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# District Governor's Message

by Ken Small, 2015-2016 District 5440 Governor

Rotary International wants all of us Rotarians to focus on The Rotary Foundation during the month of November. This is a great recognition of the importance of the dominant financial resource used by almost every Rotary club in the world. The engines of Rotary are Rotary Clubs. The Rotary Clubs require two resources to execute the outstanding projects for the world community. The resources are Rotarians and funds.

When the Rotary Foundation was created with the seed money (profit from the first Rotary Convention, 1917), the founders had a vision of a foundation with the purpose of doing good in the world. We have come a long way in the last 98 years.

Donor fatigue is worth a conversation is the donor countries where contributions to The Rotary Foundation are greater than the funds from the Foundation planted in the country. However, if one feels donor fatigue, be glad that you are in the position to feel such a pressure and not in the position to have to depend on the funds from the Foundation for minimal sustainment or survival. In our District, we are definitely in the donor column, however, there is a twist.

Through the hard work of many District 5440 Rotarians, Rotary engaged in the restoration of clean water and sanitation in Glen Haven Colorado after the flood two years ago. Through a Global Grant, funds flowed through The Rotary Foundation from India and Brazil (and from a number of Districts in the US and elsewhere) to District 5440. This contribution to the recovery in Glen Haven Colorado clearly demonstrates that we are part of a world organization where the resource flows to

the need.

During the month of November, please consider contributing to the Annual Fund which sustains our District Grant process. If you have heard that polio is on its way out, be thankful and then contribute to Polio Plus to finally end the transmission of polio (Rotary wrote checks for \$40 million last week to continue the polio eradication effort). For those that are pressed for time, make contributing to The Rotary Foundation easy by going to Rotary Direct and enrolling in a periodic charge to your credit card or draft on your bank account. Once established, your contributions will flow as you direct but in an exceedingly efficient channel.

Joan and I have had a terrific fall visiting the Rotary Clubs of District 5440. We look forward to seeing our friends again in the coming year. Thank you for all you do!

Yours in Rotary,  
DG Ken



Registration is now open for PEs and PENS

## RUTENBERG NAMED 2018-2019 DISTRICT 5440 GOVERNOR



Charles J. "Chuck" Rutenberg was selected District Governor Nominee Designate following interviews last month with the District 5440 Nominating Committee. Past District Governor Bryan Cooke, Nominating Committee Chair, made the announcement.

Rutenberg and Lynn, his wife of 31 years, participated in the interviews at the Farr Library in Greeley. They will undergo nearly three years of training at the Rotary Zone and international level before Chuck begins his term on July 1, 2018.

"Chuck has an outstanding leadership record not only in Rotary, but in other non-profit organizations as well," Cooke said. "The committee members were very impressed with his knowledge of the district and his extraordinary commitment to Rotary."

Rutenberg served as president of the Rotary Club of Fort Collins in 2007-2008 and Assistant Governor from 2010 to 2013. He was named District Rotarian of the Year in 2006-2007. He has chaired the district visioning and grants committees and just completed a three-year term as the High Country PETS lead trainer. He is a member of the Bequest Society and a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

The Rutenbergs moved from the Northeastern United States to Colorado in 2000 after 31 years in corporate marketing and finance with the Eastman Kodak Company and Johnson and Johnson. He has spent the last 13 years as a financial advisor with JBA Wealth Management. He sold his equity position and stepped down as Managing Partner earlier this year and will slowly phase out of the business over the next year.

Chuck is president of the non-profit CARE Housing, Inc., a non-profit organization which develops and manages affordable housing communities in the Fort Collins area. He also served as board president of Senior Alternatives in Transportation (SAINT) in Fort Collins.

"Lynn and I consider it a great honor to serve the district in this new capacity," he said. "Our district has great people, strong clubs and outstanding local and international projects. While we are challenged by the geographic size and distances between our 54 clubs, I think we can let that work to our advantage using emerging technology for some meetings and training," he said.

