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District Governor's Message

It All Starts with Our Members

DG Bill & Tracey Emslie's Journal of Club Visits; Part 8: October 18, 2017 to March 7, 2018 Club Visits 54-60

Visit 54, October 19, 2017, Rotary Club of Estes Park

On October 19 Tracey and I drove to Estes Park to visit the **Rotary Club of Estes Park**. This long time Rotary Club meets every Thursday noon at the Rodeway Inn (now the Ridgeline Hotel as of May 24, 2018) and has a long, rich history of tradition and doing good in the Estes Park community. Established with Rotary International on May 6, 1926, the club now has 68 active members and 7 honorary members. The town has provided three District Governors as far back as 1963 with impressive leaders including:

- **PDG Ernest Altice**, 1963-64
- **PDG Robert Hamblin**, 1998-99
- **PDG Julie Phares**, 2103-14

The first stop on this visit was to meet with the club's Board. This club is led by **President Kathy Groesbeck**, an enthusiastic and positive leader who has great ideas for this Rotary year. Members of the board and AG attending with me included **President Kathy Groesbeck, Bill Solms, Scott Thompson, Karen Thompson, AG Linda Vomaske,**

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Bill Emslie

District Governor 2017-18

*Fort Collins After-Work
Rotary Club*



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Roger Thorp, Thor Homme, DG Bill Emslie, Dave Evans and Karen McClure.

At this meeting, we learned that the Rotary Club of Estes Park has a strong tradition of supporting non-profits and other community needs through a grants process. They also provide 4-year scholarships to local students at \$2,000 per year.

This massive amount of community support is funded by the legendary Estes Park Duck Race, whose tradition goes back some 30 years with the distinction of being the second oldest Rotary Duck race in the United States.

The race has evolved into a major community event where ducks are "adopted," not only to the benefit of the Rotary Club, but to many community organizations who sell duck adoptions for a modest \$20 each. Of this total, \$19 goes to a cause of their choice. The remaining \$1.00 goes to Rotary to cover expenses.

As of the publication date of this article, the duck race raised net

proceeds of \$127,000 in 2018.

Following the board meeting, we had a tasty lunch and conducted our DG presentation, which is somewhat unique in that the DG and the DG spouse share the podium.

After the club meeting, we were invited to attend a special club service project.

This involved pulling on our jeans and assisting with cleaning of the highly popular Estes Park Welcome Rock, located at the entrance to the town off Highway 36 and modestly embellished with the Rotary gear. This turned into a fun social gathering with **President Kathy** providing Halloween treats on the tailgate of her SUV.

Thank you, **President Kathy Groesbeck**, for you energetic and inspiring leadership of this long-standing Rotary club.

Visit 55, November 1, 2017, Rotary Club of Cheyenne

On November 1 I drove to Cheyenne unaccompanied to visit the **Rotary Club of Cheyenne**. Most of the DG visits have been

with Tracey. This time, I was solo as Tracey was traveling to visit a college friend. The Rotary Club of Cheyenne, which meets every Wednesday noon at Little America, has a long, rich history of tradition and doing good in the Cheyenne community. Established on November 1, 1918, the club now has 179 active members, including five honorary members. The club turned 99 years old on the day of my visit. This makes the Rotary Club of Cheyenne the third oldest club in District 5440. The club has provided five District Governors to our District as far back as 1922 with an impressive list of leaders which included:

- **PDG James H. Walton**, 1922-23
- **PDG Harry B. Henderson**, 1953-54
- **PDG Richard D. Gibbs**, 1977-79
- **PDG Harold Miller**, 1996-97 and,
- **PDG George McIlvaine**, 2001-03

The first stop on this visit was to

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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



Visit 54, Rotary Club of Estes Park. From left to right are DG Bill Emslie, President Kathy Groesbeck, Dave Evans, AG Linda Vomaska, Roger Thorp, Karen Thompson, Scott Thompson and Thor Homme.



Visit 54, Rotary Club of Estes Park. Members of the club board from left to right clockwise around the table are Bill Solms, President Kathy Groesbeck, Scott Thompson, Karen Thompson, AG Linda Vomaska, Roger Thorp, Thor Homme, DG Bill Emslie, Dave Evans and Karen McClure.

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meet with the club's Board. Members of the board attending included **President Don Day, Anja Bendel, Dirk Miller, Jim Walter, Eric Todd, Danny Brownell, Lori Schoene, Mick Finnegan, John Auld, Robin Sims, Mary Schwem, Secretary Teresa Moore, and Treasurer Judy Marshall.**

This club, due in part to its great size, performs many services within the Cheyenne community. For example, the day I visited the club recognized the November Students of the Month. Other projects and activities include Teacher of the Month, a dictionary project for third grade students, sponsoring an Interact Club at two high schools, recognition of National Honor Society students, a Read to Me program, sponsoring youth exchange students, sponsoring a Rotaract club, sponsoring RYLA and Young RYLA students.

