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Connect to a New Generation

by Rosalie Bargmann, Interact Advisor (Peak to Peak), robargmann@gmail.com

We're connecting!

In the Peak to Peak Rotary (serving Gilpin County and Nederland), members are connecting with Interact students. We're all one. The club pays for bi-weekly pizza for Interact meetings and on occasion, the Interact Club pays it forward, donating their pizza to a classroom that has won a fundraising contest.

In Black Hawk, Peak to Peak Rotary hosts Interact students at a meeting twice yearly, thus giving them the opportunity to see the large picture of a Rotary Club and Rotary International. By hosting the new Interact leadership at the beginning of the school year, students become motivated in their Rotary mission.

In April or May, the students (along with their sponsoring high school teacher) are invited to present a program on their yearly activities and accomplishments. Afterwards they receive a delicious lunch with our club members, building new bonds and friendships.

On occasion, Interact has given a special presentation to our club on a specific project,

such as Zero Waste Reduction at Gilpin High School. This talk was also presented at their high school and for the school board, giving Interact students more leadership experience.

At the beginning of the year, Interact students decide on their service projects

and then connect with sponsoring Rotary Club. For example, Interact raised \$500 toward a Heifer International donation, which Peak to Peak Rotary matched. The students were glad to be able to 1) donate \$1000 to buy a cow, and 2) learn the beauty of matching funds and partnership! The same

happened with Shelter Box project and Duck Race fundraisers.

Lucky for us, our superintendent of schools has been a Rotary member, occasionally attending and supporting Peak to Peak Interact events, such as helping at the Denver Health Center Party and/or volunteering at the Denver Rescue Mission.

I encourage you to share successful ideas for connecting your own Rotary and Interact Clubs, so that we in District 5450 can find more ways to pass on the joy of serving our world's communities.



Peak-to-Peak Interact volunteering at Denver Health Center Christmas party.

A Message from your Governor

by District Governor

Mike Klingbiel

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RYLA and Young RYLA.

Interact made a huge leap forward last year when District Governor Halderman approved the formation of an Interact District Committee – made up of Interactors! These amazing 17 and 18 year

olds are running the show, organizing the Fall Leadership Conference, arranging other Interact events, and leading the formation of new clubs.

Youth Exchange continues to be a great program, though our district is always looking for more host families. With the growing interest among RYLA graduates and Interactors in going on exchange, I hope Youth Exchange will grow to accommodate the interest.

As Rotarians of District 5450, we should be proud that our district has never reported an overall decrease in membership. However, we know that all over the world, Rotary needs to include the newer generations in order to survive. The New Generations Committee is focused on increasing and maintaining the relationships we create through our youth programs, to ultimately engage younger Rotarians,

at a younger age. In an effort to support stronger relationships between our Clubs and our youth programs, I am asking all Clubs to seek out opportunities to include members of our Interact and Rotaract clubs in their service projects and fundraising projects. Let's show them that Rotary is fun and making a difference in the world.

Personally, I am putting a focus on the growth of Rotaract Clubs this year; every Rotary Club should have one! Rotaract is a perfect pipeline into our Rotary Clubs, and a great way to engage the young professionals in our community. We have several successful college and young professional clubs going strong, and the hope is to charter many more by the end of the year. With the continued support and leadership from the great Rotarians in District 5450, I am confident we can achieve this goal and make Rotary strong for the future. There is an old Irish Proverb that says: "Praise youth and it will prosper". I truly believe that if we encourage and support our New Generations, not only will our youth prosper, but so will all of Rotary!

Mike

New Generations

District 5450 is blessed with some of the best youth programs in the world. Why aren't more of them becoming Rotarians?

The New Generations Committee has been tasked with addressing this issue, and bringing more young Rotarians into the fold. During the past year RYLA, Interact, Rotaract, and Youth Exchange have had several major successes.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) and Young RYLA are continuing to grow in popularity, serving 240 conferees each this past summer. Over 110 volunteers (including over 60 Rotarians) from Districts 5450 and 5440 work together to make these conferences take place each year. Thank you to all of the clubs that have sponsored and supported

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Enthusiasm raises membership numbers

by Phil Smith, D5450 Membership Team, (Rotary Club of Arvada) pskts@comcast.net

An important part of Rotary is Fundraising so our clubs can award scholarships and fund the many projects we all do. Just look at the Fundraising that has gone into "End Polio Now"! Our efforts make a difference.

There is another important "Raising" that to insure that our clubs can continue the projects in our communities and in the world. The "Raising" I am talking about is the "Raising" of our Membership! This is an effort that doesn't require us to put our hand into our pockets for money, yet it will affect our Clubs and Rotary for many years to come! We must keep the need for more members in the forefront of our mind at all times.

