

People Of Action NEWSLETTER

"Rotarians are People of Action Making a Difference"



Dayton/Ranchester Rotary

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District Governor's Message

It All Starts With Our Members

Bill & Tracey's Journal of Club Visits; Part 6: Sept. 27 to Oct. 3

Visit #42, September 27, Rotary Club of Fort Collins

Established August 1, 1918, the Rotary Club of Fort Collins will be the second club in District 5440 to celebrate its centennial. The club is the largest in Fort Collins with a total membership of 147 that include 118 active members, 4 honorary members and 25 satellite members. Living in Fort Collins, we have had many occasions to visit this well-established club, but this is only the second time Bill has made a formal presentation there. The first was in early 1971, when he was invited to speak as a Midshipman about to graduate from the United States Naval Academy. It was an honor and pleasure to return and speak again, 46 years later.

We met with members of the Board prior to the club meeting and were impressed with the wide range of activities this club undertakes in the service to humanity. Board members **President Jeanne Fangman**, **President Elect Steve Laine**, **Board Member Kathy Nicol**, **Secretary Renee Machovec** and **STEM Chair Tammie Niemann**, summarized a wide range of projects, including:

- Community grants, such as \$500 to the Early Childhood Council of Larimer County, an annual project to build expertise and educate child care providers,
- Support of the Rocky Mountain Raptor program contributing \$2,750 to the annual education budget,
- STEM program support. **Tammie Niemann** shared this new grant made in cooperation with all four Fort Collins Rotary clubs to provide teacher development and equipment costs. An example is a STEM Club at a local school with 12 sets of classroom packages that include 3-D software,
- The **Bob Everitt Grant**: This is a three-year grant of \$2,500 per year with a match from Colorado State University with science kits and honors recently deceased member **Bob Everitt**.
- A Legacy fund was established which now totals over \$460,000. A

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Bill Emslie

District Governor 2017-18

*Fort Collins After-Work
Rotary Club*





Visit 42, Rotary Club of Fort Collins. Board members and guests left to right include AG Jerry Westbrook, President Elect Steve Laine, President Jeanne Fangman, STEM Chair Tammie Niemann, Board member Kathy Nicol, Secretary Renee Machovec and DG Bill Emslie.



Visit 42, Rotary Club of Fort Collins. DG Bill Emslie and Spouse Rotarian Tracey Emslie visit with Board members Jeanne Fangman (top left) Kathy Nicol and Steve Laine (on right).

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goal has been set to reach \$1 million in 2018.

- World community service includes projects such as wheel chairs to South America, support of an orphanage in Mexico, a clean water project in Honduras and peace efforts with Rotary International. Rotarian **Bill Timpson** is chair of the District Peace and Conflict Resolution Subcommittee. He and his subcommittee will be presenting a peace building workshop at the April 7 District Training Assembly in Cheyenne. The committee also publishes a peace building newsletter.

With a Centennial celebration coming up in 2018, this club will involve all four Rotary Clubs in Fort Collins with a special Rotary-centered exhibit to be erected at Spring Creek Gardens.

During its 99+ years, this club has an established tradition of providing leadership to our District, to Fort Collins, and to the State of Colorado. Past District Governors from this club include **PDG Lynne Baker** and **PDG Martin Limbird**, and was home club to now deceased **PDG Max Getts**, **PDG Robert Sears**, **PDG Sam Portner**, **PDG Walter Cooper**, **PDG Mortimer Stone**, and **PDG Charlie McMillan**. This is also **DGE Chuck Rutenberg's** home club.

One other leader who was recognized during this meeting was **John Matsushima**, who was honored be the National Western Stock Show Citizen of the West in 2013.

Other leadership in this club is **Phyllis Abt**, former president of the club, has served as District

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Trainer and was District Rotarian of the Year in 2016 and former president, **Judy Boggs**, was named District Rotarian of the year in 2017.

Congratulations **President Jeanne Fangman** on your leadership and commitment, which enables the **Rotary Club of Fort Collins** to continue as a strong servant to humanity in Fort Collins and across the Globe.

Visit #43, September 28, Rotary Club of Casper-Five Trails

Tracey & I were up well before sunrise to begin a three and one-half hour drive to Casper. This was our second opportunity this year to visit this fine city, with its many equally fine Rotarians. **The Rotary Club of Casper, Five Trails** is named for the historic intersection of five pioneer trails. If you are ever in Casper be sure to visit the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center.