Social activities include scheduled luncheons and Rotary Night at the Cheyenne Symphony. Fund raising activities include an annual Ice Melt Challenge, sale of peaches and a Cranium Cup Trivia contest. The club has established a 100th anniversary committee. District Grants in progress includes a Friendship Playground, the Food Bank Foundation and a dictionary project for third graders, Friday Food Bag Foundation & Rooted in Cheyenne Tree Planting (15 trees).

The club raised over \$1,000 in donations for Hurricane Harvey Relief and a special coin bank project to raise money for Polio Plus (\$3,000).

The club has applied for this year's local global grant with two other Rotary Clubs. The Rotary Club of Cheyenne was one of several

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Clubs in Cheyenne who worked together to provide the Chemo Care Packages, a high-profile health care project which involved all Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs in Cheyenne.

In the past year the club participated in a Rotary Leadership Institute Educational Grant and a Habitat for Humanity project. The club participates in a World Community Service projects in Guatemala. Rural recognition includes an equine project with Laramie County Community.

During the club meeting, the club recognized 60-year member **John Clay**. I also had the honor of presenting a Paul Harris Fellowship to **Rotarian Chad Craig**.

My most sincere congratulations to this very active community club lead by **President Don Day**.

Visit 56, November 1, 2017, Fort Collins Community Interact

Following a great visit to the Rotary Club of Cheyenne, I drove back to Fort Collins to visit the **Fort Collins Community Interact Club**, sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work**.

This is a very active Community Interact Club with members from four Fort Collins area high school and four middle schools.

A unique feature of this club is that it meets twice monthly with the **Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work**. During the first of these two meetings, the Interact Club runs the meeting and provides a speaker. The second of the two monthly meetings is dedicated to service projects, generally working on something during

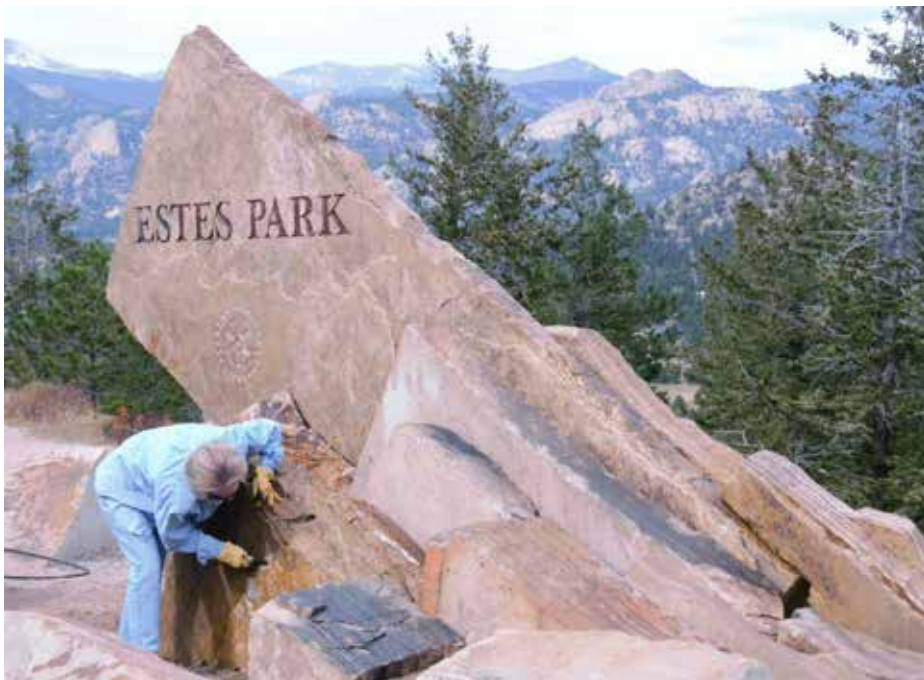
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Visit 54, Rotary Club of Estes Park. In front of the Estes Park Welcome Rock are Bill Solms, Tara Moenning, Phil Moenning, Bob Benight, Madison Casey, AG Linda Vomaske, Tracey Emslie, DG Bill Emslie, Tom Maher, President Kathy Groesbeck, Pete Sinnott, Mike Connolly, Thor Homme and Bob Vomaske. Roger Thorp and Doug Mann are standing in the back row.



Visit 54, Rotary Club of Estes Park. DG Bill Emslie. Rotary in motion! From left to right cleaning the Estes Park Welcome Rock are Tara Moenning, Roger Thorp, Doug Mann, Thor Homme, Mike Connolly, Pete Sinnott and Phil Moenning.



Visit 54, Rotary Club of Estes Park. DG Bill Emslie. Tara Moenning carefully cleans the Estes Park Welcome Rock.



Visit 55, Rotary Club of Cheyenne. From left to right are DG Bill Emslie, President Don Day and AG Danny Brownell.



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the combined Rotary/Interact club meeting. A good example of this was food bags for the homeless. Both the Interact Club and After Work Rotary Clubs worked together to fill shopping bags with food and then each member took about five bags and gave them to homeless people who were in need.

