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Have you sent in
your Foundation
contributions this
Rotary year?

District Governor's Message

by Ken Small, 2015-2016 District 5440 Governor

Rotarians, our Rotary year is almost $\frac{3}{4}$ over. We have accomplished many things. We are growing membership – at the end of February, D5440 (that's us) had a net gain in membership greater than any of the other districts in our Zone (about 13). That is a great result that is totally the responsibility of Rotarians.

We have also witnessed the closeout of international global grant projects which is always an interesting exercise. To the clubs with international projects and their project managers, everybody needs to say thank-you as the District can be barred from future grants if we have too many projects that are not properly closed.

Our district trainers have executed a great Fall Assembly, crafted an outstanding 2016 President Elects Training Seminar (just completed), and are hard at work on the Spring Assembly. The speed of progress of programs and opportunities almost demands that every Rotarian attend the Spring Assembly. For club officers and chairs, the Spring Assembly should be on your "must do" list, the group should absolutely include next year's club board members.

The District's Interact and Rotoract program is growing and moving quickly forward. The District is engaging in Rotoract at the District, region, and national levels. Great appreciation needs to be focused on both the Rotoract leadership and the clubs that are their sponsors. Thank each other for what you do for the other part of the Rotary/Rotoract bargain. The Interact clubs are also growing and providing opportunities for students all over the District.

The Rotary Leadership Institute program is roaring forward with information on what, where, when and how Rotary operates. Several RLI sessions have occurred this spring and more are in the calendar for the next two months. The fundamentals of Rotary which are explained and practiced in RLI sessions are the basic tool kit for any board member of a Rotary club, including the Presidents. The incoming class of Presidents (2016-2017) would be wise

to engage in an RLI before or as soon as possible after becoming a President. RLI attendance needs to be a prerequisite for board members if at all possible. RLI in D5440 is that good.

The Polio Plus program is achieving great results. Unfortunately, we have not quite steered the world to being free of wild polio yet, but, experts believe we will see the last cases of paralysis for the wild polio virus this year. As of March 13, there were six known cases of paralysis this year in Pakistan and one case in Afghanistan. With polio transmission arrested in the world, the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation will be extraordinary.

Jackson Lake Lodge awaits our 2016 District Conference on May 19, 20, and 21. The conference committee has arranged to have the conference opened by a keynote from David Vela, the National Park Service Superintendent of Grand Teton National Park. He will talk about the park, the NPS outreach to the millennial and other generations, and the evolution of the park. The closing keynote speaker is Past Rotary International President and current Chairman of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees, Ray Klinginsmith. Our own D5440 Rotarian, Dr. Bob Tello will discuss the polio eradication program and lead a breakout on polio topics. For recreation, you can hear about high country mountain rescue, take a float on the Snake River, attend a BBQ (home hospitality) at the Triangle X ranch, visit Jackson or engage in other activities. There is a track for Rotoract and a service project for the Youth Exchange. The Jackson Lake Lodge is offering a fantastic room rate for Rotarians – this is the best opportunity to stay at the lodge that you will likely see this year or in the future.

Thank you Rotarians for all you do. District 5440 is rocking along and setting up for another great year next year.

Be a Gift to the World.
DG Ken

ESTES PARK ROTARY DUCK RACE ADOPTIONS UNDERWAY



It's time to shake those tail feathers and adopt some yellow plastic swimmers in the 2016 Estes Park Rotary Duck Race. Adoption forms are now available from one of the 64 charities for \$20 or online for \$21.

On Saturday, May 7, a full day of activities begins at 8 a.m. with a hearty pancake breakfast in Bond Park, offered for \$5 by the Longs Peak Rotary Foundation and the Kiwanis Club of Estes Park. At 9 a.m., the Duck Waddle 5K foot race begins in Bond Park and follows a scenic route featuring the Fall River and grand views of Rocky Mountain National Park. Finishing back at Bond Park, runners and walkers will be provided with breakfast, games and activities. The festival continues with a scavenger hunt hosted by area merchants. All this happens before the ducks hit the water at 1 p.m. Festivities continue until 3 p.m.

This year's major prizes will transport winners to exciting destinations. Trips include Ireland, Mexico, Disneyland, New Orleans, Las Vegas and San Francisco with values between \$2,000 and \$6,000. Hundreds of merchant prizes also will be given away on race day.

