

# People Of Action NEWSLETTER

*"Rotarians are People of Action Making a Difference"*



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# District Governor's Message

## It All Starts With Our Members

### Bill & Tracey's Journal of Club Visits; Part 4: Sept. 1 to Sept. 12

From September 1 through September 12 Tracey and I continued our journey across the District and visited five more of our incredible Rotary Clubs. We continue to meet many fine Rotarians who are truly making a difference in their communities and across the globe. Come with us as we describe our visits to these five clubs. You will probably recognize many of the folks in the photos.

#### Visit #31, September 5: Rotary Club of Evanston

Visits to the **Rotary Clubs of Evanston and Kemmerer** were made solo as **Tracey** had the joy to stay home to accommodate our wonderful grandson. The morning of September 4, **DG Bill** drove to Evanston from home in Fort Collins and arrived late afternoon and settled in for the night.

The **Rotary Club of Evanston**, established on October 1, 1982, has approximately 44 members and is an innovative and energetic club. For example, some members of the club attend meetings, but do not eat. To accommodate this, the club developed a pay-as-you-go meal plan. Taking advantage of the 2016 Rotary Council on Legislation actions, this club's board created several new membership categories and incorporated these into the club's bylaws. These included a corporate membership, a family membership, and a membership for young professionals. The result has been a successful integration of membership categories.

Prior to meeting with the club, I met with several board members, along with **President Joy Bell**. Board members included **Ryan Pantle, Monica Vozakis, President Elect Linda Biffert, Treasurer Kelly Smith, Past President Don Knox, Secretary Kalene Collard** and **AG Brenda McGinnis**.

The club is very active in the Evanston community, raising funds from a golf tournament, a pancake breakfast which attracted over 600 people, and a garage sale. There is also a peach sale. Some of the service projects in the community include volunteering at the community's recycling center, a dictionary project for elementary students, and

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**Bill Emslie**

District Governor 2017-18

*Fort Collins After-Work  
Rotary Club*



# Where **Are We** Now?

by Tracey Emslie

*Fort Collins Rotary After Work*

## Polio Plus Club Visit Contributions top \$9,000 and still climbing

As you know, Tracey and DG Bill are raising funds for Polio Plus at each of our club visits.

Each club has contributed generously to the polio plus fund. Our initial goal was \$5,000 for 53 club visits.

We are pleased to say that the total collected from our very generous members is now over \$9,000.

With a cost of \$.60 for two drops of oral vaccine, a contribution of \$9,000 will help protect 15,000 children from this terrible, crippling disease.

Rotary International has committed to raise \$50 million per year over the next three years, with every

dollar to be matched with two dollars from the Gates Foundation. The \$9,000 contribution you have made will thus grow to \$27,000 and protect 45,000 children.

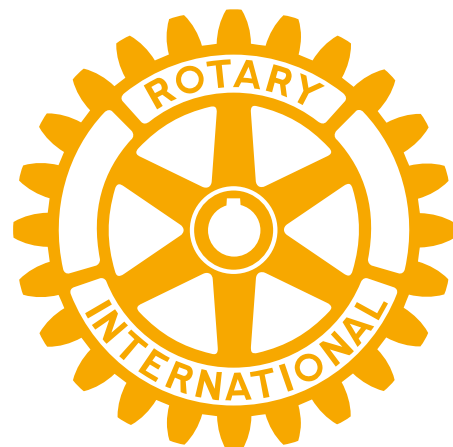
Since its beginning over 30 years ago, Rotary's polio eradication efforts have reduced the number of cases of polio each year from a level of about 350,000 to a current level of 12 cases so far this year.

In total, it is estimated that over 16 million people have been spared from this disease since the eradication efforts began. We are winning the battle but cannot stop until we reach zero cases for three consecutive years.

Thank you, Rotarians. Because of your strong support, Rotary is truly making a difference in helping to eradicate polio from the world.



# Rotary







*Rotary Club of Evanston: President Joy Bell stands beside the Evanston Community Garden, a Rotary Project developed by the club with great assistance from Rotarian Tim Sehorn.*



*Rotary Club of Evanston: From left to right are AG Brenda McGinnis, President Joy Bell and DG Bill Emslie.*



*Rotary Club of Evanston: President Joy Bell showing how productive is the Evanston Community Garden.*



*Rotary Club of Kemmerer: DG Bill Emslie receives a donation to Rotary's Polio Plus effort from President Kathy Tomassi.*



*Rotary Club of Evanston (left): Members in the back row left to right are Tim Sehorn, Jay Dee Nielsen, Tim Lynch, Kelly Smith, Steve Moscinski, Shawn Underman, Jeremy Davis, Andy Bailey, Tim Beppler, Mike Pexton, Monica Vozakis, Van Johnson, Secretary Kalene Collard and Past President Dan Knox. Front row seated left to right are: President Elect Linda Biffert, Kay Ingersoll, DG Bill Emslie, Julia Murray and President Joy Bell.*





*Rotary Club of Evanston: Members of the board with DG Bill Emslie and AG Brenda McGinnis. From left to right are AG Brenda McGinnis, Ryan Pantle, Monica Vozakis, President Elect Linda Biffert, DG Bill Emslie, President Joy Bell, Secretary Kalene Collard, Treasurer Kelly Smith and Past President Dan Knox.*



*Front Row--DG Bill Emslie with club members President Kathy Tomassi, Bridget Stewart, Anne Bluemel, Mary Sawaya and new member Anne Rudy. Second Row: Korkee Crank (guest), President Elect Kathleen Carollo, AG Brenda McGinnis, Scott Sargent, Secretary Dave McGinnis, Paula Bowling, Joe Bluemel, Dennis Oden, Andrew Nelson and Brad Meyer.*



*Rotary Club of Kemmerer: DG Bill Emslie congratulating new member Anne Rudy.*

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ringing the Salvation Army bell. Other projects in the community include a purple pinkie fund raiser for polio eradication, scholarships for high school students, and a popular Student of the Month recognition. The club also sponsors students to RYLA. The highest profile project in the community is the successful establishment of a community garden. Rotarian **Tim Sechorn** coordinated this project, which includes multiple garden plots available to community members for a very reasonable annual cost.