This club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work. Membership is currently about 17 members. The unique idea of holding meeting concurrently with the sponsoring Rotary club is a very creative and productive plan. Not only do the Interact students learn about Rotary, but the parents often attend the meetings as well. Congratulations **President Ted Cluett, Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work**, for your innovative plan to host and sponsor a thriving Interact club.

Visit 57, December 5, 2017, Cheyenne Community Rotaract

The **Cheyenne Community Rotaract** had its origins as a Rotaract Club affiliated with Laramie County Community College but has since become a strong Rotaract club of young professionals. On December 5, I drove to Cheyenne to visit this very active community Rotaract club, which is sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Cheyenne. Club President Kacee Hansen** and **PR Chair Kirsten Malm** provided a warm welcome. The club currently consists of about 15 members.

Some of the many projects for this club include Raising Readers, where books are delivered to Pediatricians and given to children at their well-child checkups. The

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Chemo Care Package project is a flagship project spearheaded by this club. This project was awarded a district grant and provides a chemo care package to new chemo patients at the local hospital. All three Cheyenne Rotary clubs along with the three Interact clubs and the Cheyenne Community Rotaract club are part of this project.

The club gives to ShelterBox and donates one ShelterBox tent per year. The Make a Wish Wyoming 5K race is supported each year. I was impressed by how well run this club is and the quality of the work they do for the Cheyenne community.

Thank you, **President Kacee Hansen**, for your energetic and inspiring leadership in this forward thinking Rotaract club.

Visit 58, January 22, 2018, Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work, Wellington Satellite

My visit to the **Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work, Wellington Satellite** was scheduled for Monday, January 22. I started meeting with this Satellite in December 2016 with a plan that this satellite would ultimately become a Rotary Club. Since that time, the club has evolved into a Satellite with about 18 members who have conducted several community service projects in the town of Wellington. Some of these projects include painting at the local Boys and Girls Club, Community Cleanup over the 4th of July and a town cleanup in May 2018. Other service projects include Washing windows for Seniors and Volunteering at Farmers market with a Community Chili Cookoff.

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Visit 55, Rotary Club of Cheyenne. From left to right are DG Bill Emslie and club board members, Eric Todd, Mary Schwem, AG Danny Brownell, Anja Bendel, President Don Day, Robin Sims and Youth Exchange Officer Dirk Miller.



Visit 55, Rotary Club of Cheyenne. DG Bill Emslie presents to club.



Visit 55, Rotary Club of Cheyenne. DG Bill Emslie presents Paul Harris Fellowship to Rotarian Chad Craig.



Visit 56, Fort Collins Community Interact, Photo includes Interact members at a regular meeting with the Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work. Some of the members of the Rotary Club and Rotary member guests include District Interact Chair Steve Misch (standing on far right). Left to right from Steve Misch are club members Raju Jairam, President Ted Cluett, and Club Treasurer Neil Harrison. In front of Neil are After Work members Alix Emslie, DG Bill Emslie and Nikolas Foster. On the far left with cap is Bill Krupke. Next to Bill is Joni Van Sickle.



Visit 57, Cheyenne Community Rotaract Club. In front row left to right are Holli Welch, Cierra Hipszky, Kacee Hansen, Kirsten Malm, Jera Schlotthauer, and DG Bill Emslie. In back row left to right are Chance Pruitt, Kendra Rinker, Kelly Lindholm, Jordan Mossey, Zach Lentsch, District Rotaract Chair Kalib Simpson, and Anna DeMers.

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The club established a Rotary Hydration Station where members come to town events and serve water and lemonade under the Wellington, Colorado Rotary Tent. Thus far, the club has served water and helped at 3 summer concerts, farmers markets, Wellington Arbor Day, the Wellington Bike Rack dedication and the most recent Wellington's Brew Fest.

Upcoming projects and events include a Garage Sale at **John and Chair Linda Knaack's** automotive shop to raise funds for our club, three Wellington Summer Concerts hosting the Rotary Hydration Station, hosting another town clean up this fall, and a few member-sponsored events serving hot dogs and brats at the local breweries in town to help raise funds for our club.

Thank you, **Chair Linda Knaack**, for your energetic leadership in establishing and continuing this Satellite with a goal of becoming the Rotary Club of Wellington.

Visit 59, February 7, 2018, Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Satellite

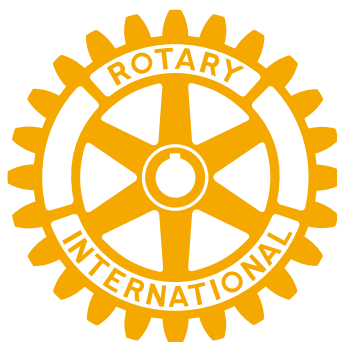
The concept of a young professional's satellite club to the Rotary club of Fort Collins was envisioned about three years ago by then **Rotary District Membership Chair Bob Seymour** and **Current Satellite Chair Jon Land**.

This is now a reality with the formation of a high performing group of young professionals who meet the first and third Wednesday of each month in a local pub or brewery in Fort Collins.

