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## Greetings from Ambassadorial Scholar

by Lauren Schmeisser, [lauren.schmeisser@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.schmeisser@gmail.com)

**Note: November is Rotary Foundation Month and the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar program is one of the key RI Foundation efforts. Below is a letter from one of District 5450's Ambassadorial Scholars.**

Dear District 5450 Rotarians,

I hope this letter finds you well! I am the current Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar for District 5450, serving in District 1580 in The Netherlands and studying Earth Sciences at Universiteit van Amsterdam. I wanted to take some time to tell you about the incredible experiences I have had here so far in my involvement with Rotary and exploration of this beautiful country!

I am quickly finding that Rotary is truly like an international family. Upon my arrival in the Netherlands, I was immediately taken in by my Rotary host counselors with welcome arms and have since felt incredibly supported by the Rotary community here. I often receive invites to Rotary meetings,

dinners, or service events, of which I attend as often as possible, and I have multiple Rotary resources here I can ask if I need anything. I was very pleased to discover that there are three other Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars studying in this district as well- they are each motivated,

talented, compassionate individuals with whom I am becoming quick friends. It has been very nice collaborating with them on how we can be more involved as scholars in the Rotary activities over here! As an example of our involvement, my fellow scholars and I just attended a meeting at the Heemstede Rotary club, where we presented about the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, of which

the Rotarians there had no previous knowledge. They were thrilled to hear about the program and how they might be able to fund a scholar from their own district, and were grateful for us to each give a talk afterwards on our background



Nicky Bell, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar District 7280, Marcel Kooij, President Rotary Club Heemstede, District 1580, Lauren Schmeisser, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar District 5450.

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# A Message from your Governor

by District Governor

Mike Klingbiel

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## NOVEMBER is Rotary Foundation Month...

Dear Rotarians,

Did you know that November is Rotary Foundation Month? This wonderful Foundation began in 1917 when the RI President Arch Klumph announced the acceptance of endowments for doing good in the world – and The Rotary Foundation was born! With the help of Rotarians like you, Rotary continues to do good by building peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, supporting mothers and children, promoting education and growing local economies.

Our District is absolutely amazing! I've pulled some interesting facts and figures from Rotary International on our District.

- Rotarians in District 5450 have donated \$7,182,815 to the Paul Harris annual fund.
- Rotarians in District 5450 have donated \$1,124,788.61 to the permanent fund.
- Rotarians in District 5450 have donated \$2,165,985.58 to ending Polio.

- District 5450 has sent over 47 GSE teams, to over 59 Countries, since 1970.
- District 5450 has had six clubs win six 3-H grants (Health, Hunger, and Humanitarian Grant) since 2004 for a total of over \$2,200,000 dollars.
- District 5450 has had 1500 grants funded from our clubs over the last 20 years with an estimated total of \$10,000,000.
- District 5450 has had 5 Peace Fellows selected by Rotary International.
- District 5450 has had 69 Ambassadorial Scholars since 1987.

These numbers tell us what we already knew—we have an incredible District made up of individuals that truly believe in donating their time and resources to “service above self”!

Listed below are some additional resources which you might find useful.

1. Rotary District Brochure
2. Every Rotarian, Every Year Brochure
3. Ways to Give Brochure
4. Arch Klumph Society Brochure

Also, we are still offering the points match program for Rotarians willing to become Paul Harris Fellows, or to move up in a giving level of Paul Harris. If you are interested, contact your club President or Kevin O'Connell, our Annual Giving chair.

Thank you all for your incredible generosity, and making differences in lives of people every day in all the communities we serve!

*Mike*

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# ~Giving Thanks~

by Treva Klingbiel

Well, it's hard to believe that November is here and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Thanksgiving celebrations center around food, and for good reason. Food is a unifying element that brings us together. It nourishes us and comforts us. I, like many others, have already started thinking about the Thanksgiving meal and looking forward to a day of delicious food (and the diet plan that must follow!)

But not everyone is as fortunate as we are. During our visits to clubs in the District, Mike and I have noted that without fail every single club is involved in some way on projects that address hunger. As so many of you know, there are children in our community that have never enjoyed a true, traditional Thanksgiving dinner. There are far too many children

that go home from school on Fridays that will not have another full meal until they return to school on Monday. Rotarians throughout our District are working tirelessly to help. The Golden Backpack Program alone has provided 41,000 bags of supplemental weekend food to Golden's hungry kids. Many clubs are working on similar projects. The Sky High Club and Arvada Sunrise are working with Food for Thought to fill backpacks for children in their community. Conifer has launched a similar program. Mike's home club, Denver Southeast works each Thanksgiving with Inter-Faith Community Services to provide meals to needy families. Boulder Rotary has worked for many years with Community Food Share on food drives to provide non-perishable foods throughout the year, as well as a major drive at Thanksgiving

time. The efforts of these, and all the other clubs in our district, bring hope and much needed nourishment to children and families in need.

As I started writing, I wondered "where do I start?" How could I possibly express the appreciation that Mike and I feel for all of you and the many kindnesses that you have shown to us over the past few months. The warm welcomes and smiles, the hospitality and the laughs—we have so much to be thankful for, but most of all we are thankful to be a part of the Rotary family and this organization which gives thousands in our community a reason to say "thank you" not just at Thanksgiving but throughout the year.

*Ambassadorial Scholar contd. from page 1*

and interests as they align with Rotary values.

Along with my Rotary duties, I am finding plenty of time to explore The Netherlands. The Dutch culture is quite charming and is adding so much to my experience over here. I have great respect for the kind, straightforward, and inquisitive Dutch folks that I have met, and I am happy to say I have made some really fun Dutch friends in my classes that all seem anxious to introduce me to their beautiful city of Amsterdam. I love to hear about the small details of Dutch life from my classmates, just as they love to ask me about the small details of my American life. The Netherlands do indeed have a love for cheese, bikes, and tulips, but I want to share a few less-known Dutch attributes that are equally great. I have found the Dutch

to be very intellectual and eager to start a lively academic debate or



*Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars Nicky Bell, District 7280 and Lauren Schmeisser, District 5450 give a presentation at a Rotary Club of Heemstede meeting.*

discussion in any environment—a train, restaurant, or class—and they care much less about getting a right

answer than they do exploring the ideas of the subject together with you. The Dutch are also shamelessly helpful. If I look confused at the grocery store, or get out a map when I am lost, or can't figure out where to buy a tram ticket, I never wait long before an eager Dutch(wo) man takes it upon themselves to help me. The people here really do make every day great.