It's very easy to talk about our experiences in Rotary. I've told many people about my 28 years in Rotary and the great opportunities derived from my involvement. While hiking through the native forest to the face of a glacier on the South Island of New Zealand, I was approached by a hiker from the opposite direction. I was wearing a shirt with a Rotary emblem on it. The man saw the emblem and asked where my Rotary club was

located. I said in the USA. He then asked, "Where in the USA?" My answer was in Colorado. Then he said, "Where in Colorado? My response was Arvada. He then asked if I knew Monk Tarbell; I said I did and he's a member of my club. He informed me that he was from Pagosa Springs and that he knew Monk as a visiting Rotarian to his club!



Phil & Chris exchange e-Club One banner in Sydney!

Small world!
This brings me to the importance of wearing your Rotary Pin or emblem! Wearing your Rotary Pin, shirt, earrings, etc. opens doors to a discussion about Rotary and the opportunity to invite someone to be your guest at your club's meeting. I have had people ask "What is that pin you're wearing?" The

Door has just opened!

When my wife and I were returning to Colorado from New Zealand we decided to spend three days in Sydney, Australia. Since we belong to ITHF (International Travel & Hosting Fellowship - a fellowship of Rotary) we checked the ITHF website for a possible Rotarian host for two days. On the ITHF website I happened upon a member that listed his District as 5450. I thought "How can this be?" That's my district. It was Chris Joscelyne, a member of E-Club One well known to our District. Needless to say Chris and his wife Katie showed us a great time in Sydney.

Sharing your Rotary experiences with other people lets them see your excitement about Rotary. Exude your enthusiasm! Don't be discouraged if a person doesn't accept your first invitation to join you at your Club's meeting. Ask them again when the situation presents itself. It took me three years of persistently asking my banker to visit my Rotary club. I would hear "not now... maybe some time." Finally, her response was "YES!" Now, 5 years later into her membership she is our club President! Never, never stop asking! By the way, our President is one of our younger members!

Recruiting a New Generation for a lifetime

by Phil Smith, D5450 Membership Team, (Rotary Club of Arvada) pskts@comcast.net

Younger members bring new blood, ideas and energy into Rotary. Longstanding Rotarians used to be part of that younger member category. Now, we need to continually attract new young and vibrant members. I received a call from a young man; he told me that his grandfather had been a Rotarian and that he would like to join. He joined and being 28 years old he introduced us to the world of social media. Bryan now has us on Facebook and we are getting "Likes" from Rotary Clubs from all over the world!

Check us out on Facebook at "Arvada Rotary." Facebook can also be a tool to attract young visitors.

As RI President Tanaka said in his message in the September issue of The Rotarian, "It is not enough to bring new members into Rotary. We want them to stay. We want the new, young members to become longtime members. We want them to be Rotary leaders in 10, 20, or 30 years."

Sometimes it is necessary to change the way we are doing things.

Sometimes we need to adjust the cost of membership to suit the financial needs of not only younger members but members that might drop out because of the financial burden.

So I say to all the members of District 5450 "You are in Rotary because someone asked you to join or you sought out Rotary. If every one of us brings just 1 new member into your Club this Rotary Year, we could get more done. Our projects would be easier with more hands to do them, not to mention the great Fellowship!

Peaches, Steak and Blueberry Pie – oh my!

by Treva Klingbiel

I have just one question for all District 5450 Rotarians – where did all the rubber chicken go? I've written before about the great hospitality shown to Mike and me during our Club visits, but little did I realize that it would also come with such culinary delights! I'm not speaking about fine dining or nouvelle cuisine, but wholesome, fresh, wonderful food that sustains and comforts. Mike and I are now in our third month of Club visits, and we have been dined (and in some cases wined) on some of the best food to be found.

I started thinking about this and wondering why does the food taste so good as I found myself moving to the part of my closet with the bigger waistbands, and then it hit me. While the food has been excellent, it is the fun, fellowship and inspiration that comes from being with people who are giving and generous not only to us, but to their communities both locally and internationally.

The beef stroganoff at the Longmont Twin Peaks club was good, but it was the big hug and warm smile from past District Governor Karen Sekich that made it taste so great. Along with a delicious breakfast, some much appreciated coffee, and a hand crafted vase of yellow roses was the warm welcome extended to us by President Peggy and Past District Governor Jim Halderman during our visit to the Golden Club. Denver West served us a delicious and healthy salad and made us feel as though we were long-time members. Our visit to the Castle Rock Club came not only with pancakes (yum), but included a morning of wonderful fellowship. The Wheat Ridge Club and President Steve Marks welcomed us with his big smile, a great lunch and a tour of the Senior Resources Center where they hold their meetings. Our trip to the clubs in Winter Park, Granby, Kremmling and Grand Lake came with some of the best weather we've had all summer, but also with the best peach cobbler I've tasted, fantastic blueberry pie, and

steak prepared on the grill. Assistant DG Mark Lund and his wife Janice were gracious hosts and treated us like royalty. The Blackhawk, and Five Points Clubs won us over not just with the great buffet and pizza, but with their optimism and passion to grow their clubs. Boulder Flatirons served up quiche and a spectacular view along with graciousness and warmth. And last, but never least, was the visit to the Mountain Foothills Club in Evergreen. Yes, the appetizers, drinks and dinner were great, but it was the contagious enthusiasm and commitment of its members that left a lasting impression.

