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24 New Members at Denver Southeast!

by Karen Loeb, Denver Southeast

The Denver Southeast Rotary Club recently launched the formation of a satellite club, known as DSE Evenings, which is aimed toward attracting young professionals in the Denver south area to Rotary. These young people share the same strong commitment to local and global service to others, as do regular DSE members. The initiative was championed by DSE's new President John Hughes when he began his term in July.

a younger member herself in DSE.

Ehlis planned the initial meeting programs for interested young professionals and communicated with them using various social media. There were four preliminary meetings to explain how Rotary works to provide service, fellowship and mentorship as well as general networking opportunities.

"The large number of new members in the satellite club is a positive indicator for all of



Denver Southeast Rotary welcomes 24 new members, reflecting a wide cross-section of professional positions, to the DSE club Nov. 7. New members include Ashley Connell, Drew DeVries, Edward Lobb, Erin McMahon, Jason Ellis, Jon Ungar, Jon White, Kate Cheesbrough, Kelsey Currence, Lauren Hughes, Matthew Billman, Megan McClure, Regan Langel, Ryan Sobel, Sebastian Roesinger, Stephen Brubaker, Steve Young, Victoria Sargent, Katie Keller, Cody Stambaugh, Josh Steck, Carrie Clough, Amy Richardson and Jenn Tilliss. Photo by Dr. James Stambaugh

As a result of several months of planning and preliminary meetings, 24 new members, reflecting a wide cross-section of professional positions, were formally inducted into the DSE club on Nov. 7. Many of these new members are multi-generational Rotarians, so they were directly exposed to the goals of Rotary service as they grew up and participated in family Rotary functions and Rotary youth leadership programs.

The concept of satellite clubs within Rotary is a pilot project of Rotary International. "Satellite clubs are geared toward attracting younger professionals as a way to promote the Rotary brand, grow membership and inspire a new generation of Rotarian," said Katie Ehlis,

Rotary that there is a large population of younger professionals who would make ideal Rotarians and are eager to get involved and passionate about service," Ehlis said.

While the DSE Rotary Club currently meets every Thursday morning for breakfast, the new satellite club will meet every other Wednesday evening to accommodate work and family schedules. Satellite club members are always invited to come to regular DSE meetings and participate in all other club activities. In addition, the satellite club members may develop and execute their own projects, in which regular DSE members may also participate.

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A Message from your Governor

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THE PRESIDENT'S COMING TO TOWN



On January 4, 2014 Rotary International President Ron Burton will be visiting our District. This is your opportunity to greet and meet our President up close. This District has a long standing tradition of a visit from

the RI President in early January of every year. The RI President stops in Denver on the way back to Chicago and RI Headquarters from riding the Rotary Float at the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California. We owe thanks to Past RI Director

Grant Wilkins with the Denver Club for arranging this visit for many years.

President Burton who hails from Oklahoma is charismatic and always has an interesting and entertaining message. President Burton who has said he wants to be introduced simply as "Ron the Rotarian" has a personal and very practical approach to Rotary which appeals to every Rotarian. His theme "Engage Rotary – Change Lives" is a simple but dramatic expressing of what being a Rotarian is all about. He is encouraging all of us to use the tools Rotary offers to make a difference in the world. It is an expression of fundamental confidence that when Rotarians focus and work together good things happen, people's lives are positively changed, and the world

becomes a better place.

Please join us for dinner on Saturday January 4th and help welcome President Burton to District 5450.

It is also an opportunity to talk with old and new friends and discuss what their Clubs have been doing. The Clubs in this District are involved in an incredible number and a wide variety of projects. Gatherings like the President's Dinner give every one of us the chance to find out what other Clubs are doing, seek out partners for our projects, and learn best practices from others. Come prepared to listen and to share your ideas with other Rotarians. While this is a District 5450 event, we have invited Rotarians from the surrounding Districts. You will additionally have the chance to meet and learn from Rotarians outside our District.

Go now to the District website www.Rotary5450.org and click on RI President's Dinner on the left hand side of the home page and register. I hope to see you there.

Thx, Dan

2016-2017 District Governor Nominations open!

Rotary District 5450 is accepting nominations for 2016-2017 District Governor. Any Rotarian who has served as club president can be nominated for District Governor. Applications need to be sent in by the end of December 2013. Review and interviews will begin the first week of January.