I want to thank you all for your own involvement with the Rotary international family, and for making this study year a possibility for me— I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity! I will continue to send updates home as I represent our Rotary District 5450 and work to increase goodwill and global understanding during my scholarship year!



# Rotary 5450 Welcomes New District Leadership

## Preserve Planet Earth Co-chairs Amir Massihzadeh and Abigale Stangl

**PPE Mission:** To create a platform where every Rotary Club in District 5450, their members and projects, can connect with one another, contribute useful information, and exchange valuable resources that will enhance the success of sustainable practices.

**PPE Vision:** To visualize peace through environmentally conscious actions in harmony with local community resources to avoid depletion of natural resources and culture.

We believe environmental sustainability and stewardship is a critical component for peace and coexistence of people and their surrounding natural environment. PPE supports and encourages sponsored initiatives that demonstrate methods to achieve and enact holistic, social, economic, and environmental sustainability for our most immediate environments and the world at large.

PPE supports and recognizes activities that inspire long-term environmental stewardship in every realm of service that contributes to health, education, and beneficial community economic resilience.

### Amir H. Massihzadeh, P.E.

Amir Massihzadeh, P.E. is a registered Professional Engineer and has worked in the engineering, construction, and architectural business for 25 years. Amir has a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado, Boulder and a Certificate in Management from the University of Denver.



for people and wildlife. Amir and his wife, Susan, reside in Boulder, Colorado.

### Abigale J. Stangl

Abigale Stangl, is an Environmental Designer and masters student in Information Communication Technology for Development at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Abigale has a passion for social and environmental justice, art and design, and adventure, and has been working on efforts to encourage environmental stewardship throughout her life.

Abigale became a member of the Boulder New Generations Rotary (BNGRC) in 2011 and she is currently the Vice-President of the club, involved with World Community Services and Preserve Planet Earth. Abigale was introduced to Rotary as a Youth Exchange student traveling to Sweden (District 2320) in 2000, and years later was awarded the 2009-2010 Temple Buell Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to study Landscape Architecture at Lincoln University, in New Zealand (District 9970). She is a nomad.



*A warm welcome to Preserve Planet Earth Co-Chairs, Abigale Stangl and Amir Massihzadeh*

In 1994, Amir joined the Denver Southeast Rotary Club and during the past 3 years has been a member of the Boulder Rotary Club where he is the co-chair of Preserve Planet Earth Committee and active on the World Community Services. He serves on the Board of Directors of Peruvian Hearts, a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting health and educational programs for disadvantaged children in Peru; and Crestone Baca Land Trust, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving open space

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# Rotary 5450 Welcomes New District Leadership

## New Generations Chair Heather Amen

I grew up hearing the word “Rotary”. My grandfather was a member of Club 31, and my dad joined Denver Southeast when I was in middle school. My first impression of the organization was dad going to really early meetings every week and “doing good stuff” for other people.

When I was 16, dad decided I was the perfect candidate to attend this summer camp put on by Rotary, and made me apply. The whole drive up to Estes Park I was furious with him. Well, all I can say now is thank you dad for giving me RYLA, and direction for the rest of my life. Though it would be 7 years before I joined a Rotary Club, that day in mid-July 2003 was the day I became a Rotarian.

The next critical moment came in the summer of 2010. A great friend, Craig Essex, called and told me “Heather, I need you to join a Rotary Club”. I let Craig know that I had been looking around, but had not yet chosen a club; I asked why the rush? I’ll never forget his response “Well, I want to make you the District Chair of New Generations, and in order to do that, I need you to be a Rotarian”.

New Generations involves working with the four Rotary International Recognized Youth Programs (RYLA, Interact, Youth Exchange, and Rotaract) and encouraging best practices around recruiting young professionals into Rotary. In my own words, “As a graduate of RYLA and Interact, who is now a Rotarian, I am the exception. My mission is to make sure joining Rotary for youth like me becomes the rule.”

So many exciting things are always happening in the Rotary youth world; take a look!

1) The Interact Fall Leadership Conference will take place November

18 from 1-5 p.m. at the Denver School of Science and Technology. The conference invites all Interactors, Rotarians, sponsors, and more to participate in sessions on Growing Membership, Setting up an Interact Club, Awesome



Service and Working with your Rotary Club Effectively, to name a few. Last year had over 70 attendees from around the district!

2) Rotaract continues to support Rotary around the world with projects like the quarterly joint Rotaract/Project CURE nights, Peak for a Purpose (that raised over \$1,000 for ShelterBox), and the Greenwood Village Summer Festival.

3) This summer 26 youth participated in Family to Family Exchanges through Youth Exchange, and through the Rocky Mountain Rotary Summer Camp ten young adults from Europe and Central America spent two weeks in the Rocky Mountains!

4) RYLA experienced a great loss in Kevin Farrell this last week, the whole RYLA group sends love and support to Kevin’s family during this

hard time. In large part due to Kevin’s direction, RYLA has begun focusing on fundraising outside of Rotary Clubs in order to facilitate more growth. RYLA applied for a \$160,000 grant through United Way last month, and is now participating in Colorado Gives Day on December 4th. Consider giving to RYLA on that day (or any other day!) at [givingfirst.org](http://givingfirst.org).

It is such a pleasure to work with the New Generations committee which meets about once a month. The committee gets together to discuss exciting milestones for each program, identify partnership opportunities, and provide resources to all Rotary Clubs. We are always looking for more great Rotarians to be involved in the New Generations initiative. Interested in hearing more or joining this exciting committee? Please contact me anytime at [heather@newgens.org](mailto:heather@newgens.org).