Thank you to everyone for living up to this quote from the May 1915, *The Rotarian* "Rotary is Fellowship. Real Fellowship is frank, spontaneous, full of warmth, and if you want to gauge its depth you will find that it is the difference between "Mister" and "Bill" – "Reverend" and "Jack."

So...please just call me "Treva".

New Generations Committee Wants YOU!

The New Generations Committee is excited to announce that we will be helping sponsor one Interactor, one Rotaractor, and one New Generations Rotarian to attend the Rotary International Peace Forum in Honolulu, Hawaii January 25-27, 2013!

SPONSORSHIP

Estimated costs for an attendee range from \$1,500 to \$1,600, and the New Generations Committee will be sponsoring 3 people, giving them \$600 each towards their attendance at the forum.

Please pass this information TODAY to all Interactors, Rotaractors and New Generations Rotarians who are interested in attending the Peace Forum.

ACT NOW

Applications are due back to Heather Amen (heather.amen@gmail.com) by Friday, September 21 at 5:00 pm. A committee of Rotarians will evaluate all the applicants and respond to the winners of the scholarships by Friday, September 28.

To learn more about the Global Peace Forum in Hawaii go to: <http://www.peaceforumhawaii.com/>

Future Vision - what it means to us

by Carolyn Schrader, (Rotary Club of Denver Mile High), schrader407@gmail.com

District 5450 has used Rotary grants to built bridges and water systems, teach children to read and use computers, train physicians and help adults change their communities...and we changed ourselves as well.

Rotary is changing too, adopting "Future Vision" to make these grants more effective and sustainable. On July 1, 2013, District 5450 will be under Future Vision. So what is Future Vision and how will it affect us?

Much will stay the same. The District will continue to have approximately 50% of our contributions to The Rotary Foundation returned to us three years later as DDF, the District match for Rotary Grants. Rotary Grants will continue to require Rotarian involvement to help meet community needs.

District Grants will help fund small humanitarian projects that are short-term, either local or international projects with no other Rotary Club involved. Projects can receive up to a 1-1 match of DDF on club contributions.

Global Grants replace Matching Grants and fund larger humanitarian projects that are more impactful and significant to the community. Clubs can get DDF from the District to match their contributions (up to District limits) and then club contributions and DDF are matched by The Rotary Foundation. The total funding can be as much as 3.5 times the original club contribution.

Significant features of Global Grants include:

- \$35,000 minimum project size
- A project in one of the six Area of Focus
- A Community Needs Assessment
- Sustainability and measurability

Scholarships and Vocational Training Teams will now be funded with Global Grants. The Rotary Foundation will also sponsor Packaged Grants that Rotarians can participate in without club contributions. See the RI website <http://www.rotary.org>

Timing

Projects for Rotary grants must be developed in a much earlier time-frame.

Proposals for both District and Global Grants should be prepared in the current year and submitted to District Grant Advisors.

Proposal forms can be downloaded on the District website www.rotary5450.org under Future Vision.

Club Qualification and Grant Management

Rotary now requires that all clubs sponsoring a District or Global Grant must be qualified by the District to confirm that grant management rules will be followed.

One requirement of qualification is attendance at a District training session that will be held on November 10.

Registration and information can be found on the District website on the upper left side of the home page.

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Mountain Foothills RC combines fun and fund raising

by Jerry Lautigar (Mountain Foothills Rotary) jlautigar@aol.com

Two Evergreen residents (one Rotarian and one future Rotarian) met during the winter of 2010 and discussed organizing music concerts at Evergreen Lakehouse to raise money for local worthy organizations.

By the summer of 2011 with the blessing of Mountain Foothills Rotary Club, two concerts were planned. This was expanded to three concerts in the summer of 2012.

More civic-minded people were involved and *The Committee* was formed to plan and coordinate the concerts. An *Anonymous Wine Committee* was formed to provide free wine to Rotarians and guests.

The Summer Showcase Concert Series at Evergreen Lake had performances in June, July and August. Concert attendees were encouraged to bring lawn chairs and snacks. The Committee decided not to have vendors with the express purpose of creating a serene and relaxing evening of music. Response indicated that goal was achieved.

Southern Exposure, Kort McCumber, and Switchback were contracted to be headline groups with local musicians providing lead off music. Local businesses lined up to sponsor the events with the result that most expenses were covered up front.