Any past club president interested in serving as District Governor please contact Past District Governor Mike Klingbiel at mklingbiel@thepinnaclegroup.com or call 303.669.8999.

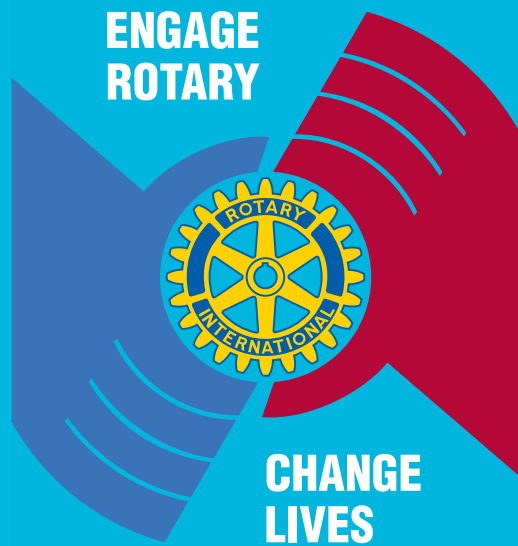
Dear Readers

Did you like something you read in the newsletter?

- ✓ Did it hit home?
- ✓ Did it make you smile?
- ✓ Did you learn something?

Take a moment and let the author know you read their story.

A quick comment, hello or thank you means more than you will ever know.



Rotary Districts 5450

invite you to the

Rotary International President's Dinner

Keynote Speaker and Special Guest

RI President Ron Burton

Speaking on Rotary's 2013-2014 Theme

ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES

January 4, 2014

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

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DENVER HOTEL
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The Renaissance Denver Hotel
has a FREE shuttle from DIA

Dinner Choice of: Pecan Crusted Salmon • Portobello Stack • Char Grilled Center Cut Sirloin Steak

Reserve a Table for your Club!

\$600 for a Table of 10 - Table Deadline and Payment Dec. 30th

Email office@rotary5450.org to reserve preferred seating for your Club's tables and make payment arrangements. Attendee Names and Meal Choices required.

Individual Reservations may be made on the District Web site: www.rotary5450.org

A New Year Celebration with RI President Ron Burton on January 4!

Come, Come, Come!



Rotary International President Ron Burton is coming to visit us on January 4, 2014.

Come and join the New Year celebration of fellowship, food, fun and with President Ron at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver.

Make your individual or table reservations now.

President Ron will share his thoughts about the 2013-2014, "Engage Rotary Change Lives" theme. You will hear personal experiences about how Rotary changes lives.

Click here to read more about RI President Ron experiences and background
<https://www.rotary.org/en/member-news/office-president>.

Social Hour at 6 pm • Dinner at 7 pm

The social hour is the time to meet, greet and reunite with old friends and make new ones. We encourage your entire club to attend and to bring prospective members along with family and friends. If you decide to spend the night, please note that special room rates have been arranged at the Renaissance. (Tip: Make your reservations today!)

Dinner and Cash Bar is included.

Dinner Choices: Pecan Crusted Salmon | Portobello Stack | Chargrilled Sirloin Steak

We are honored to have a visit from President Ron. Help us with a great turnout on January 4. Reserve your table or seats today. E-mail Bev Mendel office@rotary5450.org to reserve a table of 10 or log on to the District 5450 website www.rotary5450.org and make individual reservations. The flyer included in this Newsletter has the details.

You'll LOVE this year's District Conference!

Celebrate Downtown Denver

Sign Up Now for
Early Bird Pricing
and have a
Chance to Win a
Free Room for One
Night
at the Conference!

There will be 3 LUCKY
winners!

Reserve your spot with a
\$50 deposit by **December 15**,
and be eligible for a drawing
for a free one night stay at
the conference.

Exciting Speakers!
GREAT FUN!
Rotary Fellowship!

Date:
May 2-4, 2014

Location:
Embassy Suites
Downtown Denver



We want to SEE you there!

Sign up today at: www.rotary5450.org

Area Assemblies Are For YOU! An Opportunity to Go Beyond Your Club!

Area Assemblies are a diverse gathering of Rotarians from different Clubs to come together in a spirit of fellowship and collaboration, learn about one another's clubs and grow closer in Rotary's purpose of humanitarian service. As DG Dan summarized, in the past just one person, the DG, got to experience the energy and enthusiasm of the clubs. An experience that is impossible to adequately share with others. At the area assemblies hundreds of people got to share that experience and energy.