For more information on the Estes Park Rotary Duck Race, or to adopt your ducks, visit www.epduckrace.org or <https://www.facebook.com/EPDuckRace/>.

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JOHNSTOWN-MILLIKEN SATELLITE CLUB

by Jim Lutey, Johnstown-Milliken Rotary Club



The Johnstown-Milliken Rotary Club recently established a Satellite Club. It is the fourth Satellite Club to be established in District 5440. The **Rotary Satellite of Johnstown-Milliken** currently meets the second and fourth Tuesday at 6:30 pm at the Columbine Complex, 202 N. Greeley Avenue in Johnstown. The Satellite members work on service projects and fundraisers at least two other days per month. Adna Romero, President of the Johnstown-Milliken Rotary Club, said "We are very excited to have a Satellite Club. We look forward to being able to grow the Johnstown-Milliken Rotary Club, giving our committee more flexibility to be involved in a great organization." Lisa Klink, Chairperson of the Satellite Club, said "This Satellite is an enjoyable group of people. We welcome continued growth and look forward to

our own journey while honoring our parent club and Rotary's rich tradition of service."

Three new members of the Satellite Club were inducted on January 26, 2016. They are, from left to right, Pam Lutey, Michelle Simon, and Lisa Klink.

The Satellite members will assist with community projects this spring including a Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt on March 25 for 11-18 year olds in Milliken, a Children's Festival at Roosevelt High School on April 30 in Johnstown, and a Pet Expo on May 21 in Johnstown.

The purpose of the Satellite of Johnstown-Milliken is to follow the tenants of the Johnstown-Milliken Parent Club. Holding meetings at an alternative time will help grow the membership of the Club. It will enable the Johnstown and Milliken community to be more involved in Rotary all while following the Rotary Values.

"PLAY IT FORWARD"



Rotarians Herb Brady and Karen Trusler sharing the program at a local grocery store and collecting donations.

A Windsor Rotary Club service initiative this year involves supporting the needs of students in band and orchestra through their "Play it Forward" project. Through a partnership with the Weld Re-4 Windsor School System and the Windsor Severance Fire District, Windsor Rotarians are breathing fresh life into once loved instruments by collecting instruments from individuals who no longer use them. They help to refurbish these instruments and then get them into hands of student musicians.

Windsor Rotarians have shared this need through a communication blitz of community businesses, having a booth at the local grocery stores, and sharing information at other clubs. From these initial efforts, the club has collect-

ed flutes, trumpets, a cornet, saxophone and a violin. Music is a strong component of a student's education, including skill development, artistic expression, problem-solving and self-discipline. This initiative led by Windsor Rotarians is making a difference in the lives of these students.



The Windsor High School Orchestra



The Windsor High School Band with one of their awards.

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SPRING ASSEMBLY

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Miss Colorado, Kelley Johnson

Sponsored by:
 **UCHealth**



Kelley Johnson represents the Miss Colorado organization in the community as Miss Colorado 2015. Kelley also competed for the title of Miss America 2016 and was awarded, second runner-up. Through her participation in the Miss Colorado and Miss America programs Kelley was awarded over \$30,000 in scholarship money to further her education. Kelley graduated Summa Cum Laude from nursing school at Grandview University, where she was also valedictorian. She hopes to obtain a doctorate in nursing practice.

Kelley's year as Miss Colorado has included appearances on the *Ellen Show*, *Dr. Oz*, *The Doctors*, and speaking engagements across our country. As Miss Colorado, she is a goodwill ambassador and a volunteer at many organizations, including Children's Hospital Colorado.

Kelley will share her passion for the nursing profession and suggest ways that Rotarians can enhance Vocational Service through their own professions.

April 23, 2016

9am - 3:30pm

Little America Resort & Hotel

2800 West Lincolnway, Cheyenne, WY

Call hotel for your room at 307-775-8400

Tentative Breakout Topics:

Membership

Public Relations

Leadership Opportunities

Scholarship Opportunities

Grants & The Rotary Foundation

Club Secretary and Treasurer Essentials

Assemblies are designed to help all members of the District learn more about Rotary. They also help to prepare club leaders and foster leadership development within clubs by finding ways to make club officers and committee chairs better prepared and more effective. The district meetings provide a forum to network with Rotarians from throughout the District, share best practices and seek solutions for challenges facing the clubs. Assemblies are all about preparation and relationships.