Established on May 1, 1993, the club will celebrate 25th anniversary in 2018 and currently has 62 active members. During its active, 25-year history, this club has contributed two District Governors including **PDG Dave Scriven**, and Immediate **PDG Barb Redder**. **PDG Barb Redder** was also Rotarian of the Year in 2012-13.

One of the highlights of the club's good work has been to conceive, design, raise funds for, purchase, and install a beautiful Rotary clock in the Casper town square. This clock is a legacy gift to the community and projects Rotary's image to the many thousands of people who will see it this year alone. When in downtown Casper meet



Visit 42, Rotary Club of Fort Collins. PDG Lynne Baker standing in center.



Visit 42, Rotary Club of Fort Collins. DG Bill Emslie greets member and PDG Martin Limbird.



Visit 42, Rotary Club of Fort Collins. President Jeanne Fangman with DG Bill Emslie.

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Visit 43, Rotary Club of Casper, Five Trails. Meeting with club board members from left to right include AG Wayne Heili, Bob Breck, Lesha Thorvaldson, Brian McCash, President Elect Albon Shaw, President Chad Cundy and DG Bill Emslie.



Visit 43, Rotary Club of Casper, Five Trails. At the newly dedicated Rotary Clock from left to right are President Elect Albon Shaw, President Chad Cundy, DG Bill Emslie and AG Wayne Heili.



Visit 43, Rotary Club of Casper, Five Trails. From left to right President Chad Cundy, DG Bill Emslie and AG Wayne Heili

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your friends at the Rotary Clock.

Prior to meeting with the club, I met with members of the Board and guests including **President Chad Cundy, Bob Breck, Lesha Thorvaldson, Treasurer Debbie Bradley, Teresa Back, Brian McCash, President Elect Albon Shaw** and **AG Wayne Heili**, also a club member, to learn more about the community and international projects this club sponsors. Some of the key projects include sponsoring two outbound year-long exchange students, Kids for Hunger, Kelly's Kids, a Centennial Grant to Keep Casper Beautiful, and a two-table picnic shelter at the local Trail center with educational and historic emphasis. The biggest project this past year was completing on the Rotary Clock in downtown Casper. This club knows how to get things done.

Thank you, Rotary Club of Casper, 5 Trails, led by **President Chad Cundy**, for all you do to improve lives in the Casper community and beyond.

Visit #44, September 29, Rotary Club of Sheridan

After completing an enjoyable visit with the **Rotary Club of Casper, Five Trails**, Tracey and I drove to Sheridan, where we spent the night in preparation for our visit to the **Rotary Club of Sheridan**. This is a club with some long-standing traditions. The club was established on June 1, 1919 and will soon celebrate 100 years of serving the Sheridan community. There are currently 67 members which includes three honorary members. The club has provided leadership to the district with **PDG Charlie Oviatt, PDG Jack Gage** and **PDG John Patton**.

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After a restful night, we met with the Sheridan Board, including **President David Alden, Joe Wright, Megan Powers, Treasurer** and **Executive Secretary Terry Weitzel, Rob Forister, Christine Dieterich, Lynn Hartje** and **AG Norm Anderson**. We heard about the many community projects this club manages including a welcome sign at the city entrance, a shelter at the Rotary Park at the fairgrounds, Books for Raising readers, flowers planted at the VA cemetery, work with Habitat for Humanity to build a house, Christmas caroling at the Senior Center, and a Veteran's Day banner. International projects include working with the **Rotary Club of Evanston** on a \$20,000 project for potable water in Nicaragua. The club sponsors an Interact club and sent ten students to RYLA and Young RYLA this past year. The club focuses on youth oriented projects. For example, they award a student of the month and host an international youth exchange student.

Funds are raised for these projects with the annual Gunpowder and Buckskin event, a 60-year tradition.

We also had an opportunity to meet their exchange student from Thailand, **Sahatsawat Wannachot phawet**, who is called **Phet**, and **Regan McDougal**, Student of the Month from Sheridan Community College. Both **Phet** & **Regan** are having the time of their lives going to school in Sheridan. Regan is a former member of Interact and will graduate from Sheridan Community College this year.