An international project includes participation in a high-efficiency stove project in Guatemala. This project is shared among several Rotary Clubs in District 5440.

The leadership in the club this year continues the excellent work that is traditional for this club. Congratulations **Rotary Club of Evanston, President Joy Bell** and members of your club for establishing a strong presence in your community as People of Action making a difference.

## Visit #32, September 6: Rotary Club of Kemmerer

Following the Evanston club visit, I drove to Kemmerer and attended a dinner at **President Kathy Tomassi's** house. Here he met members of the Kemmerer Board and their spouses, and had a wonderful time getting to know them. President Kathy provided dinner and lodging. Following dinner, I met with members of the Board and club, including **President Kathy Tomassi, AG Brenda McGinnis, President Elect Kathleen Carollo, Scott Sargent, Club Secretary Dave McGinnis, Bridget Stewart, Anne**

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**Bluemel, Paula Bowling, Mary Sawaya, Dennis Oden, and Andrew Nelson.**

The **Rotary Club of Kemmerer**, established on June 1, 1982 is a very social and active club consisting of about 28 members. One of the projects includes placing flags in the community during 6 holidays each year, sponsored by local businesses. The club also created a dog park in partnership with the city under a District Grant in 2016. A large community project in the planning stage includes a golf course walking trail re-surfacing. The club also sponsored a new community sign on the highway entering Kemmerer.

One unique item of interest in the community is the home and first store established by J. C. Penney. During my community tour, I not only observed the dog park, a mural, the walking trail, and the community sign, but also had an excellent tour of the that first J. C. Penney store and the residence of J. C. Penney.

Thank you, **Rotary Club of Kemmerer** and **President Kathy Tomassi** for the very thorough briefing of club projects and tour of these projects in the community. Although running solo, both the Evanston and Kemmerer club visits were a unique opportunity to see two very active clubs who accomplish a great deal for their communities.

### Visit #33, September 11: Rotaract Club of Fort Collins:

On September 11, Tracey and I made our 33<sup>rd</sup> visit and our first Rotaract Club visit to Colorado State University and the **Rotaract Club**

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*Rotary Club of Kemmerer: DG Bill Emslie with board members left to right Dennis Oden, Paula Bowling, Andrew Nelson, President Kathy Tomassi, President Elect Kathleen Carollo, AG Brenda McGinnis, Mary Sawaya, Secretary Dave McGinnis, Anne Bluemel, Bridget Stewart and Scott Sargent.*



*This is the JC Penny home in Kemmerer. We had a nice tour of the home and learned about J.C. Penney's first store in Kemmerer.*







*Rotary Club of Kemmerer: Left to right are DG Bill Emslie, AG Brenda McGinnis, President Kathy Tomassi and Paula Bowling. The mural was planned, commissioned by, and paid for by the Rotary Club of Kemmerer. It was a project by the Rotary Club of Kemmerer several years ago.*



*Rotary Club of Kemmerer: AG Brenda McGinnis and President Kathy Tomassi stand on the golf course walking trail. This club plans to resurface this trail as a future project.*



*Rotary Club of Kemmerer: President Kathy Tomassi and DG Bill Emslie in front of the club project – Barktopia, created in partnership with the city under a District Grant in 2016.*



*Rotaract Club of Fort Collins: Left to right are Vice-President Jo Buckley, Treasurer Abby Jackson, President Lisa Evans, DG Bill Emslie, Secretary Rob Hope and Social Media Coordinator Chiara Garland.*

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**of Fort Collins.** Sponsored by all four Fort Collins Rotary clubs, this is a community Rotaract club that gets things done. Tracey and I arrived a few minutes early to set up our equipment. Because we were in Fort Collins and still hosting our grandson, we brought young **Will** along with us for his first Rotaract club meeting. Although he is only 10 years old, it is never too early to start your Rotary experience.

**President Lisa Evans, Vice President Jo Buckley, Secretary Rob Hope, Treasurer Abby Jackson and Social Media Coordinator Chiara Garland** continue the tradition of great leadership for this club, which received awards last year from Colorado State University as Club of the Year and for conducting the Club Event of the Year, which was a very successful pancake breakfast. Some of the many projects this club accommodates include two fund raising events that include Breakfast Bingo and a pancake breakfast. Service projects include cans around the oval, Student Restorative Justice Training with **Rotarian & Professor Bill Timpson** and a Fall Cleanup. The evening we attended **President Lisa Evans** circulated a list of service projects the students could sign up for. There were many projects on the list.

One notable activity this club maintains is to send a member of the Rotaract club to each of the sponsoring Rotary club meetings in Fort Collins. Rotarians from the **Fort Collins Rotary clubs** also attend **Rotaract club** meetings on a regular basis. This provides excellent communications between the Rotary clubs and Rotaract.

During our presentation to the club, I asked how many members

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had been involved in Interact. We were pleased to discover that approximately 10 of the estimated 30 students present raised their hands. This speaks highly of the influence Interact has on students to continue into Rotaract.

Congratulations **President Lisa Evans**, for continuing the tradition of an active and engaged Rotaract Club of Fort Collins.