The results of the first 305 Rotarians who responded to the research indicate that Area Assemblies are an idea whose time has come. Our survey asked: What was your purpose in attending, please check all that apply...

- ✓ Learn about other clubs. 73%
- ✓ Meet other Rotarians who share my interests. 65%
- ✓ Hear the District Governor's address. 57%
- ✓ Discuss opportunities to collaborate on service projects. 52%
- ✓ Encouraged to attend to have a good showing from my club. 50%
- ✓ Hear ideas for programs and speakers. 40%
- ✓ Discover Fundraising ideas. 24%
- ✓ Learn about Membership development and retention best practices. 19%
- ✓ Other (please specify) 7%
- ✓ Do a meeting make-up. 1%
- ✓ Did your area assembly meet your expectations? Yes 84% No 16%
- ✓ Do you plan to attend your area assembly next year? Yes 90% No 10%

The following photos of the final seven Area Assemblies are evidence of the response to the research!

Area 2 Assembly • Thursday, November 7, 2013

Aurora, Aurora Fitzsimmons, Aurora Gateway, Denver Stapleton, Smokey Hill



Area 2 steps it up with music to add to the laughter and camaraderie at their assembly.

Not only is building goodwill and better friendships part of the Four Way Test, it's also a great way to establish collaboration for projects that meet Rotary's purpose – Service Above Self.



I ask you, is this the best time ever?

Area 3 Assembly • Thursday, November 14, 2013

Centennial, Denver Tech, Englewood, University Hills



Rotarians are learning about the projects and best practices of other clubs, discovering opportunities to collaborate on projects in their communities and/or on district and global grants, learning new ideas for membership development and retention, and discovering fundraising ideas.

This well attended Area Assembly came out in full force to learn what other clubs are doing. Can you find your face in the crowd?



Area Assemblies bring out the best of Rotary – friends, fellowship and fun all in one gathering.



Area 4 Assembly • Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Denver Southeast, Littleton, Littleton Sunrise, Denver Southeast Satellite



Members young and old offered a heartfelt pledge at the Area Assembly.



Members from the Denver Southeast Satellite Club joined in as a way to share their stories and learn from others.



What was most beneficial? Networking before and during dinner. Hearing from the DG. Idea for satellite clubs. Membership Ideas.

Area 7 Assembly • Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Denver West, Golden, Lakewood, Lakewood Foothills, South Jeffco



Area Assemblies are truly a team effort. Interactors joined Rotarians with the set-up, service, and take-down and enjoyed the camaraderie with all.



Are you going to the District Conference? May 2-4 in downtown Denver at the Embassy Suites Hotel. See you there!

The hum in the room was constant as Rotarians caught up with Rotarians they met at the District Conference and learned about the other clubs in their area.



Area 13 Assembly • Thursday, October 8 2013

Carbon Valley, Coal Creek, Erie, Mead



Small clubs can do powerful things and make a huge difference in their community. Even better is sharing their successes with others as a way to grow Rotary!



Area 13 came out in full force as a way to learn from other clubs, enjoy delicious food and share successes as well as lessons learned.



Area Assemblies had a different flavor every time. The variety of ideas, personalities, members, and culture determined the outcome. Every assembly was a success!

Area 14 Assembly • Tuesday, October 15 2013

Longmont, Longmont St. Vrain, Longmont Twin Peaks

Let every good knight
Raise his helmet and glove

Vive le Rotary

To carry our message of service
And love

The perfect song to capture the spirit of
Area Assemblies.

Project speed dating...
what a fun way to learn
about 22 projects. Just
being all together –
what joy! Suggestion
was made "Let's do this
several times a year!"



Area Assemblies perfect for brainstorming! Discussions about
membership, retention, fundraising, and future collaboration
happen seamlessly!



Area 15 Assembly • Thursday, October 17 2013

Boulder, Boulder Flatirons, Boulder Valley, Niwot



Sharing a few examples of
collaborations – Support of a CU
Rotaract Club, sponsor Boulder
Area Spelling Bee, support for
Meals on Wheels, Global Grant
applications and numerous
previous Major Grant Projects.