This is an active Rotary Club with many community projects and



Visit 43, Rotary Club of Casper, Five Trails. Club members enjoying the program include from left to right Stacy Nelson, Calvin Carey, Tanya Lewis, PDG Dave Scriven, Roxy Skogen, Blaine Christensen, and Past District Treasurer Joni Kumor.



Visit 43, Rotary Club of Casper, Five Trails. DG Spouse and Rotarian Tracey Emslie addresses the club.



Visit 44, Rotary Club of Sheridan. Board members and guests include AG Norm Anderson, Lynn Hartje, Terry Weitzel, Megan Powers DG Bill Emslie, Pete Olson, Christine Dietrich, President David Alden and Rob Forister.

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Visit 44, Rotary Club of Sheridan. DG Bill Emslie congratulates Regan McDougal as the newly selected student of the month.



Visit 44, Rotary Club of Sheridan. President David Alden, on left stands with year long exchange student Phet and DG Bill Emslie. Welcome to Sheridan, Phet!



Visit 45, Rotary Club of Greeley. Visiting with board members left to right are DG Bill Emslie, Pat Campbell, Jennifer Ann Owens, President Sid Ligon, Secretary Bev Stewart, Jennifer Sears and Bill Grady.

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has outreach well beyond the City of Sheridan. With a connection to some of the hurricane-damaged areas, this club will make a significant contribution to hurricane relief. This is a singing club! We enjoyed singing along on several Rotary favorites.

Following the club meeting, we had an opportunity to visit one of the community projects, a picnic shelter at Rotary Park at the Fairgrounds, which will be dedicated to **PDG John Patton**.

Congratulations **President David Alden** on your leadership, that of your board, and the members of your club in continuing a tradition of Service Above Self in the Sheridan community and beyond.

Visit #45, October 3, Rotary Club of Greeley, Red Eye

We visited four clubs this week, down from eight Rotary events the previous week, which included five club visits.

Up at 4:45 a.m., we left an hour later for the Greeley Red Eye Club, an easy 34-mile drive from Fort Collins. Established on March 15, 1989, this club has a strong record of community service. The club currently has 20 active members.

The night before our visit to the club, I had an opportunity to meet with the board. **President Sid Ligon** kindly hosted this visit at his home. There we met with board members **President Sid Ligon, Jennifer Sears, Treasurer Jennifer Ann Owens, Bill Grady, Pat Campbell, Secretary Bev Stewart** and **AG Julie Johnson**. That evening, I was able to hear the details of a broad range of commu-

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nity projects that include a district grant with Habitat for Humanity. This is a unique program to build a home with assistance from a local alternative high school construction mentor program. Other projects include a school district program to give backpacks to kids in need. This is done in cooperation with the **Rotary Club of Greeley, After Hours**. The club hosted a Rotary booth at the festival at Island Grove park with a polio exhibit and a club meeting at the local food bank. The club applied for a Centennial Grant to join kids at school lunch to discuss career opportunities. As you see the club is a strong supporter of youth. **Bill Grady**, who has been a senior counselor at RYLA and Young RYLA noted that last year the club sponsored 3 RYLA and 2 Young RYLA students. The club works with the other three Greeley clubs with a joint RYLA/Young RYLA committee. The committee interviewed over 50 applicants to both programs last year. All club members participate in these and other projects. Another example is a random act of giving on Valentines day where members give a \$20 give to a person in need. International projects include support of a Kenya and Tanzania Refuge for young women forced into marriage. They have also participated in a global grant in the past. All of this was accomplished with a club of about 20 members, with each member actively involved, sometimes with more than one project. To raise funds, the club sells germaniums in the spring.

A highlight of the club meeting was an opportunity to present a Paul Harris Fellowship +4 to **Rotarian Jennifer Ann Owens**, who was not aware that the presentation would be made that morning.