The District Nominating Committee meets once a year to interview and select future district governors. The five immediate past district governors serve on the committee together with two "at-large" members. This year's committee includes PDG's Bryan Cooke (chair), Mary McCambridge, Mike Forney, Julie Phares, and Phil Murphy along with past club presidents Ron Randle and Ray Leaycraft.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR CLUB? HERE ARE A FEW THINGS HAPPENING IN OTHER CLUBS!



The Rawlins Rotary Club hosted DG Ken Small and Joan for his annual club visit in mid-October. Club president, Tyler Trevillyan, and his Board prepared a bound report of their goals, projects, and financials to review with DG Ken, and gave him a copy to take with him. Pictured here are PP Robert Hunt, President Tyler Trevillyan, DG Ken Small, Treasurer Marilyn Godfrey, Secretary Patty Schuler. DG Ken is holding the report.



Kemmerer Rotary Club members recently concluded their annual fall fundraiser in which they sold and delivered five tons of potatoes. Club members take orders for newly harvested potatoes from Idaho and deliver them when the bags arrive. Local high school students, for the price of a few pizzas, help unload the trailer. Customers can choose fifty pound bags of russet, Yukon gold, shepody, or red potatoes or boxes (assembled by Rotarians) that include ten pounds of each of the four varieties. Brad Meyer, club President, noted that “community members are happy to get potatoes that come straight from the ground to their tables, and they like supporting Rotary.”



Greeley Centennial President Mike Oakes, Poudre Learning Center Director and Greeley Rotarian Ray Tschillard, DG Ken Small, Centennial Rotarian and Chair of the Steering Committee John Coppom and Greeley Rotary President Ron Wildeman.

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## PAUL HARRIS DINNER HOSTED IN CASPER



Vickie Robertson (Douglas) presents their district grant project in Kenya.



DG Ken presents a chevron to new Paul Harris Society member, Charles Schoenwolf.

The Casper Rotary Club, Casper Five Trails Club, Casper Reveille Club, Douglas Rotary Club, Rawlins Rotary Club, Casper Rotaract Club, and Casper Interact Club hosted their Paul Harris Dinner on November 5, 2015 at the Casper Petroleum Club.

District Governor Ken Small welcomed the full audience and shared highlights about The Rotary Foundation. The club presidents from Casper, Casper Five Trails, Casper Reveille, and Douglas (John Starnes, Wayne Heili, David Hough, and Vickie Robertson) then gave short presentations about their respective district grant projects which were funded as a result of contributions to TRF. The club president from Rawlins (Tyler Trevillyan) shared his club's progress towards the Presidential Citation, specifically in the Online Tool Adoption and Public Image categories. The club president of Casper Rotaract (Amanda Sutton) shared their work in the New Generations category. All the club presidents then recognized their member donors to TRF.

AG and PHS Chairman, Liz Becher, kicked off a challenge to gain new members to the Paul Harris Society with chevrons presented by DG Ken. Seven Rotarians met the challenge at the event!!! They are Robin Mundell, Barry Johnson, Dick Wimbish, Charles Schoenwolf, Richard Schwahn (all from the Casper Club), Chad Cundy (from the Casper Five Trails Club), and Margaret Carpenter (from the Casper Reveille Club). The event concluded with a raffle drawing for some neat Rotary apparel.



Club presidents (left to right) – Tyler Trevillyan, Wayne Heili, John Starnes, and David Hough recognize their member donors to TRF.

## TOP THREE CLUB ANNUAL FUND RAISERS

The Rotary Foundation notified District 5440 that the three top fund raisers (per capita) last year were Fort Collins – Breakfast (\$365.65 per capita), Jackson Hole Breakfast (\$356.76/per capita), and Loveland (229.94). A banner will be presented to each of these clubs. Additionally, Estes Valley Sunrise and Scottsbluff/Gering will receive banners for Every Rotarian Every Year contributions of at least \$100 per member.

A huge thank you from all Rotarians should be sent to these five clubs as their contributions to the annual fund benefit everybody in the District. Thank you, Rotarians, for your effort. DG Ken

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## SEOUL 2016



**Connect With Korea** -- Touch the World at the 2016 Rotary Convention in Seoul, May 28 - June 1.

For those planning on attending the 2016 Rotary Convention in Seoul, South Korea note that the early registration discount ends on December 15.