Response was wonderful, and great fun was had by all! Evergreen Parks and Recreation Department's Special Needs Program, Evergreen Christian Outreach, and Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity were primary beneficiaries of the events.

For more information, call Jerry Lautigar at 303 886-6463.

1967 GSE Team reunion in Northwest Missouri

by C. Dale Flowers, Littleton, rotary@cdale.com

In 1966 I was asked to apply for and was subsequently chosen to be a member of the first GSE Team from northwest Missouri (Rotary District 603) to Rotary District 325 comprised of four states in northeast India, Burma, Nepal and East Pakistan (now Bangladesh).

The GSE Team consisted of yours truly, Dale Flowers who was a management trainee at the Goetz Brewery in St. Joseph, MO; Terry Dolan, a cattle and crop farmer from Trenton, MO; Bob Teegarden, a County Agent from Gallatin, MO; Wayne Thomson, a high school teacher from Lawson, MO; Gene Eulinger, a high school vocational agriculture instructor from Tarkio, MO; and, Andy Adam, a banker from Stewartsville, MO. Rotary Past District Governor, Everett Brown, Assistant to the President of Northwest Missouri State College in Maryville, MO led the group.

This was a life changing experience for me, one not ever to be forgotten. Unfortunately, the team of six young (in 1967) men has failed to keep in touch over the past forty-five years.

And then, this July, I received a call from Terry Dolan one of our GSE Team members inviting me to a reunion of the six men that made the journey to Asia in 1967 to be held on Friday, August 24 at his farm near Trenton, MO. If I could make it all Team members would be present to relive the great, and not so great, experiences of January through March of 1967 with the exception of PDG Everett Brown who passed away a few years ago.

The group arrived at the home of Terry and Marie Dolan to find a beautiful buffet luncheon set up and warm

welcomes all around. And then the stories started and went on for the better part of the afternoon reliving our adventures – from massive traffic jams in Calcutta, the ever present auto breakdowns between towns, having



1967 GSE Team members from left: Bob Teegarden, Andy Adam, Gene Eulinger, Dale Flowers, Wayne Thomson and Terry Dolan.

your clothes washed in a stream and the dirt beat out on rocks, to a day riding on the back of an elephant in the Kazaranga Wildlife refuge in the Indian state of Assam to visit a Rotary school built of mud and straw in a jungle village. The tales went on and on with the memories of a tight bonded group of young men seeing the world for the first time.

It was interesting to follow the lives of the Team members. Dale Flowers had followed a career from brewery management trainee to shopping center marketing director and manager, a job that led him to the Denver, CO area to open a new mall. After managing shopping centers for many years he built homes and has worked as a graphic artist in recent years. He has a wonderful wife Karen and three children, Karla living in Denver, Janet in Austin, TX with three grandboys and Jon who lives in Oslo, Norway. Dale is the only team member that has remained active in

Rotary over the years and has served as president of both the Northglenn/Thornton and Littleton Rotary Clubs in District 5450 in the Denver area. Terry Dolan is recently married for the third time to Marie, a lovely woman. He has two children, a daughter, Shari in Columbia, MO and a son, Doug, and two grandsons Scotty and Brandon who farm with him on their 2,000 acre farm. Terry is the poster boy for land stewardship and successful farming. He even allowed me to drive his huge John Deere tractor and combine. What an experience! Wayne Thomson retired from a successful school teaching career and farms 1,000 acre farm with his brother near Tarkio, MO. Wayne has remained a lifelong bachelor and doesn't own a cell phone or computer. Bob Teegarden, another bachelor,

has retired from his County Agent job but remains actively involved in the 4-H movement and farms about 500 acres. Bob has been a member of the Lions Club and when I asked why he never joined Rotary he told me he was never asked. (There's a lesson for us Rotarians.) Gene Eulinger worked in education throughout his career both teaching and as a supervisor for the Missouri Department of Education as well as registrar of two institutions of higher learning. His first wife passed away and he is remarried to Diane, a wonderful woman, and together they are retired in California, MO close to their three daughters, Beth, Karen and Kendra. Between them Gene and Diane have 12 grandchildren that keep them very busy. They spend a lot of their time working with the Gideons International distributing bibles around the world. Andy Adam went from banking to work as a Senior Financial Analyst at the TWA (American Airlines) overhaul base in

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Kansas City and retired from that work and lives with his beautiful wife Madeline in Gower, MO. They have two daughters, Mary Ann who lives in Dallas, TX and Margaret who lives in Liberty, MO. Each daughter has given them two wonderful grandchildren.