Each year this satellite submits a budget request to their sponsor-

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ing club and the club helps fund the satellite. Dues are reasonable and help fund the annual budget.

Currently there are about 35 members. Members are inducted with the sponsoring club.

This satellite has its own annual barbecue fund raiser. The event is a Kansas City Barbecue Society Sanctioned event with about 40 entries each year. The Satellite has raised over \$16,000 net proceeds the past two years and the event is conducted in July. Some of the proceeds go to a non-profit of the satellite's choice. The proceeds are split between the local university, the sponsoring rotary club and a local nonprofit of the satellite's choice.

The satellite has participated in a Centennial grant for the past two years.

Some of the hands-on projects the satellite club is engaged in include:

- A vehicle donation in partnership with the Larimer County workforce Center
- Hands on community service projects including painting, such as a project currently in progress at The La Familia Center in Fort Collins.
- Support the Rotary Clubs of Fort Collins annual Peach Festival fund raiser.
- Participation in the annual Fort Collins Purple Pins for Polio fund raiser
- Participation in the Four Way test program in schools.
- As an International project, the satellite is also involved with a Global Grant to South Africa.

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Visit 58, Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work, Wellington Satellite. August 2017 photo. Front row left to right are Carolyn Reed, Barb Worrell, Chair Linda Knaack, Chair Elect Ashley Macdonald, Gary Green, DG Bill Emslie, Branden Neckel, Troy Hamman and Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work President Ted Cluett. Back row left to right are John Hughes, Craig LaSasso, Cliff Worrell, John Knaack, and Rob Klein.



Visit 58, Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work, Wellington Satellite. Chair Linda Knack holds the clubs unique cow bell, a gift from Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work President Ted Cluett.



Visit 59, February 7, 2018, Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Satellite. From left right are satellite board members Erik Broman, Kelly Kettler, Chair Jon Land, Robin Steele, Samantha Bair, John Trone and Kerrie Luginbill.



Visit 59, February 7, 2018, Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Satellite. From left right standing are members Greg Farris, Tavia Wolf, Kelly Kettler, Heidi Becksted, Samantha Bair, Chair Jon Land, Andrew Stewart, Matt Fries, and DG Bill Emslie. Seated are Robin Steele, Kerri Luginbill and John Trone.

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Thank you, **Satellite Chair Jon Land** for your leadership and vision to create a thriving satellite in Fort Collins.

Visit 60, March 7, 2018, Rotary Club of Loveland, Satellite

The **Rotary Club of Loveland, Satellite** is a group of young professionals who have chosen to form a satellite club to meet, at least, biweekly on Wednesday evenings. On the evening of my visit I had an opportunity to present a Paul Harris Fellowship to **Satellite Chair Brenda Gray**.

This club has elected to focus on homelessness. Funds are generated through the base budget and supplemental dues. An example is a recent Centennial Grant where the funds were used at Angel House to provide new air mattresses and bedding.

Pints for the People is a small fundraising activity, through a local brewery, to generate funds for homelessness projects. Some of the projects to date include:

- Adoption of a family through the holidays
- Distributing hygiene packs
- Breakfast at the Community Kitchen
- Volunteering for Loveland Connect, which connects people to service providers
- Participation in a homeless count in the city
- One Community One Family – Assist a homeless family find housing, job interviews, a background check and assis-

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tance with the rental security deposit. They have had an excellent success rate with this program.

- Community Kitchen Garden assistance. Clients maintain a garden
- Jump Start Program for alternative sentencing
- Project support of sponsoring club, the **Rotary Club of Loveland**
- Christmas gifts for newly housed clients of 137 Homeless Connection
- Provide a pot luck dinner to Angel House families
- Participate in build days with Habitat for Humanity
- Assist with urgent needs, when able, to homeless clients in Loveland's Jump Start Program

For a small satellite, this club takes on many projects and is meeting a real time need for the homeless in the City of Loveland. Thank you, **Chair Brenda Gray**, for your energetic and inspiring leadership in focusing Rotary's efforts on the homeless population in Loveland.



