

Be a gift to the world



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District Governor's Message

by Ken Small, 2015-2016 District 5440 Governor

District 5440 Rotarians,

We are approaching the end of our spectacular fall and headed into the unknown winter. One of our local Jackson animal trainers (sled dogs) noted this morning at breakfast that the wild animals are stashing food at an unusually high rate. We shall see what the seasons bring.

Rotary International works to provide some structure and sequence to the many programs of Rotary. Obviously what is a high priority program to one Rotarian is a lesser priority to another. Also, almost every program in Rotary overlaps with another program, e.g., polio eradication is tied to the public health which is very dependent on clean water – all are very important programs to the World.

Within the Rotary Code of Policies is a statement that outlines the emphasis in each month of the Rotary year. October is Economic and Community Development Month. Elsewhere, October 23, 2015 was World Polio Day which launched renewed interest and effort to eradicate polio. As you can see, multiple Rotary programs do engage each other.

On the World Polio Day, Rotary conducted a streaming program from New York which joined Rotary, celebrities, and health officials to hail progress toward polio's end. To read the full story, click [here](#). Various clubs are picking up the wave of interest in Polio Plus and pressing on to the eradication of polio. Rotarians and Doctors Krishna Murphy and Robert Tello from our

own District have great information including presentations on polio. They can speak to physicians, Rotarians, or students – the message is the same, we can beat paralytic polio.

Back to the overarching theme of economic and community development. Healthy societies facilitate education, communication, transportation, and housing for populations. One can debate which is more important, but when a population is brought up to a good and safe standard of health, everything else is possible. Rotarians are working around the world to facilitate education in some countries and to ultimately raise the level of education to include peace and conflict resolution. Economic development is the tradition of world commerce. Examples include banking (micro credit), infrastructure construction and maintenance (small roads and bridges, water, sanitation), and schools. Simple provision of the basis of development can result in growth and prosperity, including safety, for most of the citizens of the world that we can touch.

Be a Gift to the World and make something good, happen.

DG Ken

ESTES VALLEY SUNRISE ROTARY SEEKING PARTNERS FOR MAE TAO CLINIC

Estes Valley Sunrise Rotary is seeking partners from other District 5440 clubs to contribute \$3,000 to help build a Waste Management System at Thailand's Mae Tao Clinic. With this \$3,000 financial commitment, Estes Valley Sunrise Rotary will be able to obtain a grant for \$35,000, including a \$15,000 matching grant from Rotary International.

When Estes Valley Sunrise Rotary member Neil Herman and his family traveled to Thailand and toured the Mae Tao Clinic, they could see immediately that the clinic needed financial help. Along with \$1,000 from the Chiang Mai International Rotary, Sunrise Rotary's International Committee devoted \$6,000 to the project for a total of \$7,000. The club also received a Rotary District 5440 matching grant of \$10,000.

Founded in 1989, the clinic serves a target population of 150,000 in Burma. The clinic sees between 300 and 500 patients a day, including land mine victims. The clinic features surgical, dental, optical, malarial departments and more. Located on the Thai-Burma border, the clinic is staffed by five doctors, 200 healthcare workers, 100 trainees and interns, and 80 support staff.

The clinic is overcrowded, subject to flooding and has poor accessibility for patients with disabilities. In November 2013 architects planned and designed a new facility. The current funding shortfall for the new clinic is \$180,000, including \$47,500 needed to complete the Waste Water Management System.

For more information on how your club can become a partner in this project, please contact Sunrise Rotary International Committee Chair Gary Brown at hongrb24@gmail.com or 970-227-5990 or Robert Foster at rfoster@ix.netcom.com.

GREAT PROGRAM IDEA FOR YOUR CLUB: KOREA TODAY



Denver Rotarian Jim McGibney is the honorary consul of the Republic of Korea for this area. He has prepared a very interesting 30 minute illustrated program on the history of Korea and its current status as an important economic force.

His presentation to the Denver and Fort Collins Rotary Clubs have been very well received, with other clubs already inviting the consul to make a presentation.

