

Be a gift to the world



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Registration  
is open  
for PEs and  
PENs



Have you sent in  
your Foundation  
contributions this  
Rotary year?

## District Governor's Message

by Ken Small, 2015-2016 District 5440 Governor

"Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution" is a major mission of Rotary. Rotarians support a strong program in education to develop a cadre of highly educated and highly motivated persons who then are diffused through the world. The Rotary students are found in government positions, non-governmental organizations, international businesses, and education. However, an even greater impact on conflict prevention and resolution is general education, wealth, and successful recognition of cultures, religions, geography, and language.

This week a great Rotarian asked me if Rotary had a STEM program. He is interested in the topics of science, technology, engineering, and math. Harry's question really drives deeper into the basis of education that benefits development of the minimum standards for health and communication. Every Rotary project whether it be a water well, lighting project, latrine, paint, education, microfinance, health services, literacy or other project will require a very fundamental understanding of the STEM topics. Certainly, any substantial level of education requires some knowledge of the STEM topics even if one's primary interest is in the Arts, Letters, and Language.

So how does this all relate to peace and conflict prevention/resolution, One Rotarian, one club, one Rotary district is not likely to resolve the issues of many tribes, languages and customs. But the tools of a basic education for many persons can then be joined together to promote action (or inaction) on maintaining the peace. A re-

cent water and sanitation project laced together a church leader (very educated in the letters and languages), an engineer, cultural specialists, and interested tribes to evolve a project for peace. Whether formally educated or educated by elders passing down the best practices in the region, STEM was imbedded in every facet of the project.

I ask our District 5440 Rotary clubs to consider STEM programs in your schools, projects, and interactions with your new generation. On a balance with the arts and letters, STEM education is the third key to a rational and balanced world of understanding and tolerance. An outstanding example is the addition being developed for the Poudre Learning Center (a Greeley Rotary clubs project). The expansion project will include space for a STEM enhancement program. While this is a brick and mortar project, because RI funds are not involved, the Rotary clubs are pressing on with the construction.

Thanks to every Rotarian for all you do, all the time. Be a Gift to the World.

DG Ken

## WHAT A SWEET PROJECT!

by Lauren Thurman and Michael Wailes, Greeley After Hours Rotary club



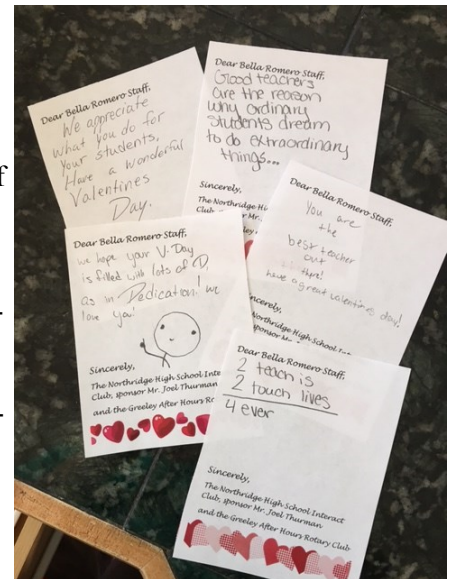
Members of the Greeley After Hours Rotary Club came up with a simple, but “sweet” project for Valentine’s Day: sharing the love with the teachers at a local elementary school.

Club members were asked to each bring a bag or two of candy to the February 3 meeting to create “Sweetie Sacks” for the teachers and staff at Bella Romero Academy of Applied Technology in Greeley.

Working assembly-line-style, members filled and packaged over 100 bags of sweet treats. Interact students from Northridge High School in Greeley also contributed to the effort, providing hand-written notes thanking the teachers for their day-in-day-out service.

The simple and inexpensive project provided members of the club a great fellowship opportunity and a thoughtful way to recognize the teachers in their community.

Kathi Ramirez, an English Language Development teacher at Bella Romero Academy was elated by the gift, “Thank you for taking the time to think of us and putting all these bags together!”