In retrospect, the participation in the Rotary Group Study Exchange program had a profound effect on all of the 1967 participants and has been a major event in their lives and the lives of their families. Over the years the team members have had the pleasure of hosting visitors from District 325 including their GSE outgoing team leader and District 325 GSE Chair, Past District Governor Dr. Kanak Sarbadhikari from Calcutta. The pleasure of hosting GSE Team members in our home in recent years Croatia, Brazil, Panama and Peru has kept the memories of my GSE Team adventures alive.

Prior to leaving for District 325 in January of 1967 I read a book by Dr. Ina C. Brown titled "Understanding Other Cultures." Dr. Brown states that "If we are to live in a world of different peoples, we must find out what common ground there is among human beings of different lands, what our differences are, how fundamental such differences are, and how the differences can either be resolved or lived with." I believe this pretty well sums up the value of the Group Study Exchange Program. Our team members were selected for their ability to observe and communicate with our foreign brothers and sisters and to get to know each other's aspirations, ideals and problems; also, to develop these contacts into enduring friendships and to convey the benefits of this experience to others. Our team left District 325 knowing that we had made lifelong friendships with the warm and friendly people of the four countries in that district.



District 5450 Literacy Conference

Saturday September 22

7:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Red Rocks Community College
(Lakewood, CO)**

Cost \$20

Hosted by Lakewood Foothills Rotary Club

The District Literacy Task Force is planning an informative and thought-provoking program for anyone interested in the education of Colorado's youth.

Rotarians will have an opportunity to share ways in which their clubs have participated in the educational process and have presentations from–

- The Colorado Lt Governor's office recent findings on their Survey of Colorado Literacy and their subsequent recommendations.
- Denver Public Schools Literacy Initiatives.
- The Longmont Rotary's Philippines Literacy Project.

Mark your calendars for September 22. More details will be sent to the Club presidents and Literacy chairs and posted on the District 5450 website www.rotary5450.org.

Contact Charlotte Tyson at tyjud@comcast.com with any questions.

Seeking Team Members for 2013 Group Study Exchange to China

by Patricia Fiskes, (Castle Pines), patricia@fiskes.us

District 5450 and the Rotary Clubs of Beijing and Shanghai are planning a Medically Focused Group Study Exchange (GSE) in April/May 2013.

Team members will be physicians or medical faculty who will have a unique opportunity to enrich the communities they visit as well as to expand their professional horizons. The incoming team from China will be here during the month of April, 2013 and our team will be going to China for four weeks during the month of May, 2013.

The most effective way to build a team is through personal referral. Do you know any physicians or medical faculty who would be interested in going to China? Once there they will share their expertise and learn how medicine is practiced in Shanghai, Beijing, and Yunnan Province - most likely KunMing, the Lincang District, and the Longchuan District which borders Myanmar. Team members need 1) to be based within District 5450, 2) are not Rotarians nor members of a Rotarian's family, and 3) are usually between the ages of 25 and 40.

If you know physicians or medical faculty that you might recommend, who are based in D5450, please have them contact Patricia Fiske at 303-660-8899 or patriciafiske@comcast.net.

The GSE Team encourages Rotarians to participate in the process:

Build the outgoing team.

Tell all the Physicians and Medical Faculty you know about the opportunity. It is highly likely they will know of or be a physician or medical teacher who could qualify for the award.

Apply to be the Team Leader.

Go online to read the qualifications http://www.rotary.org/ridocuments/en_pdf/165en.pdf

What is Group Study Exchange?

Since 1965, the Group Study Exchange program of the Rotary Foundation has provided inspiring vocational, educational, and cultural experiences for more than 70,000 men and women.

The purpose of a Group Study Exchange is to promote international understanding and good-will through person-to-person contact. While abroad, team members stay in Rotarians' homes and have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts.

They will also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country.

The Rotary Foundation provides a round-trip air ticket, and local Rotarians in the host country provide meals, lodging, and group travel in their district. Team members pay for personal and incidental expenses. Applicants must live or be employed in Rotary District 5450.

ACT NOW! District 5450 will have Team interviews in October for the 2013 Medically Focused Group Study Exchange.

Get the specifics online: http://www.rotary.org/ridocuments/en_pdf/165en.pdf

Fill out the Team Leader Application which can be found online at http://www.rotary.org/ridocuments/en_pdf/260en.pdf and send it to John Logan johnlogan3712@centurylink.net

Encourage your club to host the incoming team

For more information contact John Logan or Patricia Fiske

Team interviews will be held the second week in October.

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. The deadline for October submissions is Tuesday, October 9. Please have copy, photos (3" x 4" in pdf or jpg and 96 dpi) with captions to Marge via email by October 9, 2012.