Not only does this club contribute to The Rotary Foundation, but



Visit 45, Rotary Club of Greeley, Redeye. Jennifer Ann Owens receives a Paul Harris plus four recognition from DG Bill Emslie



Visit 46, Rotary Club of Loveland. DG Bill Emslie meets with board and club members from left to right are DG Bill Emslie, Board Member Ron Schlattman, Board Member Brian Nienhaus, Board Member Susanne Peterson, Financial Secretary Jim Scudamore, AG Michael Wailes, Board Member Gail Daugherty, President Elect Karl Muriby, Past President Phil Ashcraft, Fort Collins Rotary Clubs AG Jerry Westbrook and President John Stewart.

it has participated in Centennial Grants, District Grants, and Global Grants. These grants bring money into the club from The Rotary Foundation. Those foundation funds are a return of contributions made by our District three years prior. They make possible the many projects throughout our

District funded by the returned District Designated Funds (or DDF). DDF are used to fund scholarships, District Grants, Global Grants and Centennial Grants in our District. Because of this, giving to The Rotary Foundation is giving

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Visit 46, Rotary Club of Loveland. President John Stewart addresses the club.



Visit 46, Rotary Club of Loveland. DG Bill Emslie presents Paul Harris fellowships to Rotarian Irv Johnson and his wife Colleen Johnson.



Visit 46, Rotary Club of Loveland. DG Bill Emslie, Rotarian Tracey Emslie and President John Stewart.

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back to District 5440 as well.

Congratulations **President Sid Li-gon** for your leadership of a very active hands-on Rotary Club, making a difference in the City of Greeley and beyond.

Visit #46, October 3, Rotary Club of Loveland

After a delightful breakfast meeting with the **Rotary Club of Greeley Red Eye**, Tracey and I drove a short distance to attend the lunch meeting of the **Rotary Club of Loveland**. Established on May 1, 1920, the Rotary Club of Loveland is the third oldest Rotary Club in the State of Colorado and will soon celebrate its centennial. The club currently has 156 active members and 9 additional honorary members.

Led by **President John Stewart**, this club has a long tradition of providing leadership to the District and Rotary International including **Past RI Director Lynn Hammond**, and current **AG Julie Johnson Haffner**, **AG Jerry Westbrook** and **District Treasurer Teresa Mueller**. Past leadership also includes 2009-10 Rotarian of the Year **Doug Man-nering**. Past District Governors from the City of Loveland include **Howard Emory Reed (1955-56)**, **F.A. Almquist (1971-72)**, **Ray L. Patterson (1979-80)**, **Lynn Hammond (1989-90)**, **Morrison L. Heth (1994-95)** and **Mary Mc-Cambridge (2011-12)**. We met with **AG Michael Wailes** and board members **President John Stewart**, **Board Member Ron Schlattman**, **Board Member Brian Nienhaus**, **Board Member Susanne Peterson**, **Financial Secretary Jim Scudamore**, **Board Member Gail Daugherty**,

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President Elect Karl Muriby, Past President Phil Ashcraft and Fort Collins Rotary Clubs AG Jerry Westbrook as shown in the photo on the previous page.

This club has a wide range of projects in the City of Loveland and beyond. They include a new initiative to fund and install a large clock in downtown Loveland. The club has a very active foundation valued at about \$1.3 million, which helps fund local projects and beyond. Some of these projects include Kids Pac, a program to provide over 600 children in the school district with food to take home each weekend, a Teacher of the Month and Student of the Month award, dictionaries for third grade students which under the leadership of **Rotarian Dave Mills**, has evolved to chrome book tablets. This literacy project provides tablets to 12 schools in the district and is funded this in part under a District Grant. Rotarians also tutor students in first and second grades and oversee a 4-way test program in middle schools for 8th grade students. About five or six children are grouped with a Rotarian at a table and discuss situations involving use of the 4-way test. They learn and receive a 4-way test coin. In September the club participates in "Paint our



Visit 46, Rotary Club of Loveland. Member Ron Hogan with DG Bill Emslie in front of a display board highlighting district grant projects. The very helpful board display was created by Ron Hogan.

Town" where homes in need are painted. This is in its sixth year and 69 houses have been pointed. The club also provided hurricane relief by matching funds from the community for this cause. **AG Jerry Westbrook** did a calculation based on RI criteria and estimated that the **Rotary Club of Loveland** had a total impact, both financial and volunteer, on the City of Loveland and world beyond of about \$456,000 this past year.

The club also sponsors a satellite which meets on Wednesday evenings with a focus on homelessness.

