Rotary To-Do List

by Bill Emslie

District Governor 5440

Rotary Club of Fort Collins After Work

It happens to all of us. We get busy doing the most pressing tasks and feel pretty good that we are keeping up with everyday demands. But then we realize that amid the clutter of the routine, there are some bigger and longer-term things we have not yet taken care of. Rotarians have many responsibilities. We have family and friends. We have our jobs, our careers. We have personal needs like our health and education. No matter which way we turn there is something that we need to get done; maybe not today or tomorrow, but it is lurking out there, like a big iceberg in unfamiliar waters, ready to surprise us if we do not pay attention at some point. This sounds a little scary. For myself, I realized long ago that if I do not write it down on my checklist, it probably will not get done. I have lists for home and business, personal and family and somewhere in the stack of paper on my desk is my list of things to do for Rotary.

Chances are, your Rotary list has some different items on it. Your club and my club are different in what we focus on. Youth, health care, seniors and a myriad of community service activities, are just a few of the subjects my club and your club can choose to focus on. The monthly travel log Tracey and I have been writing in your People of Action Newsletter is a journal of what each club is doing in our district. But I bet there are some things we have on our lists that are the same. Here is an opportunity to update your Rotary to do list for 2018 and a chance to navigate around that iceberg before it is too late to do something about it. Here we go.....

1. Have you completed your People of Action Citation or nominated a Rotarian you know for this recognition?

This is an opportunity to tell your Rotary story and to invite a friend or associate to learn more about Rotary. As a Rotarian, you are the best advocate for why others should become Rotarians. We will publish these stories with your permission so that we can spread the word about Rotary. You can find the nomination form attached to this newsletter or on our District 5440 Website at www.rotary5440.org.

2. Sign up for the 2018 Spring District Training Assembly to be held Saturday, April 7.

You can do this at www.rotary5440.org. Why? We will present the first ever district Peace building workshop. World peace is a goal of Rotary. You have an opportunity to stretch your knowledge of what achieving world peace really involves.

- Past RI Director Phil Silvers and our own District 5440 Rotarian, Dr. Bill Timpson, will give us firsthand knowledge of peace building efforts. This workshop is just part of the District Training assembly, but will help you gain a better appreciation for what it takes to achieve peace in this complicated world.
- We will hear about The Rotary Foundation and the good you and other Rotarians in our district are doing in their communities and in the world. The Rotary Foundation is one of the best anywhere. Spring is the start of a new funding cycle. How can you and your club take advantage of the many grants that are available? These include the

District Grants, Global Grants, Centennial Grants and the new Rotaract Interact (RI) Grant.

- The agenda will be out soon, but I can promise you that there are several great topics where you will learn something new.

3. Register for the District 5440 Rotary Foundation Recognition Dinner to be held Saturday evening, April 7.

- Past RI Director Phil Silvers, who is also assisting in teaching the Peacebuilding workshop at the District Training Assembly that afternoon, will be our Keynote Speaker.
- Many of our clubs and district Rotarians will receive recognition for their support of The Rotary Foundation.
- Registration is available now on our District 5440 website at www.Rotary5440.org.

4. Register for the District Conference to be held on May 3-5, 2018 in Estes Park.

With a new format and great program, here are some of the highlights:

- We will focus on the clubs. This will be a celebration of our district's Rotary Clubs, Satellite Groups and Clubs, Rotaract Clubs and Interact Clubs. We will highlight some of your achievements during this past year.
- We have a great line up of speakers, including Past RI Director and Vice President Greg Podd, Peace Scholar Cornelia Weiss, and Polio Eradication veteran Carl Tintzman. We have two other invited speakers who will

inspire us and one surprise guest speaker.

- The format has changed to accommodate your busy schedule. You can come Thursday evening or Friday morning. You can spend one, two or three nights at the conference hotel or accommodations of your choice. The conference officially opens at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 4.
- The Conference hotel is the newly renovated Ridgeline Hotel. We have the ice cream social here on Thursday evening and the Saturday evening pre-banquet receptions. We have a special rate of \$149 per night available by calling the Ridgeline Hotel directly at (844) 744-5525.
- A special Stanley Hotel Package is available on a first come basis. We have negotiated a special rate of \$179 per night. Reservations can be made by calling the Stanley Hotel at (800) 976-1377 and mention the Rotary District 5440 Conference discount.
- Of course, you are welcome to stay at any other Estes Park area hotel as we have no minimum blocks to fill.
- Registration is available now on our District 5440 website at www.Rotary5440.org for the entire conference or as an ala carte registration if you cannot attend all sessions. Here are some of the scheduled events and activities:
- Thursday evening, May 3 - Home hospitality with Estes Park Rotarians and the Ice Cream Social at the Ridgeline Hotel.
- Friday Morning, May 4 - Free time activities or travel to the conference.
- Friday 11:30 a.m. - The con-

ference officially opens with a buffet luncheon and all-plenary sessions.

