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## District Governor's Message

by Ken Small, 2015-2016 District 5440 Governor

The World of Rotary continues to roll-on. The Youth Exchange program is in full swing and the RYLA camps have occurred. Many Rotarians in District 5440 deserve a huge round of thank-you for devoting their time and summer vacations to Rotary and vouth.

Membership is the theme for the month of August throughout Rotary. The importance of membership should be obvious but deserves discussion. What is the value proposition for being a member of Rotary International? Each Rotarian has a different motivation which can range from altruism to egocentric reasons. What is important is that every Rotarian find value in what they are doing through Rotary. Rotary International is a magnificence shell for action, but the action has to be taken by motivated persons. Whatever motivates a Rotarian to participate and take action should be recognized and fostered.

District 5440 membership is on a roller coaster. We ended the last Rotary year with 3090 members and opened this year at 3091. The District needs to have 3300 Rotarians by the end of this Rotary year (June 30, 2016). With a little mathematics the conclusion is that we must add 19 members a month for the next 11 months. We are a district of over 50 clubs so if every club were to add one new member a month (and not lose any members), then we will easily make the goal. The key to making the goal is to retain our Rotarians. This gets back to the value proposition of Rotary.

Every Rotarian in every Rotary club has an implicit opportunity to sustain Rotary through recruiting new members, assuring that the existing members enjoy Rotary through participation in projects and fellowship, and finding within themselves the reasons they are in Rotary and ensuring that they continue to nurture their interest. Bring friends, professional cohorts, and interested persons to Rota-

One of the great satisfactions available through Rotary is realizing that you can Be A Gift to the World. Yours in Rotary, DG Ken





### GREELEY AREA CLUBS RAISE MONEY FOR POLIO

By Mark LLEWELLYN, Greeley Rotary Club



On May 28<sup>th</sup> the Greeley area Rotary Clubs (After Hours, Centennial, Downtown, and Redeye) gathered for a talent show featuring Rotarians from the clubs. Local venders provided samplings of Wine, Beer, and Distilled Spirits. Unique hor d'oeuvres were served. Proceeds from the event went to End Polio Now.



Dick Bond of the Greeley Club



Brian Larson of the Greeley Club



Allison Hamling of the Greeley-After Hours Club

### FALL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY FEATURED SPEAKER

By Phyllis Abt, District 5440 Trainer

We are excited to announce that the keynote speaker for our Fall Assembly will be PDG Dan Himelspach from District 5450. He will address how Rotary needs to respond to a changing world with strategies such as satellites and the proposed flexibility legislation.

The breakout sessions will included topics such as Best Practices for Grants, Promoting Rotary and Your Club, Foundation Giving, How to be an Effective Club Committee Chair, Planning Stimulating Rotary Programs, Strengthening Clubs by Retaining Members, Strategic Planning for Clubs, and Developing Diversity in Membership.

We hope that you will plan to join us at Little America in Cheyenne on October 3. Register online at the <u>District Website</u>. Remember if you are a first timer to a District Assembly you pay half price and if you were a first timer at the last assembly we challenge you to bring a first timer to this one!

# DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISIT SCHEDULE AUGUST & SEPTEMBER (FULL VISIT SCHEDULE UNDER ADMIN MENU ON WEBSITE)

Club Name	Date		Club Name	Date
Worland	August 12th		Gillette	September 1st
Casper 5 Trails	August 13th	Casper Reveille		September 2nd
Cheyenne After Hours	August 18th	Douglas		September 2nd
Estes Valley Sunrise	August 18th	Loveland Thompson Valley		September 3rd
Fort Collins Foothills	August 18th		Evanston	September 8th
Cheyenne	August 19th		Lander	September 9th
Fort Collins Breakfast	August 20th		Johnstown/Milliken	September 10th
High Plains-Eaton	August 20th		Sedgwick County	September 15th
Craig	August 25th		Ski Town USA	September 22nd
Fort Collins After Work	August 25th		Steamboat Springs	September 22nd
Fort Collins	August 26th		Estes Park-Longs Peak	September 23rd
Estes Park	August 27th		Greeley Septen	
Torrington	August 31st		Scottsbluff/Gering	September 29th
			Morrill	September 30th

### JOHNSTOWN-MILLIKEN ROTARY CLUB INSTALLATION DINNER

By Jim Lutey, Club Past President & Current Club Secretary



Old, worn flags being lowered



New flags donated by the Johnstown-Milliken Rotary Club are raised.

Johnstown-Milliken Rotary Club members and guests enjoyed a catered dinner at the Poudre Learning Center (PLC) in Greeley on July 10, 2015. Club member Willie Grauberger served as Master of Ceremonies. On behalf of the Rotary Club, Willie began by presenting the PLC with a new American flag and a new Colorado flag. The existing ones were rather tattered.

After dinner, Assistant District Governor, Phyllis Abt, commented on behalf of Rotary District 5440 and congratulated Jordan Jemiola for serving as Club President last year and welcomed Michael Wailes as Club President for 2015-2016. Outgoing Club President, Jordan Jemiola, presented incoming Club President, Michael Wailes, with his new gavel made by Willie from beetle killed pine. Michael then presented Jordan with a beautiful plaque as outgoing President. The plaque was, again, made by Willie from beetle killed pine.

Willie then introduced Ray Tschillard, Director of the PLC, who gave a program on the history and purpose of the PLC. The PLC is a great place to visit and to learn and experience nature.



Past President Jordan Jemiola presents a new gavel to incoming President Michael Wailes.



Incoming President Michael Wailes, presents a plaque to to Past President Jordan Jemiola.

### **CLUB CELEBRATIONS**



February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 was very cold but clear. The Triangle X Ranch was host to 22 Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Supper members. Ten years to the day, our club was chartered. Rotarians braved the elements to come to the ranch to celebrate their charter. Members warmed up around the fireplace for cocktails, before being seated in the dining room for dinner. Chef Tom prepared surf and turf for all to enjoy. Charter members, Rod Everett and Francis Warziniack, regaled everyone with stories on how the club was started. Many others got up throughout the evening to share their memories of this great club. In the end, we toasted to 10 great years, and to 10 great more.



On June 30th the Greeley After Hours Rotary Club held their transition dinner at their new meeting location of 1908 Speakeasy. After dinner the Club President reviewed all of the projects and accomplishments of the club throughout the 2014-15 Rotary year. Installation of the 2015-16 officers was then done. Then the Marshall had to be run out of town to make room for new club president Joyce Moreno! Pictured left to right is GAH club members Joel Thurman, Allison Hamling, Renee Fielder, Mark Tovar, Louise Bates, PE Joyce Moreno and from the Loveland Rotary Club our Assistant Governor Carol Stark-Sorg.

### **OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE DISTRICT 5440**

by PDG Bryan Cooke, District 5440 Nominating Committee Chair

The Rotary Clubs of District 5440 are dedicated to humanitarian service, working "hands on" and through support of The Rotary Foundation. The District Governor and the District 5440 team help to provide clubs and Rotarians with necessary resources, education, motivation and inspiration to grow membership and increase their ability to serve others.

If you are interested in serving Rotary beyond your club, we want to hear from you. We're waiting for your call! Candidates for District Governor for 2018-'19 should complete the District Governor Nominee application and the supplemental DG form and return it along with a letter of recommendation from your club board to Administrative Secretary Kellie Tovar as soon as possible. All documents can be found on the District website's nominating committee page.

The Nominating Committee will review the applications and invite the selected candidates for interviews on October 17<sup>th</sup> – location to be determined.