### Visit #34, September 12: Rotary Club of Cheyenne, Sunrise

Following our Rotaract visit the evening of September 11, we drove to Cheyenne and stayed at Little America, the site of our two District Training Assemblies, and where the **Rotary Club of Cheyenne, Sunrise** meets at 6:45 each Tuesday morning. This is a club that you cannot leave a meeting without having a good feeling about Rotary.

Established on September 11, 2003, this club of about 29 members is a powerhouse of humanitarian service to the City of Cheyenne. **President Roxanne Ostlund** is an enthusiastic and positive leader who gets things done. During our visit, we learned the club raises funds with an annual auction and raffle. Some of the club activities and projects include Thankful Thursday, a program for high school students that do not have a place to live, reading to children, a Chile Bingo night, an Adaptive Dance for disabled adults and special needs children, a golf tournament and Giving from the Heart program that benefits those in need.

In keeping with Rotary's goal to increase humanitarian service, this

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*Rotaract Club of Fort Collins: Left to right are Vice-President Jo Buckley and President Lisa Evans.*



*Rotaract Club of Fort Collins: Rotarian & Professor Bill Timpson discusses Student Restorative Justice Training with the club.*



*Rotaract Club of Fort Collins: DG Bill Emslie and members and visitors to this amazing club wave on during our club visit. This is an enthusiastic and high performing Rotaract club.*





*Rotary Club of Cheyenne, Sunrise: DG Bill Emslie (second from far left) with board members, left to right President Roxanne Ostlund, Past President Brenda Laird, Foundation Chair Kevin Guille, Service Chair Larry Catalano, Past President & Club News Chair Phil Noble, Past President & Club Foundation Chair Earl King and Secretary Kathy Alexander.*



*Rotary Club of Cheyenne, Sunrise: President Roxanne Ostlund.*



*DG Bill Emslie enjoys a humorous moment during the club meeting.*



*Rotary Club of Cheyenne, Sunrise: Far left, AG Daniel Brownell and DG Bill Emslie along with members of the Rotary club of Cheyenne, Sunrise listen as President Roxanne Ostlund speaks.*

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club has adopted an elementary school in Cheyenne and will provide a multitude of help and support to the students and staff. As a contribution to our Polio Plus goal, the club not only gave generously from each member present, but acted during the meeting to donate proceeds from its weekly "pineapple fund" to the Polio Plus effort.

Following the meeting, I met with board members **President Roxanne Ostlund, Past President Brenda Laird, Foundation Chair Kevin Guille, Service Chair Larry Catalano, Past President & Club News Chair Phil Noble, Past President & Club Foundation Chair Earl King** and **Secretary Kathy Alexander**. I was impressed with the range of service and giving this club makes to its community. Thank you, **Rotary Club of Cheyenne, Sunrise, President Roxanne Ostlund**, and all your members for helping to make Rotary a highly respected presence in your community.

### Visit #35, September 12: Rotary Club of Greeley, After Hours

Following our visit to Cheyenne in the morning, we drove south for a visit to the **Rotary Club of Greeley, After Hours**. This small but mighty club was established on June 10, 2008.

The club currently has about 23 members and meets each week at the Poudre Learning Center (PLC), an incredible environmental learning facility located near the Poudre River.

The Poudre Learning Center is a project of the **Rotary Clubs of Greeley**. It was the **Rotary**

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**Club of Greeley** that seeded this project and the **Rotary Club of Greeley, Centennial** that helped jointly develop the project. The **Rotary Club of Greeley, After Hours** moved to the Poudre Learning Center in October 2015 and made it their home.

The club makes donations to support the PLC general fund and foundation as well as volunteer their time to help clean up the property. The club wanted to give back with the Pavilion project to be constructed at the PLC so that people visiting or biking on the Poudre trail can enjoy the pavilion and the beauty of the PLC.

During a meeting with the board, we learned about the many projects this club manages. Some of these include a Kids Backpack program done in conjunction with the **Greeley Redeye club**. This project provides a full backpack for kids that need assistance. These were recently given to kids at the Island Grove Park with 3,100 children receiving backpacks. The project is part of a District 5440 grant. Another project, funded in part by a district grant is the downtown pavilion project. This project is in the planning stage and will soon be constructed.

The club also participates in the Guadalupe Center, an apartment complex for low income and homeless families. The club helps make these families feel at home. The club helped facilitate an Eagle Scout Project at the Guadalupe Center. This was the installation of a flag pole.

Another project is the Senior Holiday Baskets for low income shut in seniors. The club also partners with the **Greeley Centennial Club** in a district grant for rebuild-

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*Rotary Club of Greeley, After Hours: President Mark Tovar addresses the club with Carolyn Cooke looking on.*



*Rotary Club of Greeley, After Hours: DG Bill Emslie presents to the club. The meeting was held at the Poudre Learning Center.*



*Rotary Club of Greeley, After Hours: DG Bill Emslie presents a Paul Harris Fellowship to Rotarian Pam Lutey.*





*Rotary Club of Greeley, After Hours: Members in the front row left to right are Renee Fielder, Liz Clark, with DG Bill Emslie and Linda Pierre. In the middle row left to right are Ken Grack, Joyce Moreno, Pam Lutey, Jim Lutey, Kendall Alexander, President Mark Tovar, Secretary Jan Grack, Kathy Zavala-Tyson and Jose Suarez. In the back row left to right are AG and PE Michael Wailes, Louise Bates, Carolyn Cooke, Joe Aschenbrenner, and Lauren Thurman who painted a beautiful picture for DG Bill and Tracey Emslie.*



*Rotary Club of Greeley, After Hours: Members of the board left to right include Louise Bates, AG and President Elect Michael Wailes, Kathy Zavala-Tyson, President Mark Tovar, Jim Lutey, DG Bill Emslie, Joe Aschenbrenner and Secretary Jan Grack.*

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ing schools in Honduras. Members go to this site to help.