Consul McGibney's talk also explains the appeal of attending the 2016 RI convention in Seoul, May 28-June 1. To register for the conference, go to <http://www.riconvention.org/>

For further information, contact Jim by phone at 303 720 1954 or jim.mcgibney@gmail.com

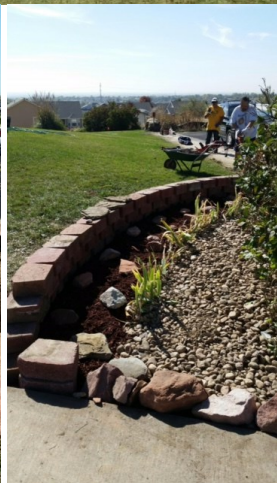
DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISIT SCHEDULE OCTOBER & NOVEMBER (FULL VISIT SCHEDULE UNDER ADMIN MENU ON [WEBSITE](#))

Club Name	Date
Greeley Redeye	October 27th
Kemmerer	October 28th
Rock Springs	November 3rd
Loveland Mountain View	November 4th
Windsor	November 5th
Thermopolis	November 10th
Star Valley	December 2nd

GREELEY AFTER HOURS ROTARY CLUB - COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT



On Saturday, October 17th, members of the Greeley After Hours Rotary Club, along with Northridge Interact students, participated in a half day community service project. At a recent club assembly it was decided to select a senior citizen in our community who needed help in their yard. After identifying the person we were helping, we set our date for the project, asked members to attend and gathered our supplies. We spent 5 1/2 hours that day improving not only the appearance of our new friend's lawn but lifting her spirits as well. In the process it was an amazing team building day for our club members and interact students.



PORTLAND TO PORTLAND FOR POLIO

By Carl Dierschow, Fort Collins Foothills Rotary Club

We have some avid cyclists in our club. This year, Chris Richmond decided to join a 3700 mile trek across the USA. It was a brutal ride from Portland Oregon to Portland Maine, through 16 states over the span of 45 days in August and September. The average daily ascent was 3400 feet, and as much as 8000 feet.

It was intense, the chance of a lifetime.

The Fort Collins Foothills Rotary Club president, Bruce Hottman, proposed an idea in the weeks prior to this event: Why not ride to benefit Polio Plus, and turn this into a fund raiser? The club members joined in enthusiastically. Lyn Pring and Monty Weymouth immediately jumped on the chance to organize the effort back home, while Chris headed off for his ride.



During weekly meetings, the club was given updates on the progress, and members had the opportunity to donate to Polio Plus. The cash, checks and commitments flowed in every meeting. Our audacious hope was to raise \$10,000, but that goal was surpassed in the third week.

Meanwhile, Chris continued his efforts across the northern US: Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana. Beautiful rides through some of the most scenic mountain territory in the country. To read the full story click [here](#).



Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 10/17/15



The Gates Foundation is currently matching all Rotarian Raised Polio Donations \$2 for each \$1 Contributed (Up to \$35Mil/Yr.)

Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!

PolioPlus: “This Close” Is Not Close Enough

Advocate, Donate & Educate to END POLIO NOW & FOREVER !

14,000,000 Children Saved from the Paralysis of Polio Since 1988

Total paralysis cases	Year-to-date 2015	LY to D 2014	Total 2014	Total	Total 2012
Globally	51	242	359	416	222
- in endemic countries:	51	223	340	160	216
- in non-endemic countries:	0	19	19	256	6

Three Polio cases reported this week:

Pakistan 2, Afghanistan 1

2015 Polio Case Breakdown by Country (Green Numbers are 2014 Totals)

Endemic Countries –38 Pakistan (2014-306), 13 Afghanistan (2014-28)

Post Endemic 0 Nigeria(2014-6)

2015 Importation Countries – 0 Cameroon (2014-5), 0 Eq. Guinea (2014-5)

0 Somalia (2014-5), 0 Ethiopia (2014-1), 0 Syria (2014-1), 0 Iraq (2014-2)

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