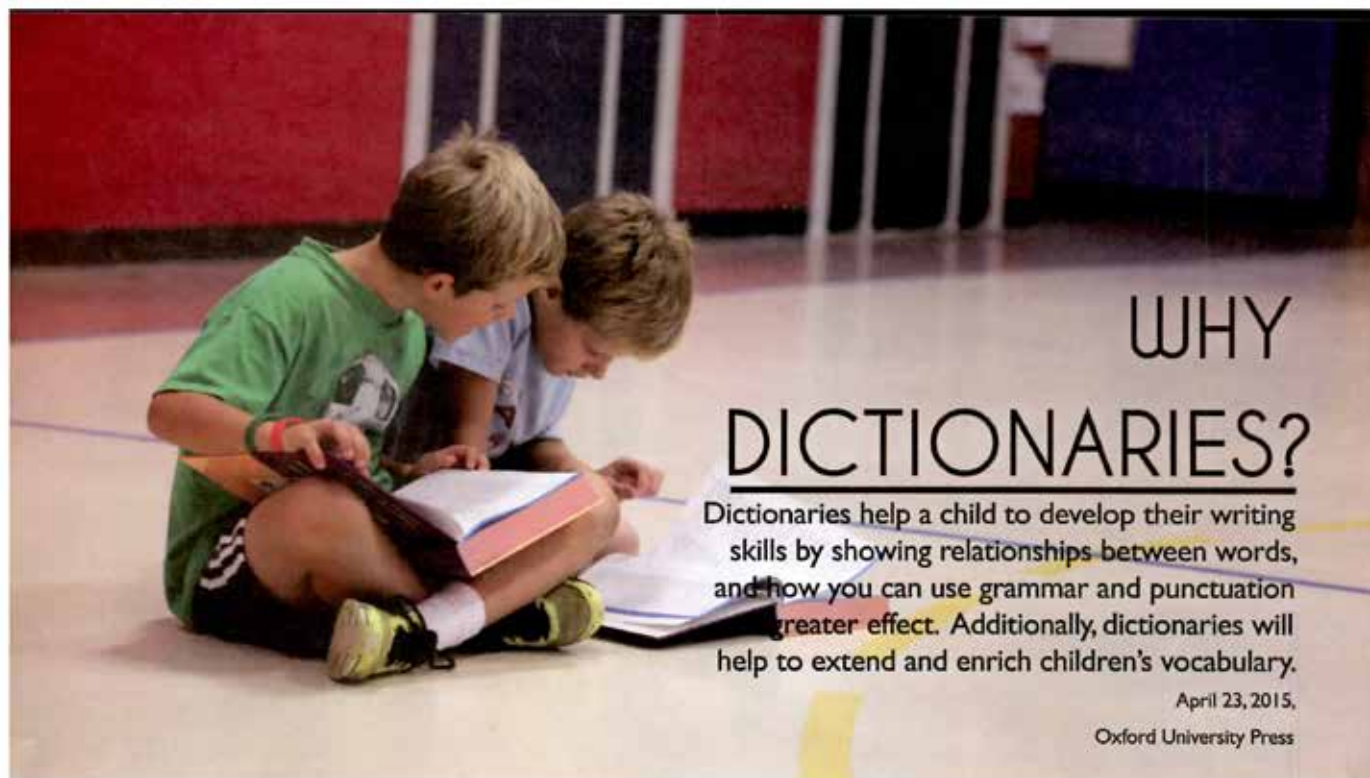
Visit 60, Rotary Club of Loveland, Satellite. DG Bill Emslie presents a Paul Harris fellowship to Chair Brenda Gray.



Visit 60, Rotary Club of Loveland, Satellite. From left to right are Dixie Schmatz, Doug Stephenson, Katie Guthrie, Rick Scott, Kristi Williams, Teresa Beemer, Chair Brenda Gray, Meagan Griesel, Rico Devlin, Daren Gartner, and Vince Hennigan.



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What is Rotary?

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Rotary District 5440 Honors 2017-2018 Award Winners

Awards presented to members and Rotary Clubs at District Conference in Estes Park

by DGN Chris Woodruff

Rotary Club of Greeley

by DG Bill Emslie

Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After-Work

On May 4 and 5, 2018 at our District 5440 Conference in Estes Park, awards were presented recognizing the accomplishments of our Rotary members and clubs for the current 2017-18 Rotary year.

Listed below are the awards given to clubs and members throughout the district. Congratulations members and clubs for your achievements.

Rotary District 5440 Awards

Rotarian of the Year – For an outstanding Rotarian who during the year or years has exemplified Service Above Self.

Recipient for 2017-18 – **Dr. Bill Timpson**, Rotary Club of Fort Collins

President of the Year – One Club President will be honored for small clubs under 46 members and larger clubs over 46 members.

- Recipient for Clubs under 46 members is **President Adna Romero**, Rotary Club of Johnstown-Milliken
- Recipient for Clubs over 46 members is **President Steve Sehnert**, Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs



Dr. Bill Timpson (center), Rotary Club of Fort Collins receives the 2017-18 Rotarian of the year Award from DG Bill Emslie (right). On the left is peacebuilder Rotarian Sudip Koirala from Kathmandu, Nepal, who assisted with the presentation.

The Future of Rotary Award.

For the largest percentage of growth in membership as of March 15, 2018. Based on membership of 1-30, 31-75 and over 75 members.

- Recipient for Clubs under 30 members is the **Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work**
- Recipient for Clubs with 31-75 members is the **Rotary Club of Loveland, Thompson Valley**
- Recipient for Clubs with over 75 members is the **Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs**

Cecil Staver Award (Best Club Communication efforts)

– Clubs will be judged on their website and Facebook pages as well as any club bulletin.

- Recipient is the **Rotary Club of Lander**

District Community Service Award(s)

– Best Community Service Project(s)

- Recipient is the **Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work**

District Vocational Service Award(s)

– Best Vocational Ser-

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vice Project(s)

- Recipient is the **Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs**

District World Community Service Award

Recipient is the **Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After Work**

District Governor's Awards

District Governor's Citation - Due to District 5440 by June 30.