## REGISTER TODAY FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE!



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MAY 19-21, 2016  
Registration is now open!  
[REGISTER NOW!](#)



JACKSON LAKE LODGE  
IS THE HOST HOTEL  
Reservations are now open  
307-543-2811  
Mention Rotary Conference



# FORT COLLINS CLUBS—2016 PURPLE PINS FOR POLIO!

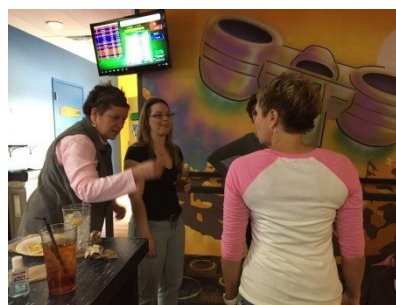
by Ruth Lutes, Fort Collins Foothills Rotary Club



More than 180 Fort Collins Rotarians, Colorado State University Rotaract and Rocky Mountain High School Interact members participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual “Purple Pins for Polio” event at Chipper’s Lanes in Fort Collins on January 31<sup>st</sup>. It was great fun, great fellowship and we raised \$13,000! Combining this with the double matching funds from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Fort Collins Rotary clubs contributed nearly \$40,000 to the Rotary Foundation PolioPlus program.



The participating clubs included Rotary Club of Fort Collins and its satellite club, Foothills Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast and Rotary Club of Fort Collins-After Work. The clubs sponsored 167 bowlers and 31 Rotarians across the 4 clubs provided \$250 Lane Sponsorships. We also thank the many additional donors who raised pledges and made personal contributions. We couldn’t have done it without you - Great job!



## CYCLE TO SERVE

by Jon Kindschy, Regional Coordinator for D5440, Rotary Fellowship: Cycle to Serve

"Rotarian cyclists: Consider joining the Rotary Fellowship: Cycling to Serve. To learn more see <http://www.cycling2serve.us> and follow the fellowship on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/cycling2serve/>) and Strava (<https://www.strava.com/clubs/Rotary>). Membership provides the opportunity for Rotarian cyclists throughout the District and beyond to connect for fellowship or fundraising. The Fellowship can also help promote awareness of a club's upcoming cycling-related fundraiser or publish success stories of past events."



**Rotary**  
District 5440



## **NOW OFFERING 2016 District 5440 Scholarships**

**District 5440 is now offering 3 competitively based scholarships for CSU, UNC and UW students.**

**\$2,500. Rotary Field Study/Seminar International Scholarship**

**\$5,000. Rotary International Scholarship**

**\$2,500. Rotary International Scholarship**

### **Purpose of Scholarships:**

- To further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries.
- To promote Rotary's motto:  
*Service Above Self*



*Be a gift to the world*

### **Application and Information:**

Have CSU, UNC, and UW students contact their university Study Abroad Department.  
Club Sponsorships of Students Available!

### **Application Deadline: March 4, 2016**

Local Interviews: April 1 - April 3, 2016

District Interviews: April 16 -17, 2016

(Interviews held in Fort Collins)

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### **Scholarship Committee:**

**Mary O'Neal**  
**Charlie Peterson**  
**Jean Morrell**  
**Rollin Abernethy**



# Rotary Peace Fellowships



## *Now Offering* **2017 Rotary Peace Fellowship**

An informational packet for this annually awarded world-wide competitively offered Fellowship/Scholarship is now available on our district website.

District 5440 has been honored to have had 7 Peace Fellows selected for this prestigious award! We are now one of the most successful districts internationally **THANKS** to all of your recruitment efforts.

**LET'S DO IT AGAIN!!!**  
**Support the PEACE initiative!!!**

### **QUESTIONS - Email** **District Scholarship Committee:**

- **Mary O'Neal, Chair**  
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# Rotary



### **DEADLINES**

- Club Endorsement May 2, 2016
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emailed to District May 2, 2016
- District interviews  
(Fort Collins) May 14-15 2016
- Application sent to  
The Foundation June 28, 2016

### **APPLICATION**

Google: 2017 Rotary Peace Fellowship  
Application

**Ken Small,**  
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**Governor**



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# ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI)

**A leadership development program for all Rotarians!**

RLI believes that excellent club leadership (all types of club leaders) is essential to the future of Rotary in a complex and fast changing world. Most Rotarians have not been exposed to the great scope of Rotary around the world and the leadership opportunities available to move Rotary forward.

## SPRING SESSIONS SCHEDULED

**February 26-27, Jackson WY (Complete RLI in 1 weekend)**

**February 27, Casper, WY**

**April 8-9, Scottsbluff, NE (Complete RLI in 1 weekend!)**

**April 8-9, Rock Springs, WY (Complete RLI in 1 weekend!)**

**April 16, Fort Collins, CO**

**April 30, Casper, WY**

**JOIN A SESSION IN YOUR BACKYARD, OR MAKE IT A ROTARY VACATION WEEKEND!**

**REGISTER AT [HTTP://ROTARY5440.ORG/EVENTS](http://rotary5440.org/events)**

