

REACH FOR THE STARS!

Rotary District 5450 Conference

Saturday, December 5 Green Center | Colorado School of Mines

924 16th Street, Golden, Colorado 80401

You are cordially invited to register for a **District Conference like no other!**

Join Rotarians, Interactors, RYLA families and friends from across District 5450 as we **Reach for the Stars**—celebrating what our clubs are doing brilliantly today while looking ahead to what Rotary can become tomorrow.

This will not be a day of simply sitting and listening.

We're going to talk. Vote. Laugh. Learn. Share ideas. Challenge a few assumptions. Celebrate our stars. And explore the future together.

Here's a glimpse of the day:

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8:30 AM — Registration Opens | 9:00 AM — Conference Begins

Arrive early, find a seat, enjoy the music and get ready for launch!

Reaching for the Stars — Launch Video

Rotary (And Then Some!) Table Team Trivia Yes, there will be awards.

Opening Thoughts: Where Are We Going? District Governor Cindy Chase sets the stage for a day about legacy, relevance and imagining what comes next.

_WHAT'S IN THE STARS?

A live, onstage interview with **ChatGPT** exploring the future of Colorado—and what those changes could mean for the future of Rotary.

What might Colorado look like 10 years from now? How will technology, demographics, work, community and service change? And what should Rotary be thinking about **today**? Audience participation and questions are encouraged! Led by **Christian Thomas, Senior Diplomacy Manager, State of Colorado**

_RECOGNIZING OUR STARS

People's Choice Award #1 — Outstanding Service Project of the Year

Hosted by **Bill Simmermon**

Two finalists take the stage. Hear their stories—and then **you vote live** for the winner.

Afterward, clubs throughout the room will be invited to share their own service project ideas and best practices.

🌟 _PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD #2

Fellowship Event of the Year

Hosted by **Mindy Hanson**

Two finalists. Two great ideas. One live audience vote!

Then we turn the conversation over to you: **What is your club doing to create fellowship people actually want to attend?**

🍷 _STARBASE FRIENDSHIP

Take a break, explore the House of Friendship, meet our exhibitors, reconnect with old friends—and make a few new ones.

LUNCH & KEYNOTE

The Art + Science of Public Relations

PR expert **Erich Kirshner, Media Specialist at Colorado School of Mines**, explores how public relations, social media and AI can help Rotary clubs tell their stories, reach new audiences and grow. An open panel conversation—including social media—will follow.

🌟 _PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD #3

Membership Drive of the Year

Hosted by **Cindy Chase**

Two finalists share what worked. The audience votes live.

Then it's your turn: clubs will share membership ideas and best practices that others can take home and try.

★ _OUR NEXT GENERATION OF STARS

Our **Interact students take the stage** to reflect on the year behind them—and tell us what they see ahead.

We'll also celebrate our young leaders with:

Interact Best Project Award Interact Best Fellowship Event Award

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A moment to remember and honor the Rotarians we have lost.

📺 CLOSING: WHAT WILL YOU TAKE HOME?

We'll bring the day together with a few final thoughts, ideas and challenges for the road ahead. But don't leave yet...

🍦 THE AFTER-PARTY!

Stick around for an **Ice Cream Social featuring award-winning gourmet flavors**, hosted by Interact.

And because apparently reaching for the stars wasn't enough...

Star Wars + Star Trek Trivia Prizes & Awards A classic Star Trek episode

Come prepared. The Force may be with you—but knowing your Vulcans could still come in handy.

REGISTRATION

Rotary Members — \$75

Interact, RYLA, Young RYLA & RYLA Families — \$40 Corporate or Small Business Exhibitor —

Clubs & Rotarians — [click here to reserve a table in the House of Friendship](#)

Corporate or Small Business Exhibitors [Email Us Today for a Pricing Proposal](#) Includes a table in **Starbase Friendship**, two general admission registrations and onstage recognition.

DECEMBER 5 • GOLDEN, COLORADO Come celebrate what Rotary is doing today. Come meet the people doing it. And most importantly... **Come help us imagine what Rotary can become tomorrow. Reach for the Stars with District 5450!** 🚀