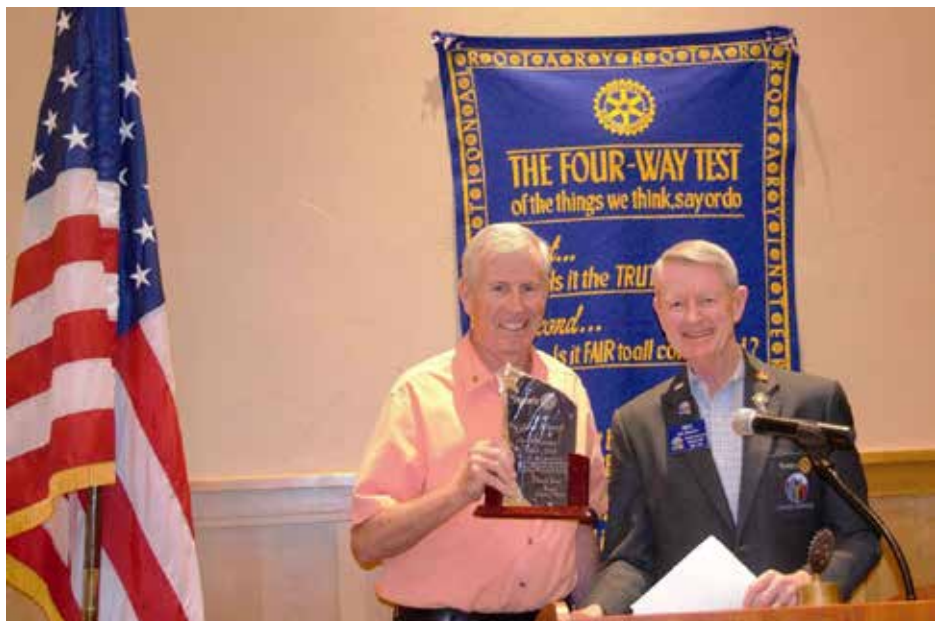
- **Rotary Club of Laramie Sunrise**
- **Rotary Club of Ft. Collins**
- **Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs**

People of Action Citation - Rotarians— Due to District 5440 by June 30.

- **Bill Schilling - Rotary Club of Casper**
- **Albon Shaw - Rotary Club of Casper, Five Trails**
- **Andy Aldrich - Rotary Club of Cheyenne, After Hours**
- **Kathy Groesbeck - Rotary Club of Estes Park**
- **DG Bill Emslie - Rotary Club of Ft. Collins, After Work**
- **Tracey Emslie - Rotary Club of Ft. Collins, After Work**
- **Chris McMahon - Rotary Club of Ft. Collins, Breakfast**
- **Kathy L. Miner - Rotary Club of Ft. Collins, After Work**
- **Marty Bachman - Rotary Club of Ft. Collins**
- **Judy Boggs - Rotary Club of**



Rotary Club of Johnstown/Milliken President Adna Romero (above-center) receives the President of the Year award for clubs under 46 members. AG Karoline Woodruff is on the left and DG Bill Emslie on the right. Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs President Steve Sehnert (bottom-left) receives the President of the Year award for clubs over 46 members from DG Bill Emslie on the right.



Ft. Collins

- **Jeanne Fangman - Rotary Club of Ft. Collins**
- **Kelso Kelly - Rotary Club of Ft. Collins**
- **Judy Lane - Rotary Club of Ft. Collins**
- **Ross Lane - Rotary Club of Ft. Collins**

- **Martin Nelson - Rotary Club of Ft. Collins**
- **Justie Nicol - Rotary Club of Ft. Collins**
- **Kathy Nicol - Rotary Club of Ft. Collins**
- **Stacy Plemmons - Rotary Club of Ft. Collins**

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- **Robin Steele – Rotary Club of Ft. Collins**
- **John Trone – Rotary Club of Ft. Collins**
- **Jack Vogt – Rotary Club of Ft. Collins**
- **Mandy Fabel – Rotary Club of Lander**
- **Dominick Weigel – Rotary Club of Lander**
- **Steven L. Morgan – Rotary Club of Laramie**
- **Manuela Hofer-McIntyre – Rotary Club of Laramie, Sunrise**
- **Jill Ottman – Rotary Club of Laramie, Sunrise**
- **Richard Schilling – Rotary Club of Loveland**
- **Jerry Westbrook – Rotary Club of Loveland**
- **Norm Anderson – Rotary Club of Ranchester-Dayton**
- **Chris Allred – Rotary Club of Star Valley**
- **Dolores (Dee) Roberts – Rotary Club of Star Valley**
- **Darrel Skinner – Rotary Club of Star Valley**
- **Brett Allison – Rotary Club of Steamboat**
- **Joanna Allison – Rotary Club of Steamboat**
- **Carol Johnson – Rotary Club of Steamboat**
- **Steve Sehnert – Rotary Club of Steamboat**