- Friday evening - Western barbecue and dance featuring dance caller Sharon Guli accompanied by a three-piece country music team of the Grandview Victorian Orchestra. Sharon provides a beginner-friendly program, with good-humored instructions. It is fun! Come play!
- Saturday afternoon - Free time activities will include an opportunity to sponsor and follow the Estes Park Rotary Club Duck Race or, if you prefer, experience several other optional activities such as High Tea at the Stanley Hotel, a Stanley Hotel historic tour, hiking, fishing, horseback riding or just relaxing in our conference hotel.
- Saturday evening is our closing, with keynote speaker Greg Podd, an impressive banquet and the special awards we have all been waiting for.
- This promises to be a fun-filled and meaningful weekend. If you have young children in your family, we are offering licensed day care at a local facility. Please plan on joining us where, as Rotarians and People of Action, we will Take Action in Estes Park.

5. Register and attend the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada.

This will be an amazing experience. Those of you who have attended a Rotary International convention in the past will want to let your Rotarian friends know about this opportunity. One of the highlights is a reception with your neighbors from our own district held during the convention. You can find out more about and register for this exciting experi-

ence at <http://www.riconvention.org/en>. Some of the convention highlights and reasons to attend include:

- Learn best practices from successful projects
- Share unforgettable experiences at exhibits and events
- Immerse yourself in diverse cultures and develop rich relationships

Some of the program highlights include:

- Unparalleled lineup of speakers, entertainment, and events
- Preconvention events
- House of Friendship
- Breakout sessions
- And finally, you can discover Toronto with highlights such as:
- Tour Casa Loma, Toronto's renowned Gothic castle
- Explore Kensington Market, the legendary outdoor market
- Delight in traditional bakeries and delis in Roncesvalles Village
- Register now while hotels near the conference center are still available.



What Happened to January?

by Bill Emslie

District Governor 5440

Rotary Club of Fort Collins After Work

Where did January go? I am always amazed at how each new year starts. We close with a wonderful holiday season and thoughts of what we will do in the coming year. Suddenly its January and we start thinking about what we need to do. Now January is gone.

I like lists. I have a list for each major focus in my life. My lists cover a broad range of topics including faith, family, job and recreation. I try to schedule something from each of these areas every week. It is good feeling to check something off the list, even though I know the list will never be completed, it keeps me doing things I know need attention. And yes, I do have Rotary list I look at every day. Some of the things on this list are in My 2018 Shopping List, which is printed somewhere in this issue of our February People of Action Newsletter.

What about Rotary in February? What is our focus this month besides planning for the next month? Did you know Rotary International has designated February is World Awareness month? This can mean many things but there are two special international conferences going on this month that help advance peace and understanding in this world, something Rotary cares deeply about and as a Rotarian I strongly support. These events include two Rotary International Presidential peacebuilding conferences. The conference on February 17 will focus on – [Water and](#)

[Sanitation and Peace](#), and will be held in Beirut, Lebanon. At least one District Rotarian, PDG Martin Limbird will be attending this very interesting and important conference. The other Rotary Presidential Peacebuilding Conference will focus on [Environmental Sustainability and Peace](#), and will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on February 10. This conference will be attended by Dr. Bill Timpson, a peace building pioneer, a Rotarian and professor at Colorado State University here in Fort Collins. Both PDG Martin and Dr. Timpson will bring the message of peacebuilding to us. Dr Timpson will be presenting this at our District Training Assembly on April 7. At this assembly, for the first time in recent memory, Dr. Timpson and Past Rotary International Director Phil Silvers will present a peacebuilding workshop. PDG Martin Limbird will also comment on what he learned at the peacebuilding conference in Beirut, Lebanon.

You can sign up for this unique assembly, which includes many other areas of focus, on our district website at <http://www.rotary5440.org/>. If you are a first-time attendee to one of our district training assemblies, the cost is just half of the normal \$50 registration fee. After the assembly that evening we will hold our second annual Rotary Foundation dinner to recognize the giving members in our district who have made contributions to our amazing Rotary foundation over the past year. You can register for this dinner, which will start after the District Training Assembly the evening of April 7.

You may recall last month I mentioned my first meeting with my new commanding officer on board my first submarine. It was a memorable experience and I carry with me today the words he planted in my head and heart that day. He gave me a note with two main points regarding leadership. The first key point read, "Do what is right. It will amaze some and please the rest." We wrote about this point last month. But what about the second point?

I have also carried the second point with me since that meeting over 45 years ago. This point has to do with understanding what motivates people. By understanding this, one can be in a better position to work with people and reach mutually acceptable agreements. It was given to me in somewhat salty language, so I present here a more modern interpretation that goes something like this ... "Each person looks after their own needs first." When I think about this today I think of terms such as emphatic listening, Maslow's hierarchy of needs, or "never assume anything." In Rotary, I do my best to apply this second point by trying to understand a person's needs and incorporating this into my thinking before making any decisions or reaching any agreements. Put another way, in every encounter where I find myself with differing priorities, I try to understand the other persons needs and come to a solution that benefits everyone.

Have a wonderful February fellow Rotarians. Thank you for all you do to make this world a better place.



**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.

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2018 Spring Assembly

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2018 Foundation Dinner

Apr. 7, 2018
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