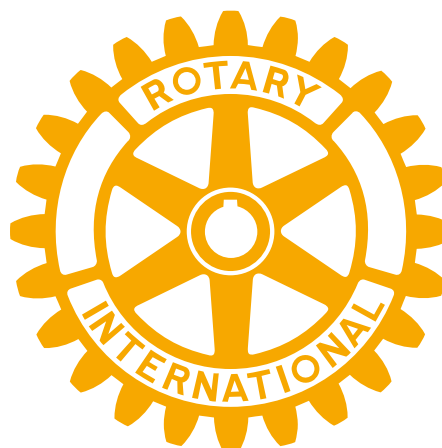
To fund all these projects the club relies on their foundation and two major fund-raising efforts each year. These include the Gover-

nor's Art show which raises about \$15,000 and is split with the **Rotary Club of Loveland, Thompson Valley**. The other fund-raising project is the annual Duck Race, which grosses about \$50,000 each year.

We also had an opportunity to present two Paul Harris fellowships to **Rotarian Irv Johnson** and his wife **Colleen Johnson** who kindly donated a new sound system to the club. Both were awarded Paul Harris fellowships by the club. **Irv** is a multiple Paul Harris contributor and **Colleen**, who is not a member, was awarded her first.

Thank you, **President John Stewart**, for your leadership of this very active, community focused club.

Rotary



KidsPak, A Loveland Rotary Success Story

by Tom Carrigan
Rotary Club of Loveland

KidsPak, a Loveland Rotary project, is a weekend hunger relief program for children in the Thompson School District (Loveland and Berthoud) now in its 9th year. The program partners with each school in the District to provide much needed packs of food that meets the nutritional requirements for students. It was started by Jeff Douglas, a Rotarian and a current driver. Jeff saw a news story on the rapid growth of backpack programs across the country and called the school district.

KidsPak started the last eight weeks of 2009, serving 3 elementary schools and 34 students. We currently serve 39 schools ranging from early childhood, elementary, middle and high schools. The week of December 13th will mark a new high of 636 students in 40 Thompson Schools receiving weekend food. This year, KidsPak is scheduled to create and deliver over 19,000 food bags. Our five-year history by May 2018 will be over 91,000 bags to the Thompson School District.

The KidsPak team is staffed 100% by volunteers. The program partners with the Food Bank for Larimer County to create a specific menu each week to meet student's needs. KidsPak purchases most of our food from the Food Bank. The Food Bank also provides the services of their Registered Dietitian who develops the approved menu which meets or exceeds the nutritional needs of school aged children. Each food bag will create five meals.



KidsPak teams from the Thompson School District administration and Loveland Subaru compete to pack meals at the Share the Love event on November 15, 2017.



DG Bill Emslie congratulates Rotarian Tom Carrigan, who organized the Share the Love KidsPak event on November 15, 2017. During this event, 580 nutritious meals were packaged for kids in the Thompson Valley School District.

KidsPak is a blend of Rotarians and community volunteers. We are 85 strong.

Startup funds came from a district grant and Loveland Founda-

tion grant. Since 2011, KidsPak has been self-sufficient raising 100% of its operating funds from

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Rotarians, Interactors, and Rotarators in Cheyenne Support Cancer Patients with 'Chemo Care Packages'

by Jera Schlotthauer
& Cierra Hipszky

Cheyenne Community Rotaract Club

The Cheyenne Community Rotaract Club teamed up this past year with the Sunrise, Noon and After-Hours Cheyenne Rotary Clubs as part of a joint project to provide 'Chemo Care Packages' to each new patient on his or her first day of chemotherapy at the Cheyenne Regional Cancer Center. For the first time in District 5440, a Centennial Rotary Grant of \$1,000 was awarded to each of the four clubs as a 2 to 1 match to pledges of \$500 from each participating club for a grand total of \$6000 to be used directly towards this project.

The goal of the 'Chemo Care Package Project' is to encourage each new patient on an individual level by supporting a strong, positive mind-set and thereby improving the health care professionals' capacity within the treatment plan. It has been suggested that community support can have direct positive effects on a patient's emotional and physical wellbeing during treatment. It is our hope that these care packages provide that much-needed mental encouragement throughout treatment and additional reassurance as they experience the adjustment period after cancer treatment.

The packages were assembled



Interact Students who helped assemble Chemo Care Packages as part of the Interact Assembly on April 29, 2017 at Triumph High School in Cheyenne.