\$25 FOR FIRST-TIMERS, GUESTS, ROTARACT AND INTERACT MEMBERS

\$50 FOR RETURNING ROTARIANS

Register at www.Rotary5440.org or contact Kellie Tovar at 970-506-1036

Greeley After Hours Rotary **Bowl-A-Thon**

Please consider donating to these local and international projects:

- Christmas bags for 200+ needy and at risk senior citizens
- Weld Food Bank deliveries
- Guadalupe Shelter
- Teacher appreciation gifts
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)
- Solar lights for villages in Malawi, Africa



www.gofundme.com/greeleybowlathon

We are also looking for teams of 4 to participate
in this annual bowling event, \$200 per team.

Highland Park Lanes, Greeley, CO
Sunday May 1st, 2016 - 3:00-6:00pm

“Perfect Game” Sponsorship Levels:

\$1,000 Title Sponsor
\$500 STRIKE Sponsor
\$250 SPARE Sponsor
Or prize donations



President Joyce Moreno President Elect Joe Aschenbrenner

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, NICARAGUA ROTARIO WELCOMES WYOMING ROTARY CLUB VOLUNTEERS

by Dr. Lyn Velle, Gillette Energy Rotary Club



The first week of school in the San Juan Del Sur schools and the surrounding district in Nicaragua found the members of the Gillette Energy Rotary Club and the San Juan Del Sur, Rotario working together to sort uniforms for the elementary school students as well as package bags of supplies for the teachers in the thirty-six schools and backpacks and supplies for the students. The uniforms were donated by the John Paul Catholic School in Gillette and the Catholic School in Casper, Wyoming and were carried to Nicaragua in donated suitcases by four volunteers from the Gillette Energy Rotary Club, assisted by two non-Rotarian adults and two children. The visit was from February 6, 2016 through the 14th, a lovely time to be in Nicaragua and out of the Wyoming cold.

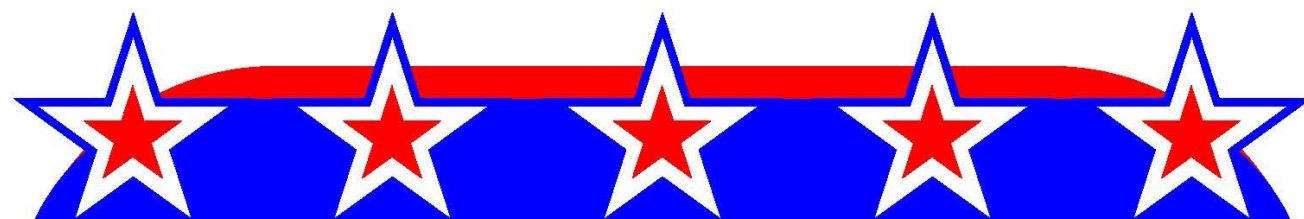
Some of the activities that were done during the

time spent in San Juan Del Sur, included delivering uniforms, backpacks, teacher and student supplies to several of the surrounding schools of the district. The big blue food storage bins were also delivered as well as soccer balls, coloring books and crayons that were taken to the children by Riley and Ainslee Ringer. It is so amazing to watch children who don't speak each other's language playing together and having a wonderful time. A bit of time was spent at most of the schools and at a "Shelter" in Granada, playing soccer and tossing baseballs. The men of the group along with several locals also worked on a septic system and new bathrooms for one of the local schools, and hand-washing stations (along with some tips on hygiene) were also included in the project.

This ongoing project is made possible through a Rotary District Grant, as well as a \$5000 donation each from the Gillette Rotary Club and the Gillette Energy Rotary Club. The Gillette Rotaract Club as well as several donors added approximately \$1000 to the funds. Other uses of the funds included support for six secondary, rural school "Saturday" instructors for the year (at \$450 each) and to build some additional computer tables and furniture for the community library that was remodeled as a part of our project the past two years. Another fun activity was to visit the San Juan Del Sur Rotario Club meeting at their regular Tuesday evening time.

Once again, it was such a pleasure to visit and renew old friendships and make new friends. We always find the people there to be very appreciative of everything and manage to survive the extreme poverty there with wonderful, happy attitudes.





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SPRING SESSIONS SCHEDULED

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

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

April 15–16, Fort Collins, CO (Complete RLI in 1 weekend!)

April 30, Casper, WY

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