There is also a teacher's appreciation on Valentine's day. The sponsored Interact wrote 100 thank you notes to teachers.

As you can see, this club is involved in many projects and has truly earned their small but mighty slogan. Thank you, **President Mark Tovar** for managing this very effective Rotary club serving the needs of people in the City of Greeley.

Stay tuned for more visits next month. In the words of Bill and Tracey, "We love our Rotary Clubs."



# Rotary



## Honoring PDG McIvaine

On October 18, 2017, Laramie County Community College dedicated the George & Mary McIvaine Plaza in honor of the late Past District Governor George McIvaine and his wife, Mary.

Over a hundred people, including family members, Rotarians, friends, students and college employees, joined Mary in the dedication of the plaza.

George's two passions in life were Rotary and LCCC. George served as District Governor in 2006-07 and received the District 5440 Rotarian of the Year Award in 2002-03. He served as Club President of both the Rawlins and Cheyenne Noon clubs.

George held great affection for LCCC and its students. He served a term on the LCCC Board of Trust-

ees and was the Foundation President at the time of his passing.

George was very proud of having been named the Wyoming Community College Foundation Volunteer of the Year in 2014.

In 2008, George surprised his wife by creating the Mary McIvaine Nursing Scholarship, which to date has helped more than 50 students pursue nursing studies. After his passing, Mary created the George McIvaine scholarship to be awarded to students in the agriculture or equine studies program.

The McIvaine Plaza will be a place for students to visit, study and socialize for years to come and is an incredible tribute for a great couple.



# Celebrating **PDG Hammond**



Rotary members from all around District #5440 attended a special reception for PDG Lynn Hammond last month at the Garden Room in Loveland.



**Rotary**  
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# Rotarians At Work

*Pretty much by definition, Rotarians get things done for others in their communities and around the world. We want to highlight two projects completed this past month that are typical of what hands-on activities have been going on around the District.*

*We would love to hear what your club is doing. Please send us an article and some photos and we will highlight your project in the next issue.*

## Project 1: Packing Food Bags for Rise Against Hunger

The Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Foothills filled 12,000 emergency meal bags for Rise Against Hunger

on October 24. Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of nutritious meals in response to emergencies around the world. Last year the Foothills Club packaged 10,000 meals. This year

they set ambitious goal of packaging 12,000 meals and was able to achieve this lofty goal. Many thanks to Exodus Moving & Storage, Inc. in Fort Collins for allowing use of their facility to package the meals.



Rotaractor **Rob Hope** (top-right far right) helps package meals. Busy Rotarians from the **Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Foothills** package over 12,000 meals (top-left).



Each bag is carefully sealed (left) after filling with a nutritious meal. Rotarian **Kathe Haake** (right) shows the label that goes with each nutritious bag of food.



# Rotarians At Work

## Project 2: Fort Collins Tree Plant

RI President Ian Riseley has asked Rotarians worldwide to plant a tree for every Rotarian in the World. That is 1.2 million trees, or 3,003 for District 5440. On September 30, a group of Rotarians worked with the City of Fort Collins to plant three trees in a local park. That's three trees down and just 3,000 to go.



**Chris McMahon**, President, Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Breakfast; **PDG Martin Limbird** and **Mary Catherine Limbird**, plant a tree (above). (Top) Left to right are **Tracey Emslie**, **Alexis Emslie**, **DG Bill Emslie**, **President Chris McMahon**, **Mary Catherine Limbird** and **PDG Martin Limbird**.





# Rotarians At Work

## Project 3: Morrill Memorial Tree Project

The Rotary Club of Morrill recently planted 17 trees, provided by through a grant, at a new school in their community. The trees,

which were provided by a grant from the Nebraska NRD are part of a the Re-Tree Nebraska program. Twelve different species of trees were planted including: Oaks, Elms, Maples, and more.





# Estes Park Rotarians At Work

by Rita DuChateau  
Rotary Club of Estes Park

The Rotary Club of Estes Park sponsored three successful community service projects in one week.

**Thursday, Oct. 19** we power washed and chemically cleaned the Estes Park Rock on Route 36, installed by our club 16 years ago. We were joined by our District Governor Bill Emslie and Assistant Governor Linda Vomasse.

The rock is a popular stop for Estes Valley visitors and it needed a deep clean. Project coordinated by Roger Thorp, community service director.

**Saturday, Oct. 21**, we hosted a free Shred-a-Thon for the community and filled a truck with paper items and collected over \$2,000 in donations for our scholarship program. Project coordinated by Tara Moenning, scholarship committee chairperson.

Thursday, Oct. 26 we distributed 650 pumpkins to the students at Estes Park Elementary School to take home to their families.

This is the 81st year of the Pumpkin Giveaway in Estes Park.

This year, pumpkins were donated by the Safeway Foundation, with help from the Estes Park Safeway. Project coordinated by Susan Fereday, youth/new generations director.

Our 91-year old club exhibits a tradition of service to the community.



# Windsor Rotary Halloween Fun

*The Windsor Rotary club participates in the annual Halloween party at the Community Recreation Center with our club "Outhouse game". Huge crowd and lots of fun.*



## Giving From the Heart

**by Sid Ligon**

*Greeley Red-Eye Rotary Club*

One of the many projects of Greeley Redeye Rotary that had an impressive impact on me was the Giving From The Heart project.

The project was presented by our Club's President Jennifer Owens. The project was to give each member of the Club \$20 to spend in a way to impact our community.

Each member was to find a use for the \$20 (or more if they elected to add to it) that would impact our community and bring back to the Club what their project was and the result was.

