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Change is in the Air

As spring arrives, it's a good time to think about the future of Rotary and the changes necessary to ensure the continued growth and vibrancy of our clubs and Rotary itself. We've heard from RI President Barry Rassin and RI President-elect Mark Meloney about the need for change, but I want my message to be clear.

There is nothing wrong with our traditional clubs and the meeting format each club chooses to adhere to. Having said that, we also need to be open to new clubs with their own ideas of what a meeting looks like. The format of your meeting, where and when you meet, and who you attract to be a Rotarian is up to each and every club and their members.

I've heard comments that a club that doesn't ring the bell, say the Pledge of Allegiance, and pray isn't a real Rotary Club. I have always said, and will continue to say, that going to your club meeting every week doesn't make you a real Rotarian. What makes us Rotarians is service to others.

Let's remember that our **Motto** is *Service Above Self* and our **Mission** is *to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.*

There is nothing there that defines how we accomplish that mission. Let's remember that everyone sees life differently and that everyone doesn't have to conform to the traditional to serve humanity.

Change is not only inevitable, it is necessary for our continued success. Please join me and **"Be the Inspiration"** in your club by, not only accepting change, but by welcoming new ideas and helping move your club forward.



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Upgrade of Rotaract

A Major Upgrade of Rotaract one of the Key RI Council on Legislation Decisions

Rotaract clubs were elevated to full membership in Rotary International following vigorous debate at this year's Council on Legislation in Chicago. The amendment to Rotary's Constitution and Bylaws initially fell 14 votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed for adoption. However, the measure was reintroduced later after further clarification and captured 75% of the vote.

Prior to this, Rotaract was a program of Rotary without official standing in the constitution. Effective July 1, 2019 Rotaract will have a much closer partnership with RI as recognized members of the Rotary Association. On the other hand, Rotaract clubs and their members will not be counted in the overall number of clubs or members in a district nor will they be able to vote on district issues. They will continue to maintain their current relationship with their sponsor Rotary clubs.

An RI Board proposal to change Rotary International's tax status to a Section 501(c)(3) tax exemption passed overwhelmingly after extended discussion and debate on the final day of the council. The change is expected to save Rotary International nearly



\$900,000 a year in vendor purchases. It will not affect individual Rotary clubs in the United States which share a Section 501 (C)(4) tax designation. Rotarians in the United States paying RI dues may be able to deduct these payments, however the amount in tax savings will be minimal.

The council considered 117 separate proposed changes to RI's constitution and bylaws. More than half failed, and many of those that were approved involved minor technical changes.

A full report will be released to members in June. However, some of the following changes included:

- Club presidents will be limited to two consecutive terms under a change adopted in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution
- Attendance make-ups, now required to be posted within two weeks, may now be posted "during the same year."
- Dues were increased an additional one dollar a year through 2022-23.

More than 530 Rotary districts worldwide were represented at the council which opened on Sunday, April 14 and concluded on Thursday, April 18. **Past District Governor Mike Forney** was selected by district members in 2017 to represent District 5440.

He will provide a report and answer questions during the 2019 District Conference in Gering.

Rotary
Loveland



100 Years

Governor's Art Show Loveland Museum

May 4 - June 2, 2019
April 25 - May 25, 2020

May 4 - June 2, 2019 28th year
April 25 - May 24, 2020 29th year

Celebrates the Artistic Greatness of
Loveland and Colorado

Colorado artists

Assistance to homeless area students

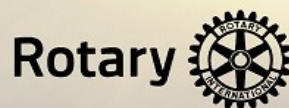
Art scholarships

Governor's Art Show Sponsor's Party

Governor's Art Show Patron's Gala

Governor's Art Show Rotary After Hours Party

Windsor Rotary Club

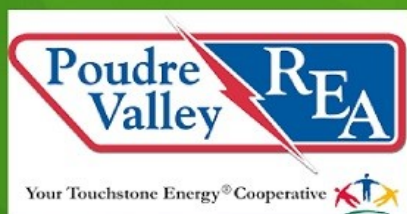


Rotary Club of Windsor Presents

7th Annual Ardin Wright Memorial Golf Tournament



Sponsored by



Benefiting

Rotary Youth Leadership
Award (RYLA) and Young
RYLA



Wednesday June 19th 2019

Four Person Scramble

Shotgun Start @ Noon

Registration: \$125 per player

Register at

www.rotaryclubofwindsor.org/ardin-wright-golf

Enjoy 18 holes of golf (including cart),
dinner, door prizes and an exciting awards
banquet.

