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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

October is the month that we're reminded of our promise to the children of the world; to eradicate polio from the planet earth. This battle has been going on for over thirty years now, but this is not the time to grow weary. This is the time to show the world what Rotarians can accomplish when we work together.

We all know that we've gone from 350,000 cases per year, thirty years ago, to less than 20 each year. But we need to remember that these are not numbers, these are children who have had their lives changes forever by the wild polio virus. We must keep fighting until no child is stricken by this terrible disease.

This means doing whatever we can do to raise money for this fight by holding our own End Polio Events. Also, let's not forget that we will receive two dollars from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for every dollar we raise. This

year World Polio Day is October 24th, a day when Rotarians around the world come together to push End Polio Now forward towards a conclusion. Rotary Clubs everywhere will be holding End Polio events and registering them on endpolio.org. I want to encourage each of you to register your events on this website to show the world what we are doing in District 5440.

I will personally wear my purple wrist band I received from the LCCC Rotaract Club until we see the last child diagnosed with the wild polio virus. What will you do this year? I hope everyone will join me and take time this October to **Be the Inspiration** in our fight against polio.



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The Real Power of the Rotary Foundation

By James Epstein, District Rotary Foundation Committee

You could make the case that the power of The Rotary Foundation comes from its consistent four star rating over the last ten years on Charity Navigator which allows us to partner with major organizations like the World Health Organization and the Gates Foundation to address major world issues such as Polio Eradication.

You could also argue that The Rotary Foundation is a powerful force for peace in the world through its 7 peace centers in 6 different countries which graduate about 100 new peace fellows every year.

But the real power of the Rotary Foundation is us - the Rotarians. We fund service projects in our communities and we volunteer our time. In 2016/17 Rotarians worldwide completed 30,000 service projects and contributed 24.3 million volunteer hours.

We can select the right projects for our communities because our Rotary club members represent their communities. Many of our projects are single club projects such as: providing tablet computers for literacy, a blanket warmer for a nursing home, a scholarship for a local student, smoke alarms for seniors, a suicide prevention program, adult catch up classes, and many more.

When we join together with other Rotary clubs in our community we can do even more. For example: The Poudre Learning Center in Greeley, Casper Mountain Park, and Clean water for Crow Creek in Cheyenne. We don't have to limit ourselves to just local Rotary club partners, we can work with any Rotary club in the vast network of 35,000 clubs around the world. The largest project that I know of that was implemented inside of district 5440 was the Glen Haven project where the Rotary clubs of Estes Park partnered with clubs in Brazil and India to do a \$160,000 global grant project to restore septic systems destroyed by the 2013 flood.

I am always amazed at what Rotarians can do. Can you imagine a series of projects totalling over \$3 million dollars involving 608 Rotary clubs in 80 districts? The Guatemala Literacy project is that project and it started here in district 5440 in the Rotary club of Lander, WY.

The other thing we Rotarians do for The Rotary Foundation is to raise money. It is truly our foundation and a good one at that according to the independent evaluation of Charity Navigator. If you want to see The Rotary Foundation continue to transform the lives of real people in your community and others around the world, then I ask you to make The Rotary Foundation one of your charities of choice and pledge to support it annually. If you go to the district website at <https://www.rotary5440.org/sitepage/foundation-resources> and click on Areas of Focus videos and watch these six short videos, you can't help but become passionate about the work that we Rotarians do.

This year we are asking every Rotarian in district 5440 to make a pledge to The Rotary Foundation during Foundation month in November. Your club's Rotary Foundation contact will pass out the pledge forms during one of your club meetings. You can pledge at one of three levels

Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) any amount that you specify

Sustaining level, \$100/year or more

Paul Harris Society level, \$1,000/year or more

Please consider pledging at whatever level you are comfortable with but please make a pledge because your support is essential to our foundation.

District Governor 2021-22 Applications Now Available

Candidates to serve as District Governor in 2021-22 will be interviewed by the District 5440 Nominating Committee on Saturday, November 10th in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Applications must be received by the district office on or before November 1st. 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 a Rotary club in District 5440 has a past president with excellent leadership qualities, this is the time to bring their name to the club's 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 (2012-13). Forney's name was submitted by the board of the Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs.

Past Governor Barbara Redder (2016-17) from Casper 5 Trails said "The highlight of my time as District Governor is the lifelong friendships we made with Rotarians in our district, the country and the world. It is truly a life changing experience," she said.

"The one thing I came away with as being District Governor is the passion that my fellow Rotarians have for making the world a better place," according to past governor Phil Murphy (2014-15) from the Fort Collins breakfast club. "I was constantly amazed at the creativity and the determination that I saw and heard to help others locally and around the world. It is a year I will never forget," Murphy 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 5440 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 Taipei (2021) and Houston (2022).
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 Club of Fort Collins Breakfast

WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT TRANSFORMS PINGORI TO GREEN DURING SUMMER

A joint global grant project with Rotary Clubs of Fort Collins Breakfast, Pune Sports City and Aundh and RI District 5440, 3131 and The Rotary Foundation has transformed a drought affected hilly village into a green farming paradise. A dry village which needed water tankers just a couple of years back, now has water throughout the year, thanks to a combined project of excavation and desilting of an existing reservoir and installing a drip irrigation system over 50 acres. This Global Grant Project is worth Rs 24 lakhs (\$36,867) benefiting over 2500 villagers and families.