Chemo Care kits complete and ready for distribution to patients at the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

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Larimer county, city grants, local foundations and the local community. KidsPak is in its fifth year as a partner in Share the Love, a national program with Subaru of America and Subaru of Loveland. The first four years have resulted in \$121,366 in funds for KidsPak. This year, they expect to realize \$30,000 from this contest. As of December 23, 2017, Subaru of Loveland has raised \$23,000 with a week to go.

KidsPak has a separate snack program serving 22 schools. Our expectation is that KidsPak will be distributing 35,000 snacks during the year. Total cost of the backpack program is \$67,750 with the snack program costing \$13,500.

KidsPak has partnered with all three Safeway Stores in Loveland with Turkey and Santa Bucks. Donations from the check stand



Teams and judges relax after a successful Share the Love competition on November 15. The winners are the kids in the Loveland Thompson Valley schools.

allowed KidsPak to distribute dinners to nearly 300 Thompson School District families, 10 dinners for Meals on Wheels, 10 dinners for the Community Kitchen, 5 dinners for Alternates to Violence and 25 meals for veterans at Loveland Housing Authority.

KidsPak makes an important difference in the lives of over 600 students weekly.

The Thompson School District has over 6,500 students (40%) on free or reduced meal assistance.

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during the first annual Interact District Assembly on April 29th during Spring District 5440 Training Assembly to include Interact students within District 5440.

The clubs expanded this venture even further by involving three local Cheyenne Interact clubs and the Laramie County Community College (LCCC) Rotaract Club through design elements, assembly, and delivery of the packages.

We hope that these packages – containing blankets, gum, crossword puzzles, pens and pencils, playing cards and hand written personal cards among others – will be a strong component to embolden success, and help provide a stable, positive state-of-mind.



Two staff members at the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center (CRMC) show appreciation with two members of the Cheyenne Community Rotaract Club for the Chemo Care Packages provided by all four Cheyenne Rotary Clubs, the Cheyenne Community Rotaract Club and three local Cheyenne Interact Clubs. From l-to-r are staff member of CRMC; Brooke Zabka, also a staff member of CRMC and member of the Rotary Club of Cheyenne, After Hours; Cierra Hipszky and President Kacey Hansen from the Cheyenne Community Rotaract Club.

Dayton/Ranchester Rotary

Service Above Self

by Tracey Emslie
Rotarian

News flash: Rotarians like to feed other people. They also like to celebrate with other people across a food-laden table. The Rotary Club of Ranchester/Dayton, in northern Wyoming, recently linked that connection three ways.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Colorado-Wyoming holds a Bike Fest as a fundraiser each year. The two-day ride starts and stops in Sheridan, covers some 150 miles and raised \$227,708.02 last year.

One of the most appreciated rest stops on the ride is for lunch, which is held in Dayton and hosted by the Rotary Club of Ranchester-Dayton and the Dayton School Benefit Club. This community collaboration was honored as the Outstanding Partners of the Year by the National MS Society of Colorado-Wyoming at their annual recognition dinner in Denver on November 18, 2017.

Denver is a long drive from Dayton, so AG Norm Anderson asked if DG Bill Emslie, who lives in Fort Collins, could attend and receive the award on behalf of the Rotary club, especially as he and Tracey were planning to come up to Dayton for their annual Senior Dinner on December 4.

This annual Senior Dinner is a delightful event and gift to the senior community of the Tongue River Valley from the Rotary Club of Ranchester/Dayton.

Held at the historic log communi-



DG Bill Emslie, on right, receives award for Ranchester Dayton Rotary at National MS Appreciation Dinner on November 18 in Denver.



Ranchester Dayton Rotary Club President Carl Beavers receives award from the National MS society delivered by DG Bill Emslie. AG and Club member Norm Anderson on left.

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Record attendance of 165 people at the Ranchester Dayton Rotary Senior Dinner. Those wearing the Santa hats are club members and hosts for the evening.

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ty center, it includes a free dinner, with gift bags, live-band entertain-

ment, carols and great fellowship. This year about 165 people attended, which was a record.

At the Senior Dinner, DG Bill Emslie presented the National MS So-

ciety recognition award to the Rotary Club of Ranchester/Dayton. President Carl Beavers accepted the award, which was appreciate by all present.

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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*

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.

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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 conference 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 experience 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's in **Your** New Year?

by **Bill Emslie**

District Governor 5440

Rotary Club of Fort Collins After Work

It has been well-said that we are best remembered by what we have done for others and not what we have done for ourselves.