Each member received a decorated envelope with the \$20 inside. This project was around Valentines Day. I had spent time volunteering and contributing to Gree-

ley Transitional House over many years. This mission of the Transitional House is to provide safety, stability, and opportunity for families in crisis through emergency shelter and comprehensive support services.

The need for these services is great and there is always a waiting list for this facility. I decided that this was a place to put the Gift From The Heart.

I contacted the Director of the Transitional House and asked for the name of a family currently residing at the Transitional House that had the greatest need.

She gave me the name of a family. I left the envelope of Giving From The Heart with an additional \$80 and ask that it be given to the family on Valentines Day.

In the week following Valentines

Day I received a letter from the Director reporting on the family. The family was a mother and three children ages 3, 6, and 10-years old. They were homeless and the mother was looking for a job. They were ecstatic over the gift and used it for clothes and toys for the children and dining out for a night.

What a nice way to change a family's outlook for a day! It made me feel good for a day and it was fun to relay that feeling to our Club members.

There were so may wonderful stories of the results of Giving From The Heart from our Club that our members shared.

I really felt that the 18 stories of our members provided an impact on our community that exceeded the impact of many of our projects.



# District Governor 2020-21

## Applications Now Available

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### TEN REASONS TO BECOME ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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

# Rotary **District 5440** Conference- Estes Park May 4 & 5, 2018

On May 3-5, 2018 our district conference will be held at the Estes Park Events Complex in Estes Park, Colorado. The conference hotel is the newly renovated Ridgeline Hotel. We have a special discounted rate of \$129 per night if reserved by November 30. After November 30 the rate will go up to \$149 per night.

Please make your hotel reservation now at <https://ridgelinehotel.com/>. You can cancel if your plans

change but you cannot get this rate after November 30. Use the discount code: **District 5440 Rotary Conference** to lock in the discounted rate.

We will have registration for the conference open soon. In the meantime, please make your hotel reservation.

Thank you..... your district conference team.





## Rotary District 5130 Fire Relief Fund

### “What we Do”

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

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



### DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO:

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

Or online at [www.larca5130.org](http://www.larca5130.org)  
NON-PROFIT TAX ID# 46-1149482

[larca5130@gmail.com](mailto:larca5130@gmail.com)

# Long-Distance Rotary Connections Provide for Relief

John Centner, a member of the Steamboat Springs Rotary Club and a frequent visitor to the Rotary Club of Humble TX (District 5890) was recently interviewed by the local Steamboat Springs paper regarding the devastation Hurricane Harvey had left in its wake.

John was in Humble during the hurricane and helped by providing assistance to rescue workers.

An additional connection between the Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs and Rotary Club of Humble is their new member Rotarian Ryan Curry, son of Skip Curry a Humble Rotary member.

Skip visits Steamboat frequently and was unintentionally in Steamboat Springs during the hurricane.

As the result of John's interview and the connections between the clubs, the Rotary Club of Steamboat held a fund-raiser among its members in order to aid in the recovery efforts of the Humble/Kingwood area.

Steamboat Rotarian Rex Brice donated a portion of his restaurant food sales for one day to the club and Yampa Valley Bank matched a portion of that contribution.

The balance of the money was raised by local Rotarians in Steam-



*Left to right: Kelly Paull, Steve Hitchcock, Steve Sehnert, Skip Curry, John Centner, and Alan Derby, President of Humble Rotary.*

boat and a matching amount was committed by their club's endowment fund.

At last count, the dollar amount committed by the Steamboat Rotary Club is just over \$27,000.

They are also working with The Rotary Foundation for a 50% matching grant so the total amount could potentially rise to over \$40,000.

Steamboat Springs Rotarians Steve Sehnert - Club President, Steve Hitchcock - Immediate Past President, and John Centner travelled to Humble TX on Oct 18 & 19

to present this news to the club.

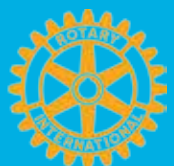
The Humble Rotary Club has formed a committee to help engage with the community to determine needs and how best to use the funds.

The Steamboat Springs and Humble Rotarians met with several agencies and community organizations who are potential recipients during their visit.

The funds raised will go to the Humble club's charitable foundation for disbursement and record-keeping.

## #PeopleOfAction

## Rotary







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

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### 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](http://www.rotary.org/daf) for more information.

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





## DONOR ADVISED FUND

### Ways to Contribute

### The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund

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

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

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

<b>Stock Instructions</b>
<p>In addition to authorizing the trade, you must fax a copy of the trade instructions to (781) 658-2497 to complete the transfer.</p>
<p><b>DTC Shares to:</b> SEI Private Trust Company</p> <p><b>DTC Participant ID:</b> 2039</p> <p><b>Agent Bank ID:</b> 94952</p> <p><b>Credit to:</b> Rotary Clearing/Liquidation Account</p> <p><b>Account Number:</b> 755Z0007</p> <p><b>Agent Internal STC Account Number:</b> 11110-C</p>

#### **Please note:**

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

# How to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** in the World

As Rotarians, we have many opportunities to make a difference in the world.