## Get Noticed!

Fall is the time when Rotary clubs across the district shine bright and clear!

Keep your camera handy and take some photos of your event. Whether your club has a festival, coat drive, house painting, gleaning, apple picking, haunted house, barn-raising, signature dance, road cleanup, bake sale – be sure to take photos and write about it.

Send your photos and articles to Marge Mercurio at [rotarymarge@gmail.com](mailto:rotarymarge@gmail.com) and we’ll help you shine a spotlight on your club. Articles should be between 350-450 words. We’ll resize your large photos and edit your stories – you only have to remember to bring the camera and a smile!

We’re waiting!



# Spotlight on District 5450 Assistant Governors

**D**istrict 5450 has 15 Assistant Governors (AGs) serving 68 clubs.

The primary role of the AG is to assist the governor with the administration of assigned Rotary clubs by helping them to be more effective. Take a few minutes and read about some of our AGs and why they volunteered to serve in this role.

**Steve Mast** from Denver Rotary governs five clubs in Area 2. These clubs are Aurora, Aurora Fitzsimons, Aurora Gateway, Smoky Hill and Aurora Southlands. He has been in Rotary for 31 years and served as President in 2003-2004.



**Why did you accept the offer to become an AG?** – The opportunity to put to use my Rotary “knowledge” from many years of active involvement with Rotary.

**What do you like or dislike about being an AG?** – Like: The opportunity to add some value to make clubs even better. Dislike: The open-endedness of AG commitment ... how much is enough?

**What did you learn (either from yourself, a member, a club or from the district) that you never knew before?** – I learned that every club has its own unique personality!

**Will you share some words of advice for incoming AGs?** – Spend enough time to get to know your clubs, their uniqueness and their involved members.

**Bob Martin**, Highlands Ranch serves as AG for Area 13.

I've been in Rotary since 1995 and served as President in the years '08-'09. The areas that I cover are Denver SE, Highlands Ranch, Littleton, and Littleton Sunrise.



**Why did you accept the offer to become an AG?** – I accepted the job to become a bit more involved at the District level under Karen Sekich. I liked her and decided that I would accept her offer to become an Assistant DG.

**What do you like or dislike about being an AG?** What I don't like about being an assistant governor is having to attend PETS each year.

**What did you learn (either from yourself, a member, a club or from the district) that you never knew before?** I've learned that I don't know everything, like I did when I was 20 years old.

**Will you share some words of advice for incoming AGs?** – It's fun to attend meetings of other clubs and, honestly, I learn new ideas from them; and, my Rotary friendships and Rotary World have grown. This position offers the opportunity to help other clubs connect with the district, through the AG. And for the reasons mentioned, it positions one to connect with the “greater” good being done by Rotary International.

**Bill Downes**, Mountain Foothills, Area 4 has been in Rotary for ten years. He served as club president in 2010-2011. Area 4 consists of Clear Creek 2000, Conifer, Evergreen, Mountain Foothills and Peak to Peak.



**Why did you accept the offer to become an AG?** – Because I felt I could contribute to the clubs in our Area. What do you like or dislike about being an AG? I love the job but it is time consuming (if you want to do it right).

**What did you learn (either from yourself, a member, a club or from the district) that you never knew before?** – I have a better appreciation for the depth and reach of Rotary. That each club has its own unique character.

**Will you share some words of advice for incoming AGs?** – Talk with other experienced AGs to get an insight of what to do and how to do it.

**Dan Hershberger**, Arvada Rotary.

I joined Rotary in 2004, after being invited by friends in our bicycling group. Since joining the Arvada Club, I have served as PR Director, Membership



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# Spotlight on District 5450 Assistant Governors

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Chairman, Club Secretary and in 2007-8 I had the honor and the privilege of serving as President.

My name is Dan Hershberger, and I am a member of the Arvada Rotary Club. I joined Rotary in 2004, after being invited by friends in our bicycling group. I had just finished volunteering for their fundraiser at the Colorado Garden & Home Show where the Club sells tickets at the box office. At the end of the show the Rotarians take flowers from the gardens and with other Rotary clubs in the Denver Area, distribute them to assisted living homes and shut ins who can't make it to the show. I joined this group because I saw them doing things for people who needed help and I wanted to be a part of that. Since joining the Arvada Club, I have served as PR Director, Membership Chairman, Club Secretary and in 2007-8 I had the honor and the privilege of serving as President.

**Why did you accept the offer to become an AG?** – In 2010 District Governor Elect Karen Sekich asked me to become an AG (Assistant Governor), a job which I knew absolutely nothing about except for the fact that they came around to your club once in awhile to present an award or check up on how your club was doing. I accepted the AG job because DGE Karen was very persuasive and there is no saying “NO” in Rotary! So I became Assistant Governor for Area 10 which includes the Arvada Rotary Club, Arvada Sunrise Rotary, Westminster 7:10 Rotary, Westminster Noon Rotary Club and the Wheat Ridge Rotary Club.

**What did you learn (either from yourself, a member, a club or from the district) that you never knew before?** – I found that AGs have the best job in Rotary. They get to work with people who are leaders and have stepped up to commit themselves to be Presidents of their clubs. Also, as AGs, they attend not only their home club meetings, but meetings of the other

Rotary Clubs in their specific Area. In doing so, they find that the cultures of each club are different, but the precepts of Rotary do not change. Each club pursues those precepts in different ways. For example, one club may collect money for Polio Plus through Happy Dollars, while another club has a one-time fundraiser for Polio. A third club will fine a member for not wearing a Rotary pin, while another will fine a member for wearing a striped shirt. All of these fines, of course, are at the discretion of the Sargent-at-Arms, and while having fun, these Rotarians are helping people in their communities and around the world solve very serious problems.

**Will you share some words of advice for incoming AGs?** – The most rewarding aspect of being an AG is getting to know the members of each club.

An AG gets to see Rotary at the grass roots level by being invited to a warehouse to see the 7,000th computer given away to a student, or hearing a student speak about the 4-Way Test to win a scholarship, or possibly meet an exchange student from the Netherlands that the club is hosting through the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

An AG meets a surgeon in one of his clubs and has the opportunity to help him find the people who have the resources to write a grant to help finance clinics in the Philippines where he can surgically repair cleft palates of unfortunate children who are born with this defect.