Each year we have an opportunity to start with a clean slate. This new year is just beginning, and we have a chance to start fresh in any area we choose. The resolutions we make are a challenge to improve ourselves.

So where do we start? Personally, I need some repairs; not anything that cannot be fixed, but a tune-up each year keeps the motor that moves my life running on all cylinders. There are so many things to consider but this year shouldn't we look beyond the usual things and try something different?

In most years we pledge to lose weight, learn something new, travel to new and exciting places, discontinue bad habits, develop new good habits and the list goes on.

But what if we look a bit deeper this year? What if we think about our core values? These are the beliefs that drive everything we say and do. They define what we do, and why. In short, our core values define who we are.

This sounds a little scary. It is like tinkering with the fabric of our lives. Serious stuff to be sure. But there is a set of values we can all embrace as Rotarians in this beautiful but challenging world. You have probably guessed by now that I am taking about the Four-Way Test.

I can remember to this day my initial meeting with my new commanding officer on board my first submarine.

The year was 1973 and as a young Lieutenant Junior Grade, I had just reported on board the USS Benjamin Franklin (SSBN-640).

This was an awesome boat with a complex nuclear propulsion system, the ability to operate in any ocean virtually undetected, and carrying more firepower than any previous type of ship in history for strategic deterrence.

I reported on board fresh from nuclear power school and prototype school. I had the basics down pretty well. With this as a starting point, what could my new commanding officer possibly tell me that would shape my career?

Captain P was a large and stern man. His presence anywhere on board the Franklin got people's attention. And yes, he had my full attention as I sat down in his office.

I was ready to listen to his message. I did not realize at that moment that the message he would bestow upon me would shape my life forever. The captain took out a pen and pad and wrote a simple message. The words would forever be fixed in my mind. He handed me the note with three sentences. The first two were, "Do what is right. It will amaze some and please the rest."

Since that time these words have always helped me through good times and tough times. Whenever I need to make a decision, the message Captain P wrote on that pad comes through loud and clear.

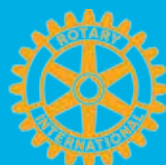
It is hard to believe that these simple words, given to me over 45 years ago are as valid today as they were back then. What is even more interesting to me, is that those words were another way to reflect what is in the Four-Way Test. I guess that is why Rotary appeals so much to me.

I wish you all the best in the coming year. As Rotarians, we have much to do.

Oh, you may wonder what the second sentence Captain P wrote down on that pad. Let's talk about that message next month.

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Hey Rotaractors and Interactors

Do you want to do good and have fun?

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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.

Six Local Projects Making A Big Difference in District 5440

by Jim Epstein

*District Foundation Chair
Rotary Club of Loveland*

This year we challenged clubs in the district to propose projects that would make a big difference in their communities. One project would receive a \$35,000 global grant and the others would receive \$4,000 district grants. Six clubs took the challenge and submitted outstanding projects that reflected the needs in their communities.

PROMOTING PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN CODY AND POWELL

The Rotary clubs of Cody and Powell submitted an application to expand outreach of the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center.

The primary duty of the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center (HMIC) is to educate the public about the experience of incarceration, the diverse personal responses to the Japanese Americans imprisonment, constitutional issues and violations of civil liberties and rights.

The broader issues of race and social justice in America are addressed as well for visitors to contemplate.

PROVIDING WORKFORCE SKILLS IN FORT COLLINS

The Rotary Club of Ft. Collins Breakfast's project is to develop a Restaurant Ready training program at the Matthews House that would empower an upskilled workforce for the vibrant, growing, and employee-starved restaurant industry in Fort Collins and greater Northern Colorado. The Mat-

thews House is a comprehensive strengths-based human services program that has numerous programs meant to strengthen the social and economic opportunities of youth and families in Larimer County.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE POUDE LEARNING CENTER IN GREELEY

The Rotary Club of Greeley Centennial's project is to build a raised boardwalk to provide access to all the learning areas of the Poudre Learning Center which has not been possible for visitors confined to wheelchairs or that have other walking difficulties: young families with strollers and wagons, senior citizens with canes, and walkers.