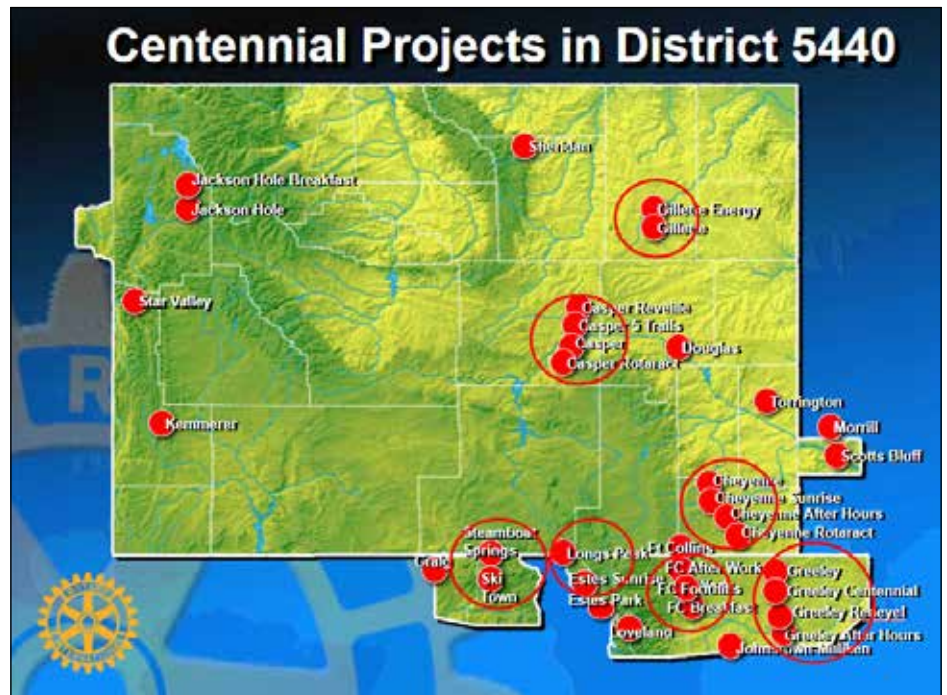
We can do service projects in our communities and in other countries. We can grant scholarships to students who will make the world a better place. We can help eradicate a disease that has crippled children around the world.

We can award fellowships to one of the 100 new peace fellows that attend one of Rotary's six Peace Centers each year. And we can respond to disasters with immediate donations as well as long term recovery projects as we are doing with the disasters in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

These activities can be done though your club's foundation or by individuals in your club, but there is a way to have a much bigger impact - **PARTNER WITH THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**.

By giving both to your club foundation as well as the Rotary Foundation you can do community projects that are three-times larger than if you only used funds from your club. For example, when you apply for a district grant and your club puts up \$2,000 you will get a 2-for-1 match of \$4,000 that will enable you to do a \$6,000 project.

For international projects the leverage is even greater allowing a club to do a \$34,000 project with a contribution of around \$6,000. In addition, there are \$2,000 undergraduate scholarships and a \$30,000 graduate level scholarship available to students selected by your club. This illustrates one of the unique things about the



Rotary Foundation - **WE ROTARIANS GET TO DECIDE ON AND PARTICIPATE IN ROTARY PROGRAMS**.

Another unique characteristic about the Rotary Foundation is that it has a **4 STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR** and has maintained this for the past 10 years. This is not an easy thing to do.

Other very good charities such as the Red Cross and the American Cancer Society have lower ratings.

Ratings are based on how much of the money donated goes to charitable programs (91% for Rotary), and accountability and transparency (100% rating for Rotary).

Having a four star rating assures that any money that you give to the Rotary Foundation will be well spent. It also has another very significant effect - it allows the

Rotary Foundation to **PARTNER WITH OTHER HIGHLY RATED ORGANIZATIONS**. For example, the Gates Foundation, the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization are some of our partners to eradicate polio.

Every year clubs in the district receive grants totalling around \$100,000 to do local service projects funded by your donations to the Rotary Foundation.

Take a look at some examples of what was done locally in District 5440 last year.

- Public Plaza Enhancements - Casper
- Poudre Learning Center - Greeley
- Rural Philanthropy Days - Craig

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# Why I GIVE to The Rotary Foundation

by **Bill Emslie**

*District Governor*

*Fort Collins Rotary After Work*

November is Rotary Foundation month.

Tracey and I have visited almost every Rotary club in our District and are now starting to visit Rotaract Clubs, Interact Clubs and Satellite Groups. This is a good time to pause and explain why we are both so supportive of The Rotary Foundation.

Tracey shared stories about polio eradication during our club visits, emphasizing how much The Rotary Foundation has done to help fund the elimination of this disease. We are so close to seeing the end of polio. The Rotary Foundation has played a central role in this endeavor, forever changing the lives of an estimated 16 mil-



lion people who have been spared from polio because they received two drops of the lifesaving oral polio vaccine.

My story centers on experience

with more than forty projects in Nepal, a dozen of which were funded by District Grants. These

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## DIFFERENCE

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- Christmas Food Boxes - Kemmerer
- Shelter Air Mattresses - Loveland
- Chemo Care Packages - Cheyenne
- Good Samaritan Mission Deck - Jackson Hole
- Services for New Americans - Estes Park
- Mammography Project - Star Valley
- Teaching Tree Learning Center

- Fort Collins

In addition, many clubs in our district are involved in international projects in water and sanitation, disease prevention and treatment, peace and conflict resolution, education and literacy, economic and community development and maternal and child health.

November is Rotary Foundation month and is the time to make the Rotary Foundation one of your organizations of choice and commit to support it on an annual basis.

If you are new to Rotary and haven't yet seen what the Rotary Foundation can do, you might want to start by committing to give \$100 per year to the Rotary Foundation using Rotary Direct to

become a sustaining member. To sign-up for Rotary Direct go to the Rotary International website at : [www.rotary.org/en/donate](http://www.rotary.org/en/donate)

We hope you will join us in making a big difference in the world by joining the **PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY** and agree to donate \$1,000 per year whenever you are financially able to do so. This is only \$85/month but it is \$85 that makes lasting changes in communities around the world, promotes peace, and prevents children from becoming disabled by polio.