He sees another Rotarian who organizes a backpack program for 600 children to make sure they have enough nutrition when they attend school.

He also has the opportunity to attend a meeting where an Interact President and her officers are recognized for their community work in having a coat drive for the homeless and helping the

Rotarians with “Flower Power”.

PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) is an exciting time of the year for AGs and PEs. It is a time when the incoming Presidents of the clubs are initiated into how Rotary works within the District. A lot of information is given to the PEs over a three day period on how to run a Rotary Club and organize a strategic plan for their clubs. The follow up after PETS is a critical time for the AG to get to know the PEs and help them to understand the resources they have in the District, both from the AG and District Governor, plus the various committees with vast experience in subjects such as Rotary Youth Exchange, Grants, Micro credit, Membership, Club Vision, The Rotary Foundation and many, many more to help the clubs accomplish their goals.

If someone asks you to become an AG, don't say “NO”. Enter into a part of Rotary that you never imagined existed and you will be very glad you took the step into the world of Assistant Governors.

## **Assistant Governor's responsibilities to the club include:**

- Visiting clubs regularly (at least quarterly)
- Helping presidents-elect develop effective goals
- Monitoring the progress of clubs toward their goals
- Assisting clubs in planning and scheduling the governor's official visit, and attending all related club assemblies
- Motivating clubs to follow through on the governor's requests
- Coordinating club training with the appropriate district committee
- Promoting the District Leadership Plan and the Club Leadership Plan
- Identifying and encouraging the development of future district leaders
- Promoting attendance at the district conference and other district meetings

# Microcredit: A Great Tool For Eliminating Poverty

By Mike Hayes, (Westminster 7:10) [hmichaelhayes@comcast.net](mailto:hmichaelhayes@comcast.net)

It all started in 1976 when Muhammad Yunus made a small loan (\$27) to a group of 42 women making bamboo furniture in Bangladesh. Today, microcredit, or microfinance as it is also known, has become recognized as one of the greatest tools we have to help poor people out of poverty. Hundreds of millions of poor people in developing countries, mostly women, have borrowed small amounts to start, maintain, or grow a business. In the main the money is borrowed from microfinance institutions (MFIs); generally not-for-profit organizations that not only loan money but provide training and a number of other loan products such as scholarships.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) has long supported the efforts of these MFIs through its program of Matching Grants. District 5450 has been one of the most active districts in the Rotary world in taking advantage of these grants. Over a recent 10 year period clubs in our district were involved in 12 grants (7 in Guatemala, 3 in the Philippines, 1 in El Salvador and 1 in Malawi), which provided loan funds totaling between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

In addition to Matching (soon to be Global) Grants, Rotarians can support microcredit in a number of other ways including direct contributions to MFIs such as Friendship Bridge which operates in Guatemala and the Adelante Foundation which operates in Honduras (but both have headquarters in the Denver area), or to contribute to large scale operations such as KIVA, FINCA, Opportunity International and others.

Recently the Microcredit Committee has expanded its reach to encourage Rotarians and Rotary clubs to consider

becoming involved in microcredit for small local businesses that cannot qualify for conventional financing. We urge Rotarians in District 5450 to become familiar with the Colorado Microfinance Alliance ([www.colordomicrofinance.org](http://www.colordomicrofinance.org)), a diverse coalition of microfinance practitioners and promoters, representing and supporting a breadth of domestic and international microfinance organizations, with the shared belief in the power of microfinance. In particular it has three members who need both funding and volunteers to help with loans and training. ACCION ([www.accionnm.org](http://www.accionnm.org)), the Colorado Enterprise Fund ([www.coloradoenterprisefund.org](http://www.coloradoenterprisefund.org)), and The Rocky Mountain Microfinance Institute ([www.rmmfi.org](http://www.rmmfi.org)). Representatives from these organizations would make great programs on their work and how Rotarians could get involved.

Want more information about MFIs? Contact Committee Chair Mike Hayes at [hmichaelhayes@comcast.net](mailto:hmichaelhayes@comcast.net) or any committee member listed in the district directory.

**Today, our district has an active Microcredit Committee whose mission is to encourage Rotarians and Rotary clubs to actively support the expansion of microcredit. Committee members are available to give programs on microcredit or to help clubs interested in applying for Matching or Global Grants or, simply, to inform Rotarians as to ways to support microcredit.**



## Does Your Club Celebrate Families?

by Marge Mercurio, (Mead Rotary)  
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Next month, December, is "Family of Rotary" Month, a time when we are encouraged to involve our families in Rotary fellowship and fun.

Many clubs have active family members who serve as volunteers in a variety of areas. Some are chauffeurs, some cook and donate tasty breakfasts, and others paint, decorate, sweep and haul. In many smaller clubs like mine, we depend on our families to fill the volunteer void at most of our events. Whether someone is baking bread, sending out birthday cards, picking up flyers, cleaning the highway, hauling hay or just being supportive – our families help make us better Rotarians.

Celebrating Family of Rotary month is also about supporting our families – by being there for them when they are facing challenges and successes. Most times we hear about their ups and downs during the weekly "Happy Bucks" sharing time. Or sometimes it's over breakfast before the meetings.

Does your club acknowledge and celebrate families? If so, will you take a few minutes and tell me what you do so I can include it in our December - Family of Rotary month newsletter?

I'd love to read how your club is impacted by Rotary families. Tell me at [rotarymarge@gmail.com](mailto:rotarymarge@gmail.com)



# Why are you in Rotary?

by Len Brass (Aurora Gateway), [lhbrass@hotmail.com](mailto:lhbrass@hotmail.com)

I was and am a teacher. Teaching provides many opportunities that uplift my spirit and touch my heart. My life as an educator, which continues to this day, allows me to touch young lives in a positive way and to see the development of a "love for learning." I know exactly why I am a teacher and why I'm so proud to be one. I make a difference.