People of Action Citation Community Rotaract

- **Jera Schlotthauer – Cheyenne Community Rotaract**
- **Kirsten Malm – Cheyenne Rotaract**
- **Del Benson – Rotarian Advisor Rotary Club of Ft. Collins and Ft. Collins Rotaract**

People of Action Citation - Triumph High School Interactors

- **Dr Michelle Aldrich Rotarian Advisor**
- **Noah Angell**
- **Dominic Begay**
- **Taryn Blackburn**
- **Ben Causey**
- **Haley Clement**
- **Antiguanni Dawson**
- **Rhiannon Knight**
- **Kasandra Lick**
- **James Martinez**
- **Brandilyn Robinson**
- **Barbara Selk**
- **Kameron Thibodeau**
- **Raymond Wilson**

The Joseph Looper WCS/International Service Award - Determined by the District Governor after considering funded global grant projects for the Rotary year.

District Rotaract Award - Club activities and accomplishments that fit within the same guidelines as the RI Presidential Citation for Rotaract clubs.

- Recipient is the **Cheyenne Community Rotaract Club**

District Interact Award - Award for most active Interact club - A description of your club's activities and accomplishments should fit within the same guidelines as the

RI Presidential Citation for Interact clubs.

- Recipient is the **Interact Club of Lander**

Membership Awards – Highest retention and largest percentage of growth based on membership size of 30 or less, 31-70, and 71+.

Rotary International Awards

- RI Presidential Citation for Rotary Clubs Due to RI by June 30.
- Presidential Citation for Rotaract Clubs – Due to RI by June 30.
- Presidential Citation for Interact Clubs – Due to RI by June 30.
- Various other awards may be available from Rotary International for which your club may wish to apply. Use website to research additional awards available

District Conference Awards

Silver Bell Award (Best Conference Attendance) Determined by multiplying the percentage of club members attending the district conference by the number of miles from the club's meeting place to the site of the district conference. Three awards will be given based on membership size of 30 or less, 31-70, and 71+.

First Timer's Award (Best Club Conference Attendance by First Time Attendees). Determined by multiplying the percentage of club members attending the district conference for the first time by the number of miles from the club's meeting place to the site of the district conference. Three awards will be given based on membership size of 30 or less, 31-70, and 71+.

I want to thank District Awards Committee Chair DGN Chris Woodruff for his significant efforts to collect, evaluate and compile award nominations. We had many good nominations this year.



ROTARY PEACE CENTERS

Dear 2017-2018 district officers,

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

Timeline

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

31 May 2018: Applications due to districts for endorsement consideration

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

Mid-November: Selection decisions released

Upcoming district officer trainings

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

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

Best,

Rotary Peace Centers

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.





ROTARY CLUB OF CHEYENNE

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



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

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

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Global Grants to India

With 15 Global Grants in the past five years, Rotary is making a significant impact

by Krishna C. Murthy

Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Breakfast

Recent Global Grants in India and unexpected partners with financial support. 2017-2018

The Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Breakfast has been involved in 15 Global Grants in the last five years and the total funding is near one million dollars. I would like to share two recent grants that received unexpected support. Networking and spreading the word about humanitarian Rotary projects helps.

Global grant 1866061- Happy school with e-learning, smart classrooms and WASH program-Host Rotary District 3182-Shimoga, India and 38 local clubs and RC of Fort Collins Breakfast and RI District 5440.

The project is to help provide facilities for e-education, namely smart classes including organization of teacher training programs on e-education and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in school facilities by installing multi-tap stainless steel wash basins with a continuous water facility and drainage in 38 government public schools in Rotary District 3182.

The schools are lacking in basic amenities for e-learning and e-learning is an integral part of modern education. The managements are unable to provide these facilities and infrastructure due to financial constraints. As such these students complete their basic education but continue to be e-illiterate.



Photo of the Rotary Eye hospital, Sangamaner, Maharashtra, India.

Poor sanitation, water scarcity, inferior water quality and inappropriate hygiene behavior are disastrous for young children. WASH in School is a first step towards ensuring a healthy physical learning environment. The purpose and scope of WASH in schools aims to improve the health and learning performance of school-aged children and, by extension, that of their families by reducing the incidence of water borne and sanitation-related diseases.

Objectives: RI District 3182 is planning to provide complete e-Learning facilities and WASH in school facilities to 38 selected schools. The Rotary Clubs in each community will adopt one Government School within its jurisdiction and make it a model e-education and hygienic school by providing one smart classroom and WASH facility in each school.

Funding: This is a \$69,529 proj-

ect to provide 38 schools with e-learning computers, projectors and WASH equipment for better learning and hygiene. The funding was provided by various clubs in district 3182, India and the Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast, La Mesa club in California, friends of Rotary and RI District 5440 and 3182.