The Poudre Learning Center is an experiential, hands on, learning center where many people come to visit and students come from the surrounding school districts on educational field trips.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY IN TORRINGTON

The Rotary Club of Torrington Satellite group proposed a project to provide a Dementia Friendly Community by providing 700 hours of caregiver assistance over a 24 month period using a voucher program through a special partnership that has been arranged by Torrington Rotary Club with local trained providers benefitting approximately 350 caregivers in 24 months.

Additionally, the Dementia Friendly Community Program would partner with the local community college to provide tuition assistance for students who wish to complete the CNA program and

train in the CARES program to specialize in Alzheimer's and Dementia.

CLEAN WATER IN CROW CREEK IN CHEYENNE

Another applicant, the Rotary Club of Cheyenne After Hours, proposed a clean water project to purchase, install and maintain eight Gutter Bins as part of phase 1 of their clean water commitment to help prevent future contamination of Crow Creek as it passes through Cheyenne, Wyoming.

A critical part of the project is to stem the flow of pollution from Cheyenne's streets to improve the health of Crow Creek.

The Gutter Bin captures many kinds of municipal pollution including trash, sediment, and hydrocarbons. It is a cost-effective device that maximizes regulatory compliance and minimizes operating costs by preventing clogged storm sewer lines.

IMPROVING LITERACY IN AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLEX IN LOVELAND

The sixth application was for the Kids Club Literacy project submitted by the Rotary clubs of Loveland.

This project is in partnership with the Loveland Housing Authority to improve the literacy skills of children living in affordable housing complexes.

It will build out modules for pre-literacy, developmental reading, and grade level reading support while integrating basic math education

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for ages 0-18. In addition, it will implement a Parent-As-Teachers component to effectively expand the learning time for children from 9% of their first 18 years to 91% creating an environment of education enrichment at home, after school, on weekends and during the summer. The project will start with one housing complex and expand to others over time.

As you can see, there are six amazing projects. Global grants have more requirements than district grants and the challenge for the grants committee was to select the one that best fit as a global grant and which ones best fit as district grants.

Global grants are for larger comprehensive and sustainable projects that align with one of Rota-

ry's six areas of focus: Water and Sanitation, Disease Treatment and Prevention, Peace and Conflict Resolution, Basic Education and Literacy, Economic and Community Development, Maternal and Child Health.

District grants are for smaller humanitarian projects that can be solely for the purchase of equipment. Here are the results of the selection process:

- Promoting peace and conflict resolution in Cody and Powell: \$4,000 district grant
- Providing workforce skills in Fort Collins: \$4,000 district grant
- Improving access to the Poudre Learning Center in Greeley: \$4,000 district grant
- Dementia friendly community in Torrington: \$4,000 district grant

- Clean water in Crow Creek in Cheyenne: \$4,000 district grant

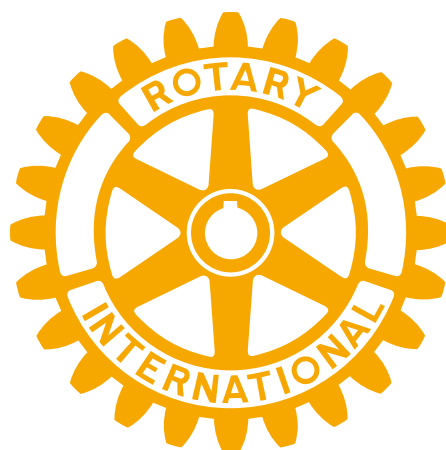
- Improving literacy in an affordable housing complex in Loveland: \$35,000 global grant

To allow us to be able to offer a global grant here in district 5440 we partnered with two Rotary clubs in district 3190 in India: the Rotary club of Bangalore North West and the Rotary club of Shimoga.

We have done many projects with these clubs in India and they were glad to be able to support one of our projects. This is a great example of how the international Rotary network works to make lasting improvements in communities around the world and at the same time develops deep friendships.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to these efforts.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Toronto-Edgewalk with RI President <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vg5bRC670BE&feature=youtu.be> [https](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vg5bRC670BE&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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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.



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The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund

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

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Credit Card

Contribute online at
<https://www.your-fundaccount.com/rotary/HowToContribute.asp>.

You will be asked to enter the account name (The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund) and the account number (608).

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- 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.

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
 - * Finance Officer
 - * District Governor
 - * 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:

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Clearlake, CA 95422
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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.

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