I'm a Rotarian and there are a hundred reasons why I've spent most of my adult life as a Rotarian. This organization uplifts my spirit and touches my heart. It allows me to touch lives in a positive way and provides me the opportunity to make a difference. I know exactly why I'm a Rotarian and because it is so clear to me, I can talk about it with passion and energy. ROTARY IS A GIFT.... a gift which I love to share with others. Don't we all love gifts?

The Rotary motto is "service above self." It provides every member a chance to serve, but not alone. The power of tens, hundreds and even thousands is behind you. You can change the world. One person said "eradicate polio from the face of the

earth." One person said that Shelter Boxes will save lives if we can provide for immediate needs of victims after a tragedy strikes.

Rotary doesn't use the top down pyramid model for determining its actions. Only club members can create projects and only through their clubs or other clubs. Administrators are support people. The message is that

**I love that Rotary encourages us to live an ethical life. I treasure the Four Way Test. In a world where fair and ethical treatment of others is a low priority, Rotary is there to reinforce the virtue of doing "the right thing."**

Rotarians are wise and compassionate and can be trusted to make decisions in the best interest of others.

The Rotary Foundation is the only charity model that I know of whereby almost every penny collected is dedicated to serving the needs of others locally, nationally and around the world. That model makes me proud every time

I write a check in support of its efforts. Rotary provides Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial and World Peace Scholarships, foreign exchange travel for young people, RYLA and Young RYLA to build leadership in our youth, and many more programs which make me so proud.

Rotary focuses on world health issues, literacy, clean water, curing disease and so much more. Rotary is inclusive! There are no biases regarding, gender, religion, sexual preference, or age. The emphasis is upon character and caring.

Rotary focuses on its membership through Family of Rotary Committees. We take care of our own and there is great power in that. We love the fun of being part of a special group to the point that one branch of Rotary is Club Service. I know I can depend on my fellow members to listen, guide or provide a shoulder to cry on or an opportunity to share life's joys.

I know exactly why I'm a Rotarian.

WHY ARE YOU A ROTARIAN?

## Rotary Districts 5440, 5450, 5470, 5630 invite you to the Rotary International President's Dinner

Keynote Speaker and Special Guest

**RI President Sakuji Tanaka**

January 4, 2013

Social Hour 6:00 p.m. • Dinner 7:00 p.m.

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Register for Dinner: [Rotary5450.org](http://Rotary5450.org) • \$60.00 per person • \$70.00 per person after December 10  
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# Beneficial to all concerned: Needle-Free Vaccines

by Marge Mercurio (Mead) [rotarymarge@gmail.com](mailto:rotarymarge@gmail.com)

There are some amazing things happening in District 5450 and one of them is just down the road in Golden, Colorado. It involves needle-free injections... can you say vaccine without the needle?

Can you envision a world without needles, rooms filled with children awaiting vaccinations but no tears, fears or tension?

The technology is in use here and now. It is being used in clinics down the street and in villages across the world.



*Young girl in clinic sits and awaits her vaccine.*

## Vaccines are administered via high velocity fluid jet in less than 1/3 second

This needle-free device called PharmaJet Stratis, delivers an injectable liquid vaccine by means of a narrow, high velocity fluid jet which penetrates the skin in less than 1/3 of a second. The FDA approved injector is sturdy, single-use, easy to use and simple to learn and requires no power source. Elimination of needles reduces the fear felt by babies, children and a huge number of adults. "In the slums in India where we were working, some of the children slept right through their vaccination," said Kathy with a smile. "I want to take the fear of needles away from children."

In January 2013, the World Health Organization plans to sponsor a polio trial in Cuba. PharmaJet will provide the technology and Cuba will provide the patients and nursing healthcare staff. The 15 clinical sites are located in rural areas in the provenance of Camaguey, 5-7 hours from Havana.

The creation and refining of the needle-free device process has taken over 13 years and has taken Kathy across the globe. She's taken the device to prisons, villages, clinics and hospitals. She's

quick to open up the 4 component injector and demonstrate the ease of use and simplicity. No muss, no fuss, no needles, nothing to poke you, no dirty needles to spread HIV, no more needles carted off to landfills.

This global company, located in Rotary District 5450 is likely to touch millions of people. Whether the injection is given for

polio, dengue fever, small pox, measles, cervical cancer or any other possible illnesses, it's amazing to know it began here - in Colorado.

**To learn more about Kathy Callender and PharmaJet go to [pharmajet.com](http://pharmajet.com).**

## The Family of Rotary steps up

Kathy Callender, the founder and CEO of PharmaJet is the force behind the technology. Based in Golden, Colorado, Kathy has been involved in Rotary since the early 1960s. "Rotary has been a big part of my life," said Kathy Callender and it got even bigger when her Rotarian husband, Sam (Westminster Noon), signed up his family to host an exchange student. Over time they hosted people from more than 29 countries, went on medical missions with recycled supplies such as books, eyeglasses, dental chairs, x-ray machines, wheelchairs, and sterilizers. I learned time and again that you need to "Just Show Up" and things get done.

The Rotary motto: Service Above Self is part of Kathy's DNA and it flowed into her work. As the founder of PharmaJet, Kathy helped to develop and refine a needle-free injection technology to deliver vaccines. After many clinical trials, paperwork, testing, reports and compliance - the needle-free device is in use across the world.

## Keep Those Stories Coming

Your District Governor appreciates the many engaging and inspiring stories and those important notices that have filled the pages of our district's newsletter.

If you have a story to share or an announcement to post, please be in touch with **Marge Mercurio** [rotarymarge@gmail.com](mailto:rotarymarge@gmail.com). The deadline for December submissions is Friday, December 7. Please have copy, photos (3" x 4" in pdf or jpg and 96 dpi) with captions to Marge via email by December 7, 2012.

# Colorado Rotary Water Symposium Update

by Peter Hughes, (Denver Tech Center) [phughes@slg-law.com](mailto:phughes@slg-law.com)

The Colorado Rotary Water Symposium held on Saturday, October 13, 2012 was a success judging by the amount of attendees, conversations, comments and evaluations.