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Hellos, Hugs and Handshakes

by Jayanthi Raja Seenivasan (eClub One) Spouse of Rtn V Raja Seenivasan District Governor (2012-2013) D3230

My Rotary journey started 16 years ago when my husband was inducted into the Rotary Club of Madras West opening up new doors of comradeship, compassion and charity. Then on, it's been such bountiful experiences and moments of sharing and giving; not just our treasure, but our time and talent too. Rotary has taught us to not just give, but give with love as always insisted by Mother Teresa. Every friendship in Rotary is a specially revered relationship sans barriers of age, caste, religion, nationality or status. The Four Way Test is life's strong guiding principle encapsulated thought provokingly in four simple lines.

I have attended hundreds of projects with Rotary as the spouse of a Rotarian. I have enjoyed every step taken to cater to the pressing needs around us. I have admired the unity of our Rotarians and families in serving the society as well enjoying their camaraderie to the fullest.

I think we should thank Rotary eClub One and District 5450, the first in the world to have ventured into this innovative e-connecting system. Today I am a Rotarian, I can serve locally, join hands in global projects, feed my serving spirit not just sitting through meetings but even from the confines



Jayanthi Raja Seenivasan

of my favorite room. It is an awesome thought that strikes you when you are attending an e-meet that somewhere in the world, one is enjoying sound sleep, one is half way through day's work, one is having family time, one is having a refreshing swim, one is serving locally, one is sipping a cup of morning cappuccino and one is taking a peg of his dinner sip, the list goes on. I love this moment of writing from the Chennai shores to the Colorado Springs.

Friends, today the warmth that radiates from the calls, messages and mails of all my Rotary friends are like my daily energizers refurbishing every cell. I thank my schoolmate and dearest friend Priya Jayakrishnan

who was snatched away very young by cancer last year for having been instrumental in leading us into this lovely garden of good selfless souls. I thank my husband DG Rtn V Raja Seenivasan to have joined the Rotary movement which has nurtured abundant goodness in us and given us an ocean of friends along around the world. I thank Rotary for the great opportunities it has gifted us to serve and the unmatched world of friends it has gifted us.

All of us in faraway lands networking under one umbrella called Rotary to share our service above self motto and spread smiles to fill the Earth with happiness that God has gifted us in abundance is the most beautiful experience. I am rejoicing my new set of friends in Rotary eClub One led by President Tom Green and District 5450 steered magnificently by DG Mike Klingbiel. I am all set to enjoy this new friendship which has doubled, trebled the diameter of my friends circle.

Friends, share your hellos, hugs and handshakes and that is the best way to strengthen the chords of this amazing relationship that life has bestowed on us. Let us move leaps and bounds in making our Earth, a heaven of joy and peace.

Picture This ...

Fall is the time when Rotary shines 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 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!



District Governor Mike Klingbiel and Treva
and the
Rotary Club of Denver Southeast
invite you to the
2013 Rotary District 5450 Conference

Party with old Friends, and make new Friends!

Explore new opportunities and Partnerships for Service in the HOUSE of FRIENDSHIP!

Aclaimed and Inspirational speakers

Celebrate our Clubs and members achievements over this last year!

Enjoy a great weekend of fellowship, learning, fun and entertainment!

April 26-28, 2013
Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa
Vail, Colorado



~Conference Highlights~



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



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



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



Ben Parsons
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"The Infinite Monkey Theorem"

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

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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**
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Boulder Rotary and YMCA and Boulder Valley Schools = Rotaract

by Peter Ewing MD, Past President (Boulder Rotary), District Governor Nominee pmjewling@earthlink.net

Several years ago, Boulder Rotary began collaboration with the YMCA and the Boulder Valley School District to promote the youth programs of Rotary International. One result was the formation of our community based Rotaract club.

In 2011, RI announced a 4 pronged pilot program to explore new ways of attracting young individuals to Rotary. These were corporate membership, associate membership, innovative membership and satellite membership. While working towards chartering of our community Rotaract club, their leaders brought this pilot program to our Board's attention, more specifically the satellite membership option. Our board applied for and was one of 200 clubs in the world selected to participate in this pilot program. Our choice was to work towards satellite status for our community based Rotaract club. Two other clubs in District 5450 were selected for the pilot program: Boulder Valley Rotary Club for associate membership and Peak to Peak Rotary Club for innovative membership.

Since that time, our new generation satellite members have become an important part of our club. They have 11 members with 5 new member proposals in-line to bring them to 16 members, all under 30. They have lowered our club's average age by more than 15 months and played an important role in our club's award for best growth in clubs over 100 members- 5% last year. There are several advantages to this satellite approach. First: there is no age limit to satellite membership unlike the 30 year limit for Rotaract. Second: there is no need to charter since they are members of Boulder Rotary. Third: Membership cost is lower since

they meet at the YMCA on Tuesday evening with no meal. All of these reasons make this a great option for young professionals less settled in our business community, less in control of their time at home and at work but who are committed to service as a way of life.