The Convention is an opportunity to be entertained, inspired, and energized by the activities at the Seoul convention. The complete list of events, with times and locations, will be in the program book which will become available in May. The highlights can be found at <http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/schedule-highlights>

Zone 27 coordinator Alistair MacDonald has organized a tour of South Korea prior to the start of the convention and anyone interested in joining fellow Rotarians can contact Alistair at [gotosoul2016@gmail.com](mailto:gotosoul2016@gmail.com) for details.

# HISTORIC CHEYENNE DEPOT RECEIVES RECLICA CLOCKS FROM ROTARACT CLUB



The new "time-era" clock, donated by the Rotaract Club of Cheyenne, is placed inside the Cheyenne Train Depot building on Tuesday October 27, 2015 in Cheyenne. Hugh Carey/Wyoming Tribune Eagle

CHEYENNE - The historic former Union Pacific Cheyenne Depot looks a little more like it did during the station's heyday, following the donation of replica clocks by the Cheyenne Rotaract Club.

One of the square black timepieces has already been installed on the west end of the depot's former waiting room.

Installing the other clock is trickier, because an elevator is where the original clock used to be, city of Cheyenne projects director Bob Bradshaw said.

The two clocks are among the final pieces of the restoration work to the depot and were formally unveiled Tuesday night.

The local Rotaract Club took the lead on the project after a Rotary Club member visiting from another city commented about a space covered by plywood above one of the main entrances where the clock should be.

"They did this beautiful restoration and then there was plywood over the door," said Eva La, a Rotaract member who helped take the lead on the project. "It fit within our club's mission."

Rotaract Clubs are service and networking groups geared to young professionals - ages 21 to 35 in Cheyenne's case. Every Rotaract Club is sponsored by a Rotary Club.

Using historic photos, club members worked with city officials to determine what the clocks looked like to create as close of a replica as possible.

The original clocks, which are the opposite of ornate, were part of the depot's 1929 renovations led by architect Gilbert Stanley Underwood.

That renovation is what also gave the station interior its Spanish Revival decor, according to the depot's National Historic Landmark nomination documents.

The new replacement clocks were specially made by Wyoming Trophy and Engraving at a cost of about \$300, La said.

"It's not a complicated clock," she said, adding the work was more of an aesthetic issue.

Mayor Rick Kaysen, who was in attendance at the unveiling ceremony, said he appreciated the attention to detail that went into the clock replicas and that the project was one of the last components of the restoration.

"It's pretty awesome," he said.

## Historic Depot significant landmark in Cheyenne

Cheyenne's Union Pacific Depot is widely regarded as one of the more significant landmarks in the city.

The building is on the National Register of Historic Places and is a National Historic Landmark, with a history dating back almost 130 years.

The station was built in 1886 and 1887, according to records connected with its National Historic Landmark listing.

At the time, the building was estimated to cost around \$100,000, or around \$2.5 million in 2015 dollars, using calculations provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and a website by Morgan Friedman.

The depot is generally symmetrical, and its exterior sandstone walls came from a quarry in Larimer County, Colo.

The six-story clock tower makes the station one of the most prominent structures in Cheyenne.

The depot underwent a major renovation of its ground-floor public areas in 1929.

Designed by architect Gilbert Stanley Underwood, the renovation gave the station interior its Spanish Revival decor, and it was that renovation that gave the depot its black clocks that were replicated recently.

Amtrak took over passenger service in 1971 and demolished train sheds on the property. Union Pacific ended its presence at the station in 1990.

In 1993, the railroad donated the building to the city of Cheyenne and Laramie County.

The depot underwent a multi-million-dollar renovation in the early 2000s that was funded with public and private funds and gave birth to the Cheyenne Depot Museum.

Cheyenne is the only city on the First Transcontinental Railroad to maintain its historic depot, according to National Historic Landmark documents.

Matt Murphy, City/County Government Reporter

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