Since the project was published on the www.MatchingGrants.org website. Mike Mascari, a Rotarian from the La Mesa Rotary Club in San Diego contacted me and was able to get a grant from the Caster Family Trust for \$6,300. With friends of Rotary, Dr. Bhoopalam from Chicago supported the project with a grant for \$2,000. The remainder of the club funds were supported by the Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Breakfast and RI district funds of \$10,000 from District

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Designated Funds (DDF).

Global Grant 1865450 Rotary Eye Hospital – Sangamner, near Pune, India equipment project

Project Background: This Rotary eye hospital is functioning for more than 25 years in the community of Sangamner, India and providing eye care, especially cataract and squint eye surgeries. Now they want to equip this hospital with more modern equipment and improve the care and expand the services. This Global project should help in equipping the facility to improve, outpatient facility to diagnose and treat many preventable blindness eye problems like cataract, glaucoma and diabetes. They also treat pediatric eye problems.

Sustainability: Approximately 30% of the patient populations pay for their services according to their affordability and 70% of the eye care is for the poor who receive free eye care. It is also supported by other NGO's, and public donations.

Project Description: This global grant is a \$37,741 project to provide various eye care equipment at the Rotary Eye Hospital in Sangamner, near Pune India. The project is funded by the Rotary



Photo of the Rotary eye hospital Ambulance with Local Rotarians. Dilip Malapni, 6th from left, is the project leader. Dr. Krishna Murthy is third from the left.

Club of Sangamner, Pune Pride, a Donor Advised fund at The Rotary Foundation for prevention of Blindness, Rotary District 3131 and 3132, India and the Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Breakfast along with Rotary District 5440.

Since this project is about prevention of blindness and other eye care, the donor advised fund at The Rotary Foundation for prevention of blindness contacted us and provided \$2,000 and matched by The Rotary Foundation with \$1,000. This grant had a very unique funding structure with two clubs and two districts in India and the Rotary Club of Fort Collins,

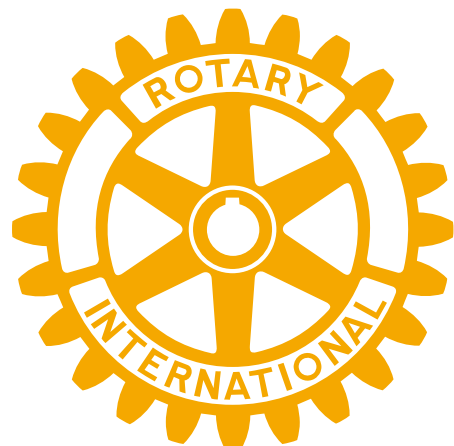
Breakfast and our District 5440.

As you can see support comes from various sources if the project is worthwhile and sustainable.

This is what Rotary is all about in helping humanity where needed. I encourage clubs in our district who are not involved in international projects to join hands with other clubs in our district to support an international project. As demonstrated above, funding follows from unexpected sources and friends.

This may be another good reason to continue to contribute to The Rotary Foundation.

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Thursday June 28

5PM to 7PM

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Rotary Honors PDG Charlie and Susan Peterson

Major Givers to The Rotary Foundation

by District Governor, Bill Emslie
Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After-Work

On May 31, 2018 I had the opportunity to visit the Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Breakfast to present PDG Charlie and Susan Peterson with a crystal, pendant and pin to recognize them as Major Givers, Level 3 to The Rotary Foundation.

This is an extremely generous and thoughtful level of giving and in doing so, they support and honor The Rotary Foundation's humanitarian and educational initiatives, which make a significant difference in the lives of others.

Contributions like those from Charlie and Susan and all who donate enable The Rotary Foundation to carry out a variety of programs through dedicated Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the globe.

Together, they promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water,



President Chris McMahon (left) and DG Bill Emslie (right) present a crystal pin and pendant to PDG Charlie and Susan Peterson. The Petersons were recognized on May 31 by the Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Breakfast for their generous giving to The Rotary Foundation as Major Donors, Level 3.

sustain mothers and children, improve education and strengthen local economies.

Thank you again PDG Charlie and Susan Peterson for your generous support.

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Thermopolis Plants Trees

Rotary Club of Thermopolis supports global initiative

by Krishna C. Murthy

Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Breakfast

DG Bill Emslie

Rotary Club of Fort Collins, After-Work

On Wednesday, May 30, 2018 the Rotary Club of Thermopolis, along with other friends planted two trees in Candy Jack Park. It was a beautiful day and the group made this activity a fun social event.

Rotary International President Ian Riseley has challenged Rotary clubs worldwide to collectively plant a tree for every Rotarian on the planet.

This would total over 1.2 million trees. Rotary District 5440 has had several club's plant trees this year. More trees will be planted this fall as part of another district initiative. Stay tuned for more details on this event.



The members of the Rotary Club of Thermopolis that helped plant trees in Candy Jack Park on Wednesday May 30, 2018 are: Lee Lowrey, Brad Basse, Karen Sinclair, Jacque Michel, Wedge Taylor, Sam, Seth, Ruth, and Julia Needham, Sharon Skiver and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Larson for the town of Thermopolis.



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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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