Our Boulder New Generation Rotary club members are active both locally and internationally. Locally they support the YMCA's "Kid's Triathlon", the Homeless shelter and Intercambio. Internationally they worked with "Engineers without Borders" in Nepal and are developing a project in Peru, working with leadership development of young Peruvian women in collaboration with "Peruvian Heart's" and organization well known to Evergreen Rotary. They are raising funds and support with the Boulder Boulder and Boulder Buffalo Bicycle classic have increased our community's awareness of Rotary through a newspaper article. Their International service chair will become co-chair of our world community service committee this next year.

At a recent Zone Institute training in Kansas City, I was part of a panel on innovative approaches to membership. There was considerable interest in the concept of satellite membership. I was asked if anyone could start a satellite club. The pilot program is presently closed, concluding in 2014. RI will then gather data, evaluate results and then decide whether to continue this program. RI Director Andy Smallwood reassured us that RI does NOT have a cadre of Rotary Police out there looking at what Rotary clubs are doing. It seemed he was suggesting innovative approaches to membership are acceptable.

To learn more about these young Boulder Rotarians come to our first monthly combined social evening at the Boulder Chop House on September 25th from 5-6PM for fun and fellowship. You may also contact the President of the Boulder New Generations Rotary club Laura Smith at bouldernewgenrotary@gmail.com or visit their web site at www.tinyurl.com/BoulderNewGenRotary.

Preserve Planet Earth One Peach at a Time!

by Marge Mercurio, (Rotary Club of Mead)
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It seems that clubs in District 5450 and across Colorado are working on Preserve Planet Earth projects – they just don't know it! Buying Western Slope Peaches and selling them locally helps reduce transportation costs and the fruit arrives ripe and ready to eat.

Selling peaches is the easiest fundraiser of them all. People love the product, look forward to handing over money, stand in line to receive their delicious produce and usually regret not ordering more. The peaches sell themselves and everyone benefits.

As seasons change and peaches are replaced by poinsettias, wreaths, and Christmas trees – the need to buy and sell locally continues. Sometimes the cost is a bit higher but in terms of the health of the earth, we can afford it.



Care to Attend the Rotary Global Peace Forums?



In 2012-13, Rotary International will hold three Rotary Global Peace Forums. Each forum will be a two or three day program to engage and inspire Rotarians and community leaders to champion President Sakuji Tanaka's RI theme, Peace Through Service.

The location, theme, and date for each forum are listed here for your reference, along with websites where you can find further details.

Berlin, Germany – Peace Without Borders

The Berlin forum examines the role of democracy in building peace and promotes opportunities for all people to engage one another in international understanding and cooperation. This event will celebrate and highlight the role of inter-country committees in promoting understanding among nations.

Date: November 30 - December 2, 2012

Website: www.rotary-global-peace-forum-berlin.de/en/

Honolulu, Hawaii, USA – The Green Path to Peace

The Honolulu forum focuses on the importance of conserving and protecting our shared environmental resources and mitigating the effects of natural disasters as a prerequisite to peace. Special emphasis will be on the New Generations and how to empower their visions of peace.

Date: January 25-27, 2013

Website: www.peaceforumhawaii.com/

Hiroshima, Japan – Peace Begins with You

Explores ways in which each of us has the power to promote peace in our daily lives and in our own communities. This future-focused meeting will ask participants to consider what impact they will make in the days and years to come.

Date: May 17-18, 2013

Website: www.info-hiroshima.co.jp/peace/

CALL TO ACTION!

Do you plan to attend any of these Peace Forums?

