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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

May is Youth Services Month in the world of Rotary. Since Rotary embraces service to humanity, and a very large portion of the world's population are under the age of 30, and half of that younger population may be considered "youth," the topic is broad. In District 5440, we are serving youth on all fronts.

Cowboy Country Rotary Youth Exchange (CCRYE) is the gold standard for youth exchange programs. Your CCRYE organizes both an outbound contingent of exceptional junior and senior level high schools students and also establishes the hosts for the inbound students from around the world. This year, the district is hosting 23 exchange students and has facilitated the overseas study and travel of an equal number of students. The results of the exchanges include exceptional academic success for the students in future years, the development of understanding and friendship across cultures and political boundaries, and future strong support for Rotary programs around the world. If you see a member of the CCRYE or one of the exchange students, it is always interesting to talk to this "crew." As this new Rotary Year is being organized, your club may be looking for host families for the inbound students; please consider being a host or approach a family that may be interested in hosting an exchange student for several months.

Elsewhere, Rotary support youth through after school programs such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs that can be additional school time, off campus study facilities, or field trips and hands on internships. There is no limit to the creative pursuit of teaching and learning in the paradigm of STEM.

The only infrastructure that The Rotary Foundation normally will consider for investment is in the area of water and sanitation. Rotary clubs, using their own resources of Global Grants, are responsible for hundreds of water wells at schools throughout the world. There is a strong correlation between the ability to learn and safe drinking water. Obvious, health is the link; clean water is a requirement for good health. To all the District 5440 Rotarian families involved in education and the water and sanitation projects, a big thank you.

Rotarians in our District are also intensely involved in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) for high school students and also for junior high age (Young RYLA). While this program operates basically autonomously, the interests of Rotary are strongly involved. Many innovations in RYLA started in District 5440. The program is sound, repeats and grows every summer with more campers and more sessions. Like the CCRYE "crew," the RYLA "crew" are to be supported in all their work with our youth here at home.

Is Rotary and District 5440 involved in youth? You betcha!

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DG Ken

2016 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION—KEEP POINTS

The Rotary International Council on Legislation convenes every three years to consider legislative proposals developed by the RI Board of Directors as well as Rotarians in Rotary Clubs throughout the world. This year the Council on Legislation met in April. There were several proposals considered and adopted that have a significant impact on Rotary Clubs and Rotarians. A quick summary is below.

Club Administration – written minutes of board meetings are to be prepared and made available to club members within 60 days of the board meeting

The Club Treasurer is to be a member of the Board

The club committees should be aligned with the District and Club Leadership plans

Committees should include Club Administration, Membership, Public Image, Rotary Foundation, Service Projects

Admission fees for new and honorary members were removed

Club by laws may be changed on club membership and attendance, but, the club must meet at least two times per month

A Club may establish a sub-category of Associate under Active membership

A Rotaractor may hold dual membership in Rotaract and a Rotary Club and may be considered an active member of the Rotary Club.

A Rotaractor or Rotary alumnus may be a member of a Rotary Club even if they exceed the number for the classification.

The distinction between a regular Rotary Club and an eClub was removed.

Increase the per capita dues by \$4/year, each year, for the next three years beginning in 2017 (\$4 + \$4+ \$4)

See the briefing by Rotary Vice President Greg Podd which is posted on the District Website

A more detailed report is posted on the District Website in the download files section titled Report on Council of Legislation.

2017 RI CONVENTION SPECIAL CENTENNIAL RATE



Pay just \$265 when you register between 28 May and 6 June 2016! (Rotaractors pay \$70). Payment must be received by 6 June to receive this special rate.

[Sign up for the Rotary Convention newsletter](#) to receive information about this and other convention happenings.

An email confirmation is sent for all registrations, including faxed and mailed registrations. If a letter of invitation is required for your visa application, you will receive it with your confirmation.

Important deadlines

6 June 2016: Last day for special centennial discount (\$265 Rotarians/\$70 Rotaractors)

15 December 2016: Last day for early-registration discount (\$340 Rotarians/\$70 Rotaractors)

31 March 2017: Last day for preregistration discount (\$415 Rotarians/\$100 Rotaractors)

14 June 2017: Last day for online registration (\$490 Rotarians/\$130 Rotaractors)

Registration fees

Register early to take advantage of discounted rates! [View registration fees](#)

MISS COLORADO 2015 SPEAKS ON VOCATION

by Chuck Rutenberg, Fort Collins Rotary Club



Miss Colorado 2015 Kelley Johnson speaks to attendees

On Saturday April 23rd, Miss Colorado 2015, Kelley Johnson joined Rotarians, Rotaractors and thirty nursing students who were guests from throughout the District, to speak about her vocation of caring for others through the profession of nursing. Kelley told the story of how she became Miss Colorado and how it has changed her life.

After competing in the Miss America pageant, she was mocked on “The View” for her monolog of her vocation during the pageant, which thrust Kelley into the national lime-light. That show was responsible for nurses throughout the country joining together to defend her and she was invited to appear on national TV on shows such as “Ellen”. Kelley relayed the story of a young girl watching the Miss America pageant saying how much she wanted to be in beauty pageants and become Miss America. After Kelley’s monolog, she turned to her mother and said “I want to be a nurse”. “If that young girl is the only one I inspire to join the nursing profession, then it was all worth it”, said Johnson. Kelley displayed her passion for her vocation as well as for helping others and was an inspiration to everyone who attended.