Getting to know one another over a hearty dinner amidst the natural camaraderie of Rotary.

How about Microcredit here in Metro Denver?

by PDG Mike Hayes (Westminster 7:10) hmichaelhayes@comcast.net

Microcredit, the program, developed to help the poorest of the poor, has long been one of the most powerful tools to address poverty in developing countries. But, as many have asked, what about those in the United States who have great ideas for starting a business but can't qualify for traditional financing?

Here in the Denver Metro area the answer is there are a number of organizations that operate in ways similar to microfinance institutions (MFIs) in developing countries. A great

way to find out about this is to have a speaker like Rob Smith from the Rocky Mountain Microfinance Institute tell you about his organization's program which helps finance and train would-be entrepreneurs. It is not only a great story but it may be an opportunity for a Rotary club looking for a new project, either to help fund or provide manpower for business training.

Interested? Contact Rob at 720-941-5037 or rob@rmmfi.org.

And the need in developing countries

is still great and Rotarians in District 5450 are invited to attend the 21st Central American Project Fair in Antigua, Guatemala from January 30 to February 1, 2014. The formal program will include presentations by two Rotary Action groups: the Action Group for Micro credit and the Action group for Water and Sanitation. In addition, clubs from Guatemala, Honduras and Belize (all in District 4250) will have displays of many projects that need our support. Learn more at www.projectfairantigua2014.org/wsite/.

The Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a training program established to improve your knowledge of Rotary and build the leadership skills for future leaders of Rotary.

Start off the New Year with a **BANG** and plan to attend

The Rotary Leadership Institute on January 18 at Red Rocks Community College.

This Institute is designed to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education.

Courses are offered on three separate Saturdays and cover the following topics:

Course 1 : Basics of being a Rotarian

Course 2: Applies the skills and knowledge (from Course 1) to increase club effectiveness.

Course 3: Opens the door to higher Rotary service and critical examination of more complex issues.

The Institute weaves Leadership, Service and Membership throughout each of the three courses. For more information or to register, email Karen Briggs at briggs129@comcast.net. Registration deadline is January 13, 2013. Cost is \$40.

For additional information, click Rotary Leadership Institute in the left hand column on the District 5450 website www.rotary5450.org.

Littleton's Gary Leitch helps in raising \$2.4 million for Polio Eradication in El Tour de Tucson

by Rick Clark, Secretary, Rotary Club of Littleton, rick@rickclarkco.com



Rotarian Gary Leitch is congratulated by RI General Secretary John Hewko who also rode in the El Tour de Tucson.

Rotarians know that age is no limitation when there is good work to be done. Littleton Rotarian, Gary Leitch, proved that at 78, riding in the 31st Annual El Tour de Tucson benefit bike race was well within his ability. One of the largest annual cycling events in the country, the El Tour de Tucson raises money for select charities. Rotary's End Polio Now campaign became a significant beneficiary of this event thanks to the efforts of Tucson Rotarian, Mike Harris. Gary learned of this event and immediately determined he would gather sponsors and train for the ride.

Littleton Rotary Club members supported his efforts by making pledges and Gary headed off to Tucson ready to ride. In spite of a dismal day of cold, constant rain, he completed his targeted ride length and was happy to have been a part of the 8000-9000 riders and the 70 representing Rotary Clubs from throughout the US.

Congratulations to Gary and thanks to all who supported his efforts in raising over \$4,000 for End Polio Now. Thanks to the 2 for 1 matching grant from the Gates Foundation, total funds raised at the event for End Polio Now are over \$2.4 million! Now that's a fundraiser!



Littleton's Gary Leitch crosses the finish line in the El Tour de Tucson bike classic.



It was a mighty wet day for the almost 9000 riders participating in the El Tour de Tucson.

District Foundation/Grants and Club Qualification Seminar

Saturday, Jan. 25 - 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

\$20 per person includes Light Lunch

Register at www.rotary5450.org

Recommended for:

- Incoming Presidents
- Foundation Chairs
- Project Champions
- Club Grant Committee Chairs

Topics:

- Rotary Foundation
- GivingRotary
- Foundation Programs
- District Grants
- Global Grants
- Stewardship and Reporting

Dave Talbot spends birthday in Kenya

by Dave Talbot, c4a@crutches4africa.org

November 5, 2013, 7:47: PM MST

Subject: ON MY BIRTHDAY

On my birthday, we traveled by van over horrible roads to a village west of Kisumu, Kenya. There, we were greeted with singing and more three hundred people hoping to receive some kind of help.