Over 108 people preregistered and ten walk-ins attended as well as Rotarians from three Colorado Districts, 5440, 5450, and 5470. Denver Water, Denver Wastewater, CH2M Hill, and Innovative H2O sponsored the event.

The Symposium was a joint effort of Rotary District 5450's Water & Sanitation Task Force (Peter Hughes, Chair), and Colorado Water2012, a year-long initiative of the Colorado Water Education Foundation (Liz Gardener and Christel Webb). The organizing committee also included Reza Kazemian of Denver Wastewater, our generous and accommodating host for the day; Steve Werner from Denver Southeast and Bob Ashley from Summit County; Mike McHugh our time-keeper; Bev Mendel, District Office Manager, who acted as Registrar and Treasurer; Christy Honnen, Kelly Hinkle, and Blair Gifford.

Special thanks are also due to Reza's staff at Denver Wastewater, who succeeded in making this a

comfortable and successful venue. The morning session focused on Colorado water issues, with an excellent kick-off speech by water lawyer Kevin Kinnear, on "Why Whiskey is for Drinkin' and Water is for Fightin' Over." Next was a panel led by Liz Gardener on Colorado's water future, included Lurna Kaatz of Denver Water, and MaryLou Smith from CSU and Curtis Mitchell from the City of Fountain.

The lunch speaker, Christian Holmes, Global Water Coordinator (USAID) spoke about global water projects. Ron Denham, the Chair of WASRAG – the Water & Sanitation Rotary Action Group – spoke about Colorado Rotarians' contribution to water and sanitation.

Three signature projects of Colorado Rotary Clubs, illustrating different aspects of successful projects were showcased. They were:

- Steve Benscheidt from Longmont Twin Peaks discussed the Nicaragua village projects which several of the clubs from the northern part of District 5450 are engaged in; these illustrate a very effective multi-club collaboration.
- Arrow Sinha Roy of the Bombay Midtown Club in India, on

"Harnessing the Monsoon" – the aquifer recharge and reforestation project 60 km north of Mumbai which is now morphing into a literacy, adult education, health, and community development project. Irv Buck from the Parker Club, Rod Greiner from Denver 31, and Janet Greiner from Denver LoDo were recognized in the video for their contribution and support for the project.

- Finally, DG Mike Klingbiel showed slides of Kibera, a slum in Nairobi, Kenya, where Denver Southeast has installed eight "water kiosks" – sources of piped-in municipal water for the community, along with showers and other water-based amenities. This is in a slum with open sewers running to the river, and where the traditional form of sanitation was "flying toilets" – plastic bags containing human defecation, thrown into high piles in the middle of the community.

Bob Ashley (Summit County) chaired the afternoon panel and addressed the future vision of Rotary in water and sanitation. The panel included Prof. Melinda Cain from CU-Boulder and Reza Kazemian from Denver Wastewater, and Shweta Maurya from the CU chapter of Engineers without Borders.

## Rocky Mountain RYLA is now part of Colorado Gives Day

Looking for ways to support one of your favorite Rotary programs? Colorado Gives Day (December 4th from 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.) is a one-day initiative to increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. Every day 100% of all donations go directly to RYLA, and for donations received on December 4th RYLA will receive additional funding from FirstBank!

Help support the top RYLA in the world by giving on December 4th, or any other day of the year! Give at <https://www.givingfirst.org/RMRYLA/overview>







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**Vail, Colorado**



# ~Conference Highlights~



**Lloyd Lewan**  
Nationally Known Business Leader  
"Leadership for the 21st Century"



**Debra Fine**  
Well known Author and Speaker  
"The Fine Art of Building  
Rotary Relationships"



**Margarita Hewko**  
Renowned Journalist and Partner of  
RI Secretary John Hewko  
"Rotary Is Making A Difference In The World"



**Ben Parsons**  
Ambassadorial Scholar and Vintner  
"The Infinite Monkey Theorem"

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS CONFIRMED TO DATE - MORE TO COME

### THE SITE

Nestled at the base of Vail Mountain, 150 yards from the gondola, the Vail Marriott Mountain Hotel and Spa is the perfect location for a Rotary conference – offering outstanding hospitality and facilities in one of the world's premier recreation destinations. Located in the newly redeveloped Lions head Village, the Vail Marriott offers luxuriously appointed rooms **for the whole family to enjoy**.

Recreation and activities include indoor and outdoor pools, hot tub, Jacuzzi and whirlpool, walking paths, a fully equipped fitness facility and the Golden Top Spa. **Area attractions for the whole family include hiking, biking, fine dining, shopping and visiting the many local unique sights including the Vail Nature Center, Betty Ford Alpine Gardens, and Gerald Ford Amphitheater.**

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

July 1st 2012 through November 30th 2012, a \$50 per person registration deposit will guarantee your attendance, balance billed Dec 31st 2012. \$250 Early Rotarian Registration \$250 Early Partner Registration. All meals (2 dinners, 1 lunch and 2 breakfasts) are included.

Registration Dec 1, 2012 through April 23, 2013 \$295 Late Rotarian Registration \$275 Late Partner Registration

Full refund through April 15th for cancellation

Conference registration must be done online only, and it's simple—go to <http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/Home.aspx?accountid=50085> and click on the District Conference link under **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Contact the Vail Marriott Mountain Resort and Spa on the toll-free number 1-800-648-0720 for reservations. Identify yourself as a District 5450 Rotary Conference 2013 participant to obtain the **SPECIAL RATE OF ONLY \$109 PER NIGHT (LOWEST RATE IN 5 YEARS)**. **What a great opportunity for a fun family getaway weekend**

Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa, 715 West Lions head Circle, Vail, Colorado 81657