If so, please contact Bev Mendel at

office@rotary5450.org

Rotary District 5450

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	APF Goal Amount	APF Goal % Achieved	-- Annual Giving --		--PolioPlus Challenge/Other-	--Permanent Fund--	-- YTD Total TRF Giving --
			Month	YTD	YTD	YTD	
Arvada	\$4,100.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Arvada Sunrise	\$11,000.00	8%	\$125.00	\$900.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.06
Aurora	\$6,750.00	21%	\$0.00	\$1,450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,450.00
Aurora Fitzsimons	\$2,125.00	8%	\$0.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$165.00
Aurora Gateway	\$4,000.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Aurora Southlands	\$2,500.00	27%	\$0.00	\$668.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$668.00
Boulder	\$45,375.00	5%	\$600.00	\$2,050.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,050.00
Boulder Flatirons	\$3,100.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Boulder Valley	\$6,000.00	10%	\$0.00	\$615.00	\$25.00	\$500,100.00	\$500,740.00
Breckenridge-Mountain	\$1,150.00	87%	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Brighton	\$3,500.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brighton Early	\$2,500.00	7%	\$25.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
Broomfield	\$8,100.00	0%	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Broomfield Crossing	\$1,250.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brush	\$2,200.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Carbon Valley	\$1,600.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Castle Pines	\$3,800.00	19%	\$0.00	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$725.00
Castle Rock	\$4,750.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Castle Rock High Noon	\$2,200.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Centennial	\$4,000.00	16%	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$134.00	\$0.00	\$784.00
Clear Creek County	\$500.00	10%	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Coal Creek	\$4,000.00	5%	\$60.00	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.00
Commerce City	\$4,500.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Conifer	\$3,300.00	16%	\$0.00	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525.00
Denver	\$60,000.00	5%	\$200.00	\$3,030.75	\$2,137.50	\$0.00	\$5,168.25
Denver Cherry Creek	\$2,500.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Denver Lodo	\$2,700.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Denver Metro North	\$1,000.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Denver Mile High	\$14,000.00	8%	\$400.00	\$1,050.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,050.00
Denver Sky High	\$2,500.00	2%	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Denver Southeast	\$19,980.00	38%	\$0.00	\$7,624.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,624.50
Denver Stapleton	\$3,000.00	45%	\$85.00	\$1,335.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,335.00
Denver Tech Center	\$5,000.00	7%	\$10.00	\$356.68	\$376.00	\$0.00	\$732.68
Denver West	\$950.00	79%	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$18.75	\$0.00	\$768.75
E-Club One	\$7,000.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Englewood	\$4,100.00	48%	\$0.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,950.00
Erie	\$600.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Evergreen	\$11,000.00	8%	\$83.34	\$837.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$837.02
Five Points Cult Dist	\$1,250.00	8%	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Fort Morgan	\$3,100.00	16%	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Gilpin Cty Peak to Peak	\$1,800.00	20%	\$0.00	\$365.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$365.00
Golden	\$11,400.00	16%	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,900.00
Granby	\$2,600.00	4%	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Grand Lake	\$3,000.00	1%	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00

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Highlands Ranch	\$5,500.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kremmling	\$1,000.00	10%	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Lakewood	\$3,000.00	8%	\$0.00	\$248.31	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,248.31
Lakewood Foothills	\$250.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Littleton	\$4,350.00	32%	\$100.00	\$1,408.38	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$1,528.38
Littleton Sunrise	\$1,100.00	6%	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$145.00
Longmont	\$15,000.00	5%	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Longmont Saint Vrain	\$1,900.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Longmont Twin Peaks	\$7,500.00	13%	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Mead	\$3,000.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain Foothills	\$4,000.00	7%	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275.00
Niwot	\$3,500.00	26%	\$0.00	\$920.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$920.00
Northglenn-Thornton	\$3,000.00	19%	\$25.00	\$575.00	\$25.00	-\$500.00	\$100.00
Parker	\$10,800.00	5%	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$3,275.00	\$0.00	\$3,775.00
Parker-CherryCreekVly	\$3,500.00	24%	\$0.00	\$845.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$845.00
Smoky Hill	\$10,800.00	22%	\$0.00	\$2,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,350.00
South Jefferson County	\$1,500.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Summit County	\$11,000.00	2%	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
University Hills	\$11,000.00	10%	\$335.00	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00
Westminster	\$10,200.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Westminster 7:10	\$5,320.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wheat Ridge	\$2,325.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Winter Park-Fraser	\$3,100.00	2%	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Wray	\$900.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total D5450	\$413,325.00	9.57%	\$3,983.34	\$39,548.70	\$19,161.25	\$499,600.00	\$558,309.95

District 5450 Summary

District Annual Giving Goal(sum of all club goals):	\$413,325.00
Total of Annual Giving for Period:	\$39,548.70
Annual Giving Goal % Achieved for Period:	9.57%
Total PolioPlus Challenge/Other Giving for Period:	\$19,161.25
Total Permanent Fund Giving for Period:	\$499,600.00
Total Giving to TRF for Period:	\$558,309.95

Your Monthly Rotary Quiz

Be the first to respond
(**Marge Mercurio**
rotarymarge@
gmail.com) and get
an opportunity to
publicize a project or
program in which you,
your committee, or your



Club is currently
engaged or has
recently completed.
And remember, all
questions are taken
from this month's
The Rotarian
magazine.

September Quiz

There are many ways to bring in new and young members to Rotary. A recent article in *The Rotarian* suggests seven ways that clubs can keep young members and families enrolled, active and engaged. Be the first to list the seven ideas – and let us know if your club is doing any of them.

The Winner for the Monthly Rotary Quiz for August was Bill Fernow (Parker Rotary).

The August *Rotarian* has an article about someone from District 5450.

Who is this person? – Katie Ehlis

What club is this Rotarian from? – Denver Southeast

What is unique about this person? –

- She is young.
- She started a Rotaract Club in Thunder Bay, Ontario when she was 19.
- She organized a Rotary Club in South Metro Minneapolis Evenings and became its president at 27.

What is the message he/she is promoting? – Recruiting a new generation of Rotarian, and that isn't necessarily about a specific age target.

Way to go Katie!



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