Those who join before December 31 will receive a \$100 gift check and an extra 1000 Paul Harris recognition points. Contact your club's foundation chair for more information.

# Interact Assembly



*A handful of students who attended the Interact Assembly in Cheyenne in October. Front Row L to R: Jenna Sterling-BMS Interact, Alex Jones-BMS Interact, Liv Hilyard-BMS Interact. Back Row L to R: Graham Kovarik-BMS Interact, Paige Lowry-Interact Club of Fort Collins, Cedar Bennett-Interact Club of Fort Collins, Kara Trombley-Interact Club of Fort Collins. And of course they are wearing their shirts that state "Not Leaders Wear Capes". Special thanks to First Education Credit Union in Cheyenne for funding the event.*

## DIFFERENCE

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grants are made possible by our district members' contributions to The Rotary Foundation. One half of our contributions are returned to the District after three years.

This money becomes District Designated Funds (DDF), which provide for Centennial Grants, District Grants, Global Grants and District Scholarships. DDF are also used for District Polio Plus contributions.

But it does not stop there. As I visited each club in our very produc-

tive district, I learned of the many Centennial Grants, District Grants and Global Grants sponsored by our clubs to fund similar projects from your hometown to Kathmandu and beyond. When I went to the web, here is what I found:

30 Global Grants in our district approved since 2013 with an additional 9 Global Grants drafted and proceeding through the approval process. These can be viewed in the Rotary Grants Center at <https://grants.rotary.org>.

Thirty-three District Grants are active during the current Rotary year. These can all be viewed at [www.matchinggrants.org](http://www.matchinggrants.org).

I am sure the villagers in the photo below were happy to construct a toilet in their small village in Nepal using materials purchased with funds from our club and a district grant.

I am also certain that the many recipients of your club's district and global grants benefit greatly from the combined impact of funds provided by your club and The Rotary Foundation.

We wanted to take a moment during Rotary Foundation Month to thank each of you for your gifts to The Rotary Foundation. These gifts are making a Difference.



# A Life-Saving Story

by AG Jerry Westbrook  
*Loveland Rotary Club*



The Loveland Rotary Club teaches the Four-Way Test to all 8th graders in the Thompson School District. We have been doing this for 12 years, which means every student who graduates from the Thompson District, approximately 13,000 students, will have been taught the Four-Way Test.

In addition, we give each student a Four-Way Test coin at the end of class. We encourage them to go home and explain the Four-Way Test to their parents or guardian.

About four years ago, after completing the exercise at one of our middle schools, I received a call from the principal.

She said, "You saved a kids life."

I paused and replied, "What do you mean?"

"One of our students had some serious problems going on in his life. He had family problems. He was depressed, confused, would not socialize with his fellow students, and was a loner. After going through the decision-making process and applying the Four-Way Test, he decided it would not be beneficial to all concerned, thus not executing his original plan of action."

I could not believe what I was hearing. I had a warm feeling in my heart. I thanked the principal for calling and sharing the information. It was a time changing moment, a moment I will never forget.

This was only one of the success stories we know about. Think of the number of students we do not know about or never will. Hopefully all students will continue to apply the Four-Way Test to their decision-making process throughout life.

I encourage all clubs to implement the Four-Way Test in your schools. Think of the potential lives you may save or other decisions that need serious considerations. Your actions, as well as mine, will continue to change lives.



## Rotary

**The Four-Way Test  
 is a nonpartisan and  
 nonsectarian ethical guide  
 for Rotarians to use for their  
 personal and professional  
 relationships. The test has  
 been translated into more  
 than 100 languages, and  
 Rotarians recite it at club  
 meetings.**

**FOUR-WAY TEST PROGRAM –Loveland  
 Rotary Club members facilitate  
 discussions in small groups on ethical  
 issues facing 8th graders in every  
 Middle School in the district. They  
 encourage the youth to use the Rotary  
 Four-Way test to help them make  
 good decisions. Each student is given  
 a coin on which the Four-Way test is  
 inscribed: \*Is it the truth? \* Is it fair  
 to all concerned? \*Will it build good  
 will and better friendships? \*Will it be  
 beneficial to all concerned?**

# My Rotary Story

by Greg Jones

District #5300 DGD

My father is a polio survivor. I grew up hearing stories of what it was like to be in an iron lung and seeing the brace on his withered left leg. When I joined Rotary I had no idea that its top mission was the eradication of polio. I was simply attracted by the club's community service attitude. Soon I started hearing speakers talk of their experiences on National Immunization Day (NID) trips to other countries and knew that I had to participate in the polio eradication effort in a hands-on way.

In 2009 our District circulated an email about an opportunity to be on a NID's team that was going to a remote area northwest of New Delhi, India. I took the plunge and signed up even though I wasn't much of a traveler at that time. I found that India isn't just a foreign country, it is an experience that constantly challenges all five senses.

The NID trip I signed up for also included a service project bringing clean water and a vocational education center to a small village. We built these brick by brick and stone by stone carrying everything by hand. But our main purpose for being there was the upcoming NID. We marched in parades to raise awareness, met with health officials and local Rotarians to discuss the campaign. The goal was to immunize 150 million children across the country in one day.

Our team was sent to a tiny village that had a recent case of polio. The officials in that area knew that the presence of a group of foreigners would be an event

in a village that had never seen a Caucasian before. We rolled up to the town square and saw the local health workers had set up a card table and were giving the polio vaccination drops to a couple of children in line. Our group of six joined them and learned the technique of giving the two drops of vaccine.