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# Rotary District 5450

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					MTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	
Arvada	40	\$4,100.00	8%	\$8.13	\$0.00	\$325.00	\$1,146.00	\$0.00	\$1,471.00
Arvada Sunrise	34	\$11,000.00	17%	\$53.38	\$400.00	\$1,815.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,815.06
Aurora	82	\$6,750.00	21%	\$17.68	\$0.00	\$1,450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,450.00
Aurora Fitzsimons	14	\$2,125.00	16%	\$23.57	\$0.00	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$330.00
Aurora Gateway	42	\$4,000.00	22%	\$21.05	\$0.00	\$884.00	\$2,260.00	\$0.00	\$3,144.00
Aurora Southlands	27	\$2,500.00	37%	\$34.07	\$84.00	\$920.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$920.00
Boulder	272	\$45,375.00	6%	\$9.74	\$250.00	\$2,650.00	\$3,600.00	\$5,000.00	\$11,250.00
Boulder Flatirons	32	\$3,100.00	27%	\$25.94	\$0.00	\$830.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$830.00
Boulder Valley	62	\$6,000.00	14%	\$13.55	(\$415.00)	\$840.00	\$25.00	\$500,100.00	\$500,965.00
Breckenridge-Mountain	22	\$1,150.00	149%	\$77.95	\$0.00	\$1,715.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,715.00
Brighton	31	\$3,500.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brighton Early	10	\$2,500.00	30%	\$74.96	\$449.63	\$749.63	\$147.00	\$0.00	\$896.63
Broomfield	77	\$8,100.00	26%	\$27.27	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Broomfield Crossing	11	\$1,250.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brush	21	\$2,200.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Carbon Valley	15	\$1,600.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Castle Pines	31	\$3,800.00	20%	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$775.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$775.00
Castle Rock	36	\$4,750.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Castle Rock High Noon	20	\$2,200.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Centennial	41	\$4,000.00	49%	\$47.93	\$100.00	\$1,965.00	\$272.00	\$0.00	\$2,237.00
Clear Creek County	10	\$500.00	10%	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Coal Creek	38	\$4,000.00	8%	\$8.42	(\$215.00)	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$320.00
Commerce City	38	\$4,500.00	82%	\$96.63	\$0.00	\$3,672.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$3,722.00
Conifer	34	\$3,300.00	17%	\$16.18	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Denver	287	\$60,000.00	27%	\$55.68	\$11,311.00	\$15,979.25	\$6,675.00	\$0.00	\$22,654.25
Denver Cherry Creek	27	\$2,500.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Denver Lodo	22	\$2,700.00	11%	\$13.64	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Denver Metro North	15	\$1,000.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Denver Mile High	70	\$14,000.00	16%	\$31.53	\$325.00	\$2,207.35	\$3,100.00	\$0.00	\$5,307.35
Denver Sky High	20	\$2,500.00	12%	\$14.50	\$0.00	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$290.00
Denver Southeast	114	\$19,980.00	38%	\$66.88	\$0.00	\$7,624.50	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,624.50
Denver Stapleton	14	\$3,000.00	50%	\$107.50	\$85.00	\$1,505.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,505.00
Denver Tech Center	25	\$5,000.00	14%	\$27.33	\$0.00	\$683.36	\$376.00	\$0.00	\$1,059.36
Denver West	19	\$950.00	84%	\$42.11	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$18.75	\$0.00	\$818.75
E-Club One	65	\$7,000.00	53%	\$56.92	\$0.00	\$3,700.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,700.00
Englewood	40	\$4,100.00	84%	\$86.25	\$500.00	\$3,450.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,450.00
Erie	10	\$600.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Evergreen	107	\$11,000.00	8%	\$8.60	\$0.00	\$920.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$920.36
Five Points Cul Dist	24	\$1,250.00	8%	\$4.17	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Fort Morgan	28	\$3,100.00	37%	\$41.46	\$0.00	\$1,161.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,161.00
GilpinCty PeaktoPeak	20	\$1,800.00	20%	\$18.25	\$0.00	\$365.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$365.00
Golden	57	\$11,400.00	35%	\$70.68	\$0.00	\$4,028.52	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$4,128.52
Granby	28	\$2,600.00	4%	\$3.57	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Grand Lake	17	\$3,000.00	3%	\$4.71	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00



# Rotary District 5450

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Highlands Ranch	54	\$5,500.00	31%	\$31.57	\$200.00	\$1,705.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$1,730.00
Kremmling	12	\$1,000.00	20%	\$16.67	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Lakewood	26	\$3,000.00	22%	\$24.94	\$400.00	\$648.31	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,648.31
Lakewood Foothills	29	\$250.00	400%	\$34.48	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Littleton	83	\$4,350.00	69%	\$36.25	\$0.00	\$3,008.82	\$7,190.00	\$0.00	\$10,198.82
Littleton Sunrise	10	\$1,100.00	6%	\$7.00	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$170.00
Longmont	147	\$15,000.00	27%	\$27.18	\$275.00	\$3,995.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$4,045.00
Longmont Saint Vrain	16	\$1,900.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Longmont Twin Peaks	76	\$7,500.00	13%	\$13.16	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Mead	28	\$3,000.00	10%	\$10.71	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Mountain Foothills	44	\$4,000.00	7%	\$6.25	(\$275.00)	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275.00
Niwot	30	\$3,500.00	139%	\$161.77	\$0.00	\$4,853.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,853.00
Northglenn-Thornton	27	\$3,000.00	27%	\$29.63	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$175.00	-\$500.00	\$475.00
Parker	63	\$10,800.00	19%	\$32.86	(\$250.00)	\$2,070.00	\$3,525.00	\$0.00	\$5,595.00
Parker-CherCrkVal	37	\$3,500.00	24%	\$22.84	\$0.00	\$845.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$845.00
Smoky Hill	36	\$10,800.00	61%	\$184.44	\$0.00	\$6,639.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,639.92
South Jefferson County	15	\$1,500.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Summit County	113	\$11,000.00	85%	\$82.75	\$4,150.00	\$9,351.00	\$2,050.00	\$0.00	\$11,401.00
University Hills	86	\$11,000.00	20%	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.00
Westminster	55	\$10,200.00	26%	\$47.64	\$0.00	\$2,620.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,620.00
Westminster 7:10	37	\$5,320.00	16%	\$23.65	\$0.00	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00
Wheat Ridge	31	\$2,325.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Winter Park	26	\$3,100.00	3%	\$3.85	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Wray	16	\$900.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b>3,146</b>	<b>\$413,325.00</b>	<b>26.07%</b>	<b>\$34.25</b>	<b>\$17,374.63</b>	<b>\$107,741.08</b>	<b>\$38,284.75</b>	<b>\$504,600.00</b>	<b>\$650,625.83</b>