Excavation has enabled increased water storage for percolation and raising the water table downstream of the reservoir over 500 acres in 4/5 villages, including Pingori. This recharging of wells and borewells has enough water now throughout the year for its people, cattle and agriculture for 2500 persons. Farming using drip irrigation systems saves 60% water, increased yield and allows 3 to 4 crops to be grown annually. Farmers have formed a cooperative group to focus on cooperation, training, organic farming, value addition, growing cash crops only and direct marketing to Pune City. The economic benefits have been direct for 50+ farmers and their families and created additional marketing jobs. Instead of growing low value millet and sorghum, farmers are now growing quick growing vegetables like beans, tomatoes, peanuts (groundnuts) and lentils like toor dal and fruits like pomegranates and custard apples.

Economic development has raised the living standards in this village, which has also seen other Rotary projects like raised water tanks for year-round farming, tree plantations, computer labs for its school, bicycles for girl students and other continuing projects. Pingori has been transformed positively in all respects.



Pingori Drip Irrigated Area Overview



Reservoir before excavation (April 2018)



Reservoir after excavation (June 2018)

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Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast (continued)

WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT TRANSFORMS PINGORI TO GREEN DURING SUMMER



Farm before drip irrigation I
installation (April 2018)



Pingori farmers involved in drip
irrigation planning & execution



Drip Irrigated Farm in the heat
of dry summer (May 2018)



Toor Dal on drip irrigated farmland
in August 2018

Rotary Club of Cheyenne

Thanks for all of the help today collecting and transporting veggies for our local veterans and their families from Miller Farms! We labored on Labor Day to feed those who sacrificed for us in the line of duty! A huge shout out to Cheyenne Rotary After Hours, Noon Rotary, Community Rotoract and even advisors from Central High School and Triumph High School Interact clubs!



Rotary Club of Estes Valley Sunrise

HURRICANE FLORENCE RELIEF OPPORTUNITY AT AUTUMN GOLD FESTIVAL

At the Autumn Gold Festival this weekend in Bond Park, you can walk into and experience life in a large relief tent designed for an extended family displaced by disaster. Rotary International (which encompasses Estes Park's three Rotary Clubs) has partnered with ShelterBox USA to provide large relief tents, tools and sundries to distraught people all over the globe. Like Autumn Gold's antique car show, band music, tasty beer, wine & brats, the ShelterBox relief tent is truly exciting. It withstands up to 70 MPH winds and contains a solar light, filtered watering system, blankets, cooking utensils, a stove, a basic tool kit, a children's activity pack and other essential items.

Currently, 85 million people are displaced by hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanoes and conflict. In Iraq and Syria, Shelter Boxes were delivered to families devastated by ISIS attacks. In New Orleans, 27,000 Shelter Boxes were deployed to families whose homes were demolished by Hurricane Katrina. Many more were sent to the victims of Hurricane Sandy in New York & New Jersey as well as to victims of multiple tornadoes in the Midwest. When the waters recede, Rotary International & ShelterBox USA will deploy thousands of boxes to those affected by Hurricane Florence.



Since its founding in 2000, ShelterBox USA has responded to more than 200 natural disasters and humanitarian crises in almost 90 countries, providing vital aid for well over 1 million people. "Providing shelter is far more than just providing a tent. It's helping a community start on the right path."— Chris Warham, CEO, ShelterBox USA. Sponsoring a standard Shelter Box costs about \$1,000. Donations will be welcomed.





CHEYENNE SUNRISE ROTARY FUNDRAISER

NOVEMBER 1, 2018

DOORS OPEN AT 4PM

EVENT STARTS AT 4:30PM

PLEASE JOIN US AT THIS FUNDRAISER EVENT –

Proceeds will benefit the Laramie County Library's "First Steps: Early Literacy Program". A program designed to increase early literacy opportunities for at-risk children as well as the Cheyenne Sunrise Rotary Foundation – a fund that was established to help immediate needs of the community and local, regional or international missions.



Cheyenne Sunrise Rotary
Cheyenne, WY U.S.A.

LIVE AUCTION

DINNER

50/50 RAFFLE

CARD GAMES

CHANCE TO WIN
\$1000

LOCATION:

AMVETS POST 10
3839 E. LINCOLNWAY
CHEYENNE, WY



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DRINKS & FUN MONEY FOR GAMBLING

RAFFLES | AUCTIONS | LIVE MUSIC WITH JACKSON 6
\$99 ROOM RATE WITH TICKET



THE WORT HOTEL
NOVEMBER 3, 2018 | 6:30PM

\$100 ONLINE AT WORTHOTEL.COM
OR AVAILABLE AT THE WORT FRONT DESK

All proceeds will go towards
local Rotary scholarships



Rotary Club
of Jackson Hole Foundation

Upcoming District Events

- [Nominating Committee Interviews for DGND](#)

Nov 10, 2018

- [President Elect Training Seminar \(PETS\)](#)

Denver Renaissance Stapleton Hotel

Mar 01, 2019 4:00 PM –

Mar 03, 2019 12:00 PM

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

May 16, 2019 – May 18, 2019

- [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

Check out the District 5440 Website! <https://rotary5440.org/>

District Governor—Chuck Rutenberg



Service Above Self



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