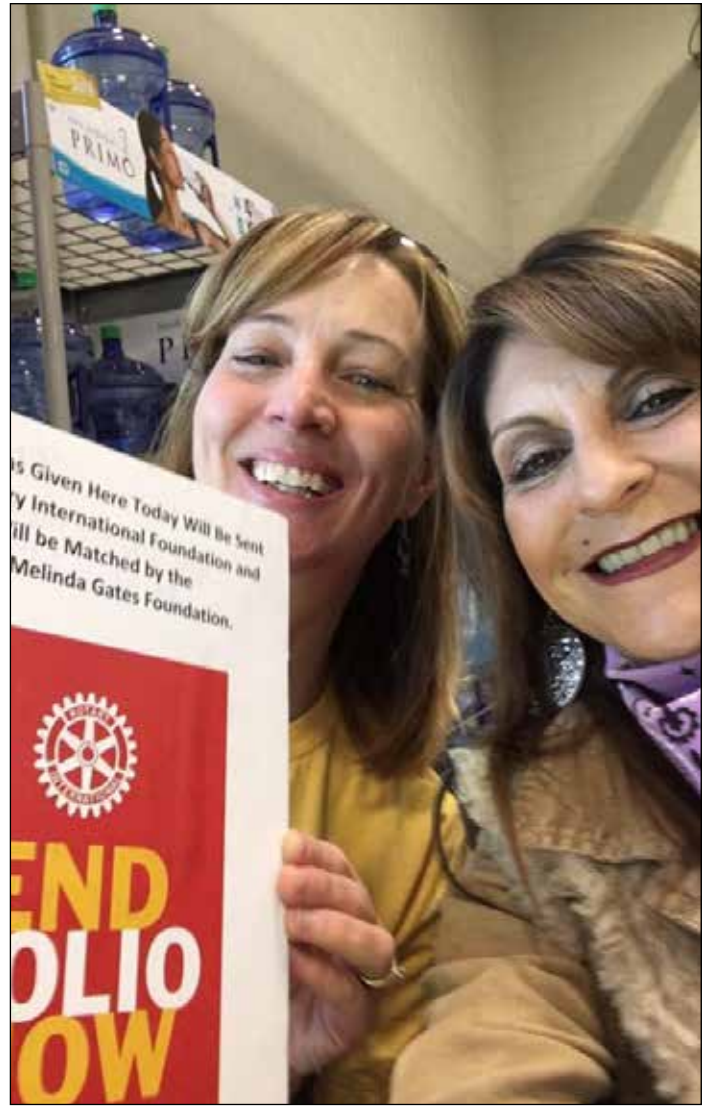
Soon a line formed. We were focused on giving the drops - it takes concentration to squeeze the child's cheeks and squeeze out two drops of vaccine, especially when you know the critical nature of the task. Since I was easily the tallest person in the village I could still glance up and watch the crowd form. The line got longer until there wasn't a line, just a solid mass of people. The town square was surrounded by buildings and the roofs of those were crowded with people looking down at us. The press of people was intense. I am pretty large but I had a hard time staying in place as the crowd kept pushing forward.

I could tell from looking at the faces of the mothers that were there that they were worried that we wouldn't have enough vaccine to give to all of the children. Those mothers knew that we were potentially saving the lives of their children. Soon the mothers in the rear of the crowd started passing their babies forward. They would get passed hand over hand across the top of the crowd. I was bent over concentrating on giving the drops. I would reach up and take a baby as it was passed towards us, squeeze two drops into its mouth, pass the baby to the Rotarian that was mark-



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*Members of the Teton Valley Rotary Club set up a booth at a local store to collect donation for Polio Plus in celebration of Polio Month in October.*

## JONES

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ing their pinkie finger and reach for another. It was such a surreal experience that I remember it vividly to this day.

Everything about that trip convinced me about the importance of Rotary's mission. Mothers were trusting their babies to foreigners they had never seen before. Our group was exposed to a culture as foreign from our culture as it could be.

I wouldn't ever see the world in the same way after that experience.

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Rotary





# Why Toronto June 23-27, 2018

by Jan & Ken Grack

*Greeley After-Hours Rotary Club*

This past spring, 2017, the International Convention was in Atlanta, Georgia which gave us the opportunity to attend our first International Rotary Convention.

We found the Atlanta convention to be an awe inspiring experience.

Fellowship among thousands of Rotarians was fantastic despite language barriers – all you needed was a smile and a hug.

An international convention allows you to experience many different cultures and view all the projects

being accomplished by Rotarians around the world. T

he colorful ceremonies had fantastic speakers and the breakouts were very informative. The House of Friendship left us speechless.

We headed to the booth sponsored by Toronto, who will host the convention the last week of June 2018 and immediately registered so we will be able to experience our second International Rotary Convention.

If you have the opportunity, this is something you should not pass up. Grab your passport and head to Toronto. Hope to see you there.

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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*



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

**Overview**

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

**Project requirements**

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

**Selecting a project**

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



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

## JANUARY 6, 2018



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



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

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

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

### Saturday, January 6, 2018

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

Denver Marriott South, 10345 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree

*Special \$99.00 Hotel Rate Available!*



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

***Please bring cash or check for your contribution.***

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

**LIMITED SEATING! EVENT SOLD OUT THE PAST TWO YEARS!**

**REGISTER NOW! [www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org)**

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## District 5440



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#### **2018 District #5450 President's Dinner**

Jan. 6, 2018  
Denver, CO

#### **2018 High Country PETS**

Mar. 2-4, 2018  
Denver, CO

#### **2018 Spring Assembly**

Apr. 7, 2018  
Little America Resort  
Cheyenne, WY

#### **2018 Foundation Dinner**

Apr. 7, 2018  
Little America Resort  
Cheyenne, WY

#### **2018 District 5440 Conference**

May 3-5, 2018  
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# SEE YOU SOON

**Share your club's projects, events,  
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