www.rotaryclubofwindsor.org/ardin-wright-golf

Pelican Lakes Golf & County Club 1620 Pelican Lake Pt. Windsor CO 80550

Rotary Zone 26/27 Institute in Denver



ALL Rotarians are invited

Rotary Zone 26/27 Institute in Denver - You are Invited!

September 5-8, 2019

Did you know that the 2019 Zone Institute is open to *ALL* Rotarians? That means *YOU* are invited to the Rotary Institute in Denver, the first Institute of our newly configured Zone 26/27!

2 Countries, 30 Districts, 14 States and a Province – one fabulous time!

When: Thursday, September 5, 2019 through brunch on Sunday, September 8th with a Welcome Reception on Wednesday, September 4th

Where: Denver Marriott Tech Center Hotel, Denver, CO

What: Thursday's Seminar: If you are a District Public Image, Membership, or TRF Chair or a District Trainer, join fellow District Chairs to share ideas, success stories, challenges, and the latest information during this strategies-packed day of collaborative training and planning.

Thursday's Specials Session Program: 9:00 - 4:15, various times.

Join fellow Rotarians in a series of Professional Development Seminars: Creating Events with Impact, Public Speaking, Being an Effective Trainer, Creating Images that Tell a Story.

OR Thursday's Optional Denver Foothills Explorer Tour: the first of three optional tours. 12:30-4:30 Enjoy touring the Foothills of Denver - the Gateway to the Rockies. This unforgettable four hour tour displays Colorado's variety of natural treasures.

Institute Schedule at a Glance

Thursday Evening: Mile High Mix 'N Mingle Dinner...food stations, entertainment, and Rotary *FUN!*

Friday: Rise 'n Shine Walk for Polio, Institute Opening, **Reunion and Friendship Dinners for all**

Saturday: Institute Program followed by a *free* afternoon of **Activities and Tours. Enjoy the Denver Area**

Saturday Evening: District Governor-Elect Graduation Gala - an elegant Roarin' 20s themed evening

Sunday: Institute concludes with Special Speaker, Interfaith Celebration of Life and early Brunch.

How do I register? On our Zone website. <https://www.zone2526.org/2019-rotary-institute/>
Two blue buttons; be sure to click on both....Institute Registration and Hotel Registration.

What Does it Cost?

Hotel Guest Rooms: \$129 plus tax

Early Bird Registration \$225 through May 15, 2019

Meal Package: Estimated to be \$350 (six meals); Friday Friendship and Reunion Dinners are no host.

Thursday lunch is optional.

Activities/Tours: varies plus you can explore on your own

Who else will Attend?

In addition to your colleagues and Regional Leaders, District Governors, current, past and future, RI President Nominee Sushil Gupta, Trustee and PRIP Ian Riseley, many additional Rotary Senior Leaders and extraordinary speakers, Rotarians and Rotaractors from throughout our new Zone 26/27!

ACT NOW AND REGISTER FOR THE DENVER INSTITUTE!

Upcoming District Events

- [Rotary District 5440 Conference - 2019](#)

Gering Civic Center

May 16, 2019, 3:00 PM - May 18, 2019, 9:00 PM



- [Rotary International Convention](#)

June 1-5, 2019 Hamburg, Germany



- [Rotary Leadership Institute](#)

June 7, 2019, 5:00 - 9:00 PM

June 8, 2019, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Poudre Learning Center, Greeley, CO

- [Rotary Zone Institute](#)

Sept. 5, 2019, 8:00 AM – Sept. 8, 2019, 12:00 PM

Denver Marriott Tech Center Hotel

- [Rotary District 5440 Conference - 2020](#)

May 28, 2020 – May 30, 2020

- [Rotary District 5440 Conference - 2021](#)

May 20, 2021 5:00 PM – May 22, 2021 9:00 PM



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<https://rotary5440.org/>

District Governor—Chuck Rutenberg