There were of course those that needed mobility devices. But then there were

those living with 3rd degree burns, MS, MD, Spinal Bifida, amputations, leprosy, meningitis, hydrocephalic, birth defects, degenerating discs, gangrenous wounds, elephantitis and the list goes on...

I sat for hours while the team of four others assisted with the distribution of mobility devices, and talked with and took photos of these suffering people. I touched them, looked them in the eye, blessed and encouraged them and

prayed for them. My heart aching for their travail. A girl with one leg that came in with her arm around a friend's shoulders, hopping, left with crutches. A girl crawled into a wheelchair, beaming at us all the while.

So the pendulum swings, from elation to despair, in the matter of a moment. And it was the best birthday of my life.

David
in Kenya, November 5th, 2013





ROTARY NIGHT AT THE STOCK SHOW

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

In the National Western Club (*N.W. corner of the Hall of Education*)

Dinner: 5:00–7:00 p.m. Cash bar: 4:00–7:00 p.m. Rodeo 7:00 p.m./Dancing Horses 7:30 p.m.

COST:	General Admission and Rodeo	\$17
	General Admission and Dancing Horses (in the Event Center)	\$17
	General Admission, Rodeo and Dinner	\$41
	General Admission, Dancing Horses and Dinner	\$41

PARKING: Free

MENU: Hand Carved Beef Sirloin with barbeque sauce and horseradish on the side,
mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, and chef's selection of salad, vegetable and dessert

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City _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

_____ Dinner Only (must have a GA ticket to get in) @ \$24 = \$ _____

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_____ General Admission & Dancing Horses @ \$17 = \$ _____

_____ General Admission, Rodeo and Dinner @ \$41 = \$ _____

_____ General Admission, Dancing Horses and Dinner @ \$41 = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

_____ Enclosed is my Check _____ Mail tickets to above Address _____ Pick Up at VIP Will Call

Please charge my Credit Card (type): _____ Credit Card : _____

Expires: _____ Signature _____

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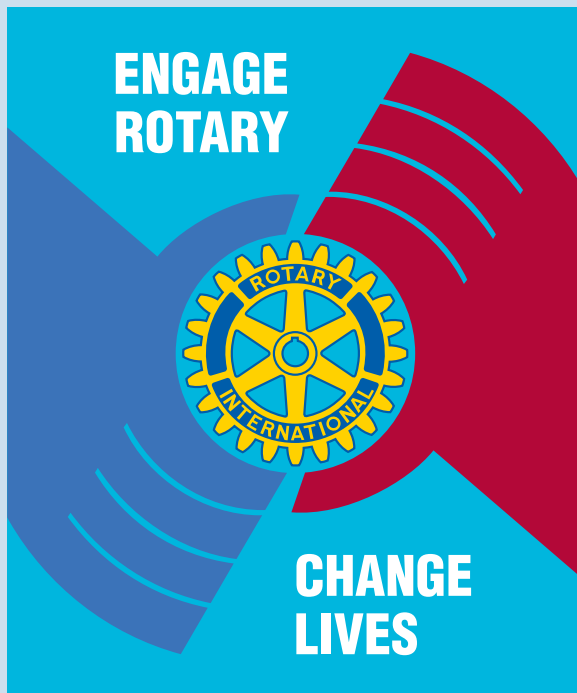
Keep those stories coming!

Get Double Exposure on your stories!

If you have a story about District-related events please send them to Marge Mercurio at rotarymarge@gmail.com by Tuesday, December 31.

Please send your word document (about 400 words) along with photos and captions to rotarymarge@gmail.com.

Get even more exposure and send news about your events, fundraisers, celebrations, anniversaries, parties, milestones and other successes to Valerie Hopkins at rotarypr5450@gmail.com to be posted on the Bits & Bites Rotary Blog. Send your stories and photos (with captions) Valerie at rotarypr5450@gmail.com.



"If we really want to take Rotary service forward, then we must make sure that every single Rotarian has the same feeling about Rotary that each one of us here has today. We need to make sure that every Rotarian has a meaningful role to play, that they're all making a contribution, and that their contribution is valued." RI President Elect Ron Burton

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