Kelley Johnson poses with students after her talk



Kelley was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow by DG Ken Small as she received a standing ovation from attendees

As I watched the faces of the young nursing students during her presentation and saw the joy on their faces as Kelley encouraged them to love what they do. It was obvious that she was inspiring them all. She spoke about what inspired her to become a nurse, and how nurses serve to comfort those in need, both patients and families when they are in the hospital.

Kelley Johnson is the daughter of fellow Rotarian and emcee at the assembly, Julie Johnson-Haffner, who beamed with pride as her daughter spoke to the crowd.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL 2016-2017

By Jim Epstein, District Grants Chair



As part of the Rotary Foundation Centennial year celebration, district 5440 is sponsoring the Centennial Challenge open to all clubs in District 5440.

THE CHALLENGE

Implement a humanitarian service project in your community
and/or

Select a candidate for a \$30,000 graduate scholarship to study abroad
and

Have a foundation program for your club in November

For more information visit <http://www.rotary5440.org/SitePage/centennial-challenge>

Prizes will be awarded at the Centennial Dinner on April 29, 2017

Projects will be judged on their humanitarian nature, the involvement of community members and Rotarians, and the number of people served

START ENTERING YOUR CENTENNIAL PROJECTS NOW

Centennial projects are entered on the [matchinggrants.org](http://www.matchinggrants.org) website (see <http://www.rotary5440.org/SitePage/grants> for instructions). Your project must be approved before it is started.

TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Tell the story of your Centennial project with a series of pictures (maximum of 5) that show the beneficiaries, Rotarians participating and the results of your project. These pictures will be used in the judging of the

DISTRICT 5440 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Sarah Walker has been awarded a \$5,000 international scholarship. She will be working in Northern Kenya to develop and implement a school curriculum that aims to empower young women to become leaders in local conservation and the protection of the environment. Sarah will be working alongside Daraja Academy staff and students to design and evaluate the program. She will be spending four months living and working in the town of Nanyuki where she will be immersed in Kenyan conservation, environmental conflict and culture.



Taylor McInerney has been awarded a \$2,500 international scholarship. She will be attending classes focused on Arabic language and Middle Eastern politics with the purpose of continuing to foster understanding and engage in conflict resolution and prevention. As a student in a Moroccan university, she will be able to build important relationships with Arab students and faculty, as well as other exchange students from all over the world. Taylor hopes to use the insight gained to foster peace and understanding here in the U.S. long into the future.



Stacy Armbruster has been awarded a \$2,500 summer/field study scholarship and will be living in southern Peru conducting participatory research with Quechua communities to understand how and why agricultural cooperatives can help address gender inequality and improve female participation. As a collaborator with these communities, she seeks to create partnerships of trust and understanding and carry forth what she learns in her continued studies and career. Additionally, Stacy will use this opportunity for language study to increase her fluency in Spanish and to learn Quechua.

CASPER ROTARACT CLUB HOSTS ROTARY in the ROUND

By Liz Becher, Casper Rotary Club



In March, the Casper Rotaract/Young Professionals club hosted a networking event entitled, **ROTARY in the ROUND – Keeping the Rotary pipeline relevant to our community (Interact – Rotaract – Rotary)**.

It was held in a trendy venue after work, and appetizers and adult beverages were catered by all three Casper Rotary Clubs – Casper, Casper Five Trails, and Casper Reveille.

The event included about 30 Rotarian and Rotaract club members and guests, as well as DGE Barbara Redder. Attendees moved from table to table and addressed cutting-edge questions that were placed on each table, covered with white paper for writing down ideas and discussion points. The event fostered creative dialogue and goal-oriented visioning. Rotaract is compiling all of the written comments and will disseminate them to the clubs for upcoming strategic planning sessions.

Rotary's goal of engaging young Rotarians came together beautifully in one, fun night in Casper. Rotaract set the stage!!

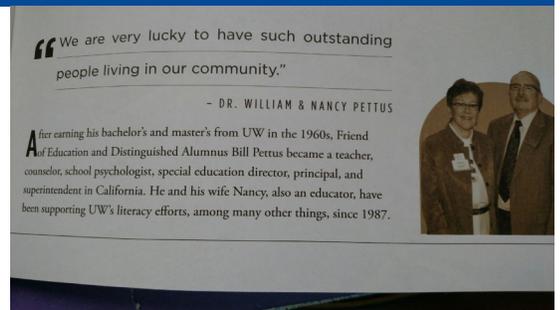
ROTARY NEWS

By Liz Becher, Casper Rotary Club



Pictured left: In February, Casper Five Trails President – Wayne Heili, was sworn in as a Casper City Council member. Congratulations Wayne!!! May you use the 4-Way Test in all of your Council decision making and discussions. We are proud of you.

Pictured right: Congratulations to Rotarians, Bill and Nancy Pettus, who were honored in the University of Wyoming Foundation's 2014-2015 Annual Report on Giving. We are proud that they are Rotarians!!!



Pictured right: PE's and PEN's from the Casper, Casper Five Trails, Casper Reveille, Douglas, Rawlins, and Casper Rotaract/

Young Professionals all attended the PETS training in Denver in early March. Rotary District 5440 is in great leadership hands!!!



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