### District 5450 Summary

District Annual Giving Goal(sum of all club goals):	\$413,325.00
Total of Annual Giving for Period:	\$107,741.08
Annual Giving Goal % Achieved for Period:	26.07%
Total PolioPlus Challenge/Other Giving for Period:	\$38,284.75
Total Permanent Fund Giving for Period:	\$504,600.00
Total Giving to TRF for Period:	\$650,625.83



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15 October 2012

To District Governors in Zone 27

Dear Fellow Rotarians:



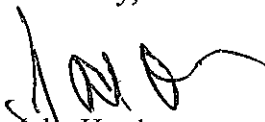
Enclosed with this letter is the report of your zone's nominating committee for director of Rotary International. I am writing to you now to further clarify the procedures to be followed in the event a club wishes to challenge the choice of the nominating committee. See also RI bylaws, section 12.020.

1. A club in the zone, at a regular meeting, can adopt a resolution proposing a Rotarian whose name was previously suggested to the zone nominating committee as a challenging candidate.
2. That resolution, signed by the club's president or secretary, is sent to you, the district governor.
3. Not earlier than 15 October, the governor, either at the district conference or through a postal ballot, asks each club whether it concurs with the resolution. At the same time the governor must announce or include on the ballot the name of the candidate chosen by the nominating committee. (After setting a deadline for any such resolution, you may obtain the clubs' votes for two or more such resolutions at the same time.)
4. If a majority of the clubs concur with the resolution, the governor forwards it to the general secretary by 1 December 2012, either to World Headquarters or to one of RI's International Offices, along with copies of all concurrences. Please note that the RI Bylaws require the resolution and the concurrences to be received by 1 December 2011 in order to be considered valid. Any resolutions or concurrences that arrive after 1 December cannot be considered.
5. The general secretary will then prepare a ballot, listing the choice of the zone nominating committee and any challenging candidates endorsed by a majority of the clubs in their districts. That ballot will be mailed from the World Headquarters by 31 December 2012.

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Thank you in advance for your adherence to these procedures. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Alice Baehler, Associate Manager, Corporate Services Division, at telephone 847-866-3040, or fax 847-866-0931, or email [alice.baehler@rotary.org](mailto:alice.baehler@rotary.org).

Sincerely,

  
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15 October 2012

To all Rotary clubs in Zone 27

Dear fellow Rotarians:



**Report of your Nominating Committee for Director of Rotary International**

In accordance with the provisions of RI bylaws section 12.020., the nominating committee for director in Zone 27 recently certified that it has nominated Rotarian Greg E. Podd, a member of the Rotary Club of Evergreen, Colorado, USA, as a director of RI for 2014-2016. Rotarian Podd has stated that he is willing and able to serve as a director, if elected.

The RI president will declare Rotarian Podd the sole official director-nominee from your zone on 1 December 2012, unless, prior to that date, another qualified Rotarian has been duly proposed as a challenging candidate. To bring about such a challenge, a club in the zone must submit a resolution to the district governor, signed by the club president or secretary, naming a candidate who was previously suggested to the nominating committee. The governor, either at the district conference or through a postal ballot, will ask each club in the district whether it concurs with the challenge. If a majority of the clubs in that district concur, the governor will forward the challenge to the general secretary by 1 December 2012, either to one of RI's international offices or to World Headquarters, along with copies of all concurrences. Please note that the resolution and concurrences must be received by the general secretary by 1 December 2012. Any challenges that are not complete or that arrive after 1 December cannot be considered. A ballot listing the choice of the nominating committee and any challenging candidates will then be prepared and mailed to all clubs in the zone by 31 December 2012.

Your attention is directed to RI bylaws section 10.060., which in part states that

Rotarians shall not campaign, canvass, or electioneer for elective position in RI, or allow any such activity, either on their behalf or on behalf of another. No brochures, literature, letters, or other materials, including electronic media and communications, may be distributed or circulated by Rotarians or on their behalf to any clubs or members of clubs except as may be expressly authorized by the board.

Any candidate who undertakes, or on whose behalf is undertaken, unauthorized and improper activities to further his candidacy is in violation of the RI bylaws and may be disqualified. The Board of Directors of RI intends that these provisions shall be strictly observed.

Sincerely,  
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hewko".

John Hewko  
General Secretary

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# What is in the world is this?

If you have an idea and want to venture a guess, send an email to Marge Mercurio at [rotarymarge@gmail.com](mailto:rotarymarge@gmail.com). You can bet there is a great story behind it!



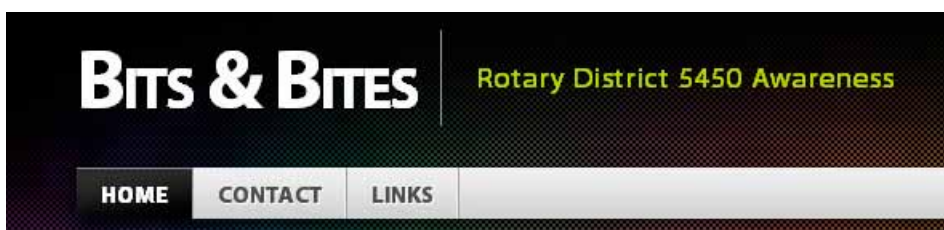
## Check out Bits & Bites Blog

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The Bits & Bites blog is a wonderful way to promote your club event, activity or speaker. It's also a perfect place to send announcements, flyers and other type of club promotions. Is your club planning to paint a house, ride a bike race, sew a community quilt or decorate a tree? If so, let Bits & Bites know so they can include it on their site.

In addition to promoting your event, be sure to send photos of the event. We want to see your members in action

How? Submit your club information BITS & BITES blog at [rotarypr5450@gmail.com](mailto:rotarypr5450@gmail.com). It's just one more way to get your club activities out there for the world to see!



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