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Four Rotary Clubs sponsor Boulder's Regional Spelling Bee

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Thanks to four local Rotary clubs, students in the Boulder Valley and St. Vrain Valley Schools were able to compete in the regional round of the 2013 Scripps National Spelling Bee, held at Monarch High School on February 23, 2013.

Contestants from both public and private schools tried to outspell Niwot student Eva Kitlen, last year's winner from Sunset

Middle School in Longmont. Eva proved that she was no "Charlatan" and prevailed another year. Yes, that was one of her key spelling words.

This year there were two more winners, one from Casey and the other from Platt Middle School, for a free week of summer camp, thanks to the generosity of Boulder Rotary Club Member Chris Coker, Director of the YMCA of Boulder Valley. For one of the summer camp winners, it was a special day for a special child: it was his birthday! This was an extraordinary gift for him and his mother was very grateful as well.

New sponsorship from the Boulder, Broomfield, Erie, and Niwot Rotary Clubs helped keep the event local. Colorado's

only other regional event is held in Denver. The Rotary Clubs' sponsorship paid for the contestants' t-shirts with Rotary logo, judges and "pronouncer", and lunch.

"Because of Rotary's dedication to literacy and education, we're proud to help keep our regional bee," said Boulder Rotary Club President, Lenna Kottke.



The Spelling Bee participants on stage in the auditorium of Monarch High School in Louisville.

Students from more than 60 schools competed in the local Bee. In addition to the Boulder, Broomfield, Erie, and Niwot Rotary Clubs, primary sponsors included the Boulder Valley School District, the Daily Camera, and Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is the nation's largest and longest-running educational promotion, administered on a not-for-profit basis by The W.W. Scripps Company and local spelling bee sponsors across the United States.

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A Message from your Governor

by District Governor

Mike Klingbiel

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Where will you be April 26, 27 and 28?

District 5450 Rotarians attending this year's District Conference will enjoy fellowship, fun, education, networking, and a chance to hear terrific speakers. The conference is soon approaching and time to register is running out.

RI President's Representative Andrei Danilenko will not only bring us an update from President Tanaka, he will provide an update on Russia, since he helped bring Rotary into Russia. Andrei also has an appointment in the Russian Ministry of Agriculture and he is an advisor to President Putin. We have asked Andrei to provide information about the current state of affairs in Russia and the work that he does there.

Our featured speaker on Friday evening is Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul and Mary fame. While Peter can never speak without his guitar and playing some songs, he will be sharing his organization's focus on teaching tolerance and respect of differences to students of all ages. District 5450 is exploring opportunities to work with Peter's Operation Respect incorporating its tolerance curriculum and our Four Way Test program.

Always a highlight at every conference will be Saturday's program featuring our District's Youth Exchange students and other New Generation Rotarians.

In addition, we have an impressive

list of presentations including:

Sharon Tennison, the noted author of "The Power of Impossible Ideas" is a Rotarian who helped with bringing Rotary into Russia. Sharon has a career in international work and she runs an international policy and education organization in the Bay Area of California.

Margarita Hewko, is the wife of General Secretary John Hewko and a noted national speaker. Margarita, who serves on the Board of Operacion Canasta, a non-profit organization that focuses on development projects in Argentina and who produced the Oral History Project of Ukraine chronicling the country's path to independence, will provide an uplifting message about service and Rotary.

Saturday afternoon will feature three former U.S. ambassadors talking about the countries and regions where they served and the overall importance of international service as a means to citizen diplomacy. Ambassador Richard Celeste (India), who is also the former governor of Ohio and former Peace Corps Director, will join Ambassador Craig Stapleton (France and Czech Republic) and Ambassador Vicki Huddleston (Mali and Madagascar) on a panel that will include an interactive Q & A session. Ambassador Huddleston was also our country's top diplomat in Cuba.

Jacqueline Lundquist, wife of Ambassador Richard Celeste, and author of "Letters from Vietnam: A Daughter's Search for Her Father" will tell the story behind the book, which is now under contract to be made into a screen play.

Saturday evening will feature Ben Parsons, Ambassadorial Scholar

and founder of the Infinite Monkey Theorem Winery. Ben will also host a wine tasting as part of the dinner program.

Saturday's keynote speaker will be Lloyd Lewan noted national leadership speaker based in Denver, who will challenge Rotarians to think differently about how they exercise leadership in their daily lives. Lloyd has been a mentor to me for 25 years, and he is a great friend and mentor to my entire family. His speech will be very special and will motivate you all. Saturday's entertainment will feature the versatile Tiny Barge Band. Their music will be fun to dance to or simply listen while relaxing after dinner.

Sunday morning will feature a special combination Interfaith and memorial service. Well known Denver minister Harvey Martz will lead a service for all faith groups that reminds us that peace and service are key elements of every faith. We will remember Rotarians who passed away this year and also the Polio Eradication workers who were killed while working on the front lines with our polio campaign in Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan.

Deb Fine will provide tips on how you can talk about Rotary in any setting which will help clubs with their membership outreach. Deb will be sharing tips from her nationally known "The Fine Art of Small Talk" seminar.

Closing our program on Sunday will be former All Pro Denver Bronco football player Karl Mecklenberg who will talk about how to build teamwork in any organization.

There will be other fun and exciting activities throughout the weekend. To register, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/aqjohkj>

Mike

Success?

by Treva Klingbiel



It's an age old question – what is success, and how is it achieved? It's a question that pops up in our home quite often since we have a daughter

in high school and a son in college.

Recently my son was lamenting over the hours he had to put in for one of his mid-term exams and how he was missing out on some activities with his friends. I don't often think I have a good response when these moments arise, but this time I did. It just so happened that I recently attended a luncheon at which Denver Southeast Rotarian and past president, Mark Brown, talked about this very subject. Mark said that he is often asked what he had done to become successful. He recounted the early days of his career and how one of his first jobs required a long commute from Boulder to the Denver Tech Center and back each

day. It wasn't something he enjoyed or wanted to do, but it was required if he was to keep his job. He said that's what successful people do – they do the things other people don't. I've been thinking about that story and how Rotarians embody this attitude.

Polio has been eradicated from all but three countries because Rotarians have taken on a task that others did not. Villages in Africa and South America have clean drinking water because Rotarians gave their time, talents and resources to dig wells. Hungry school children here in Colorado now go home with food for the weekend because of backpack programs spearheaded and manned by Rotarians. There's a reason Rotary International succeeds and the PolioPlus program is recognized across the world as a model of public-private cooperation in pursuit of a humanitarian goal - it's because Rotarians do what others don't – give of themselves. That's what I call true success!

Keep Those Stories Coming

Your stories about District 5450 related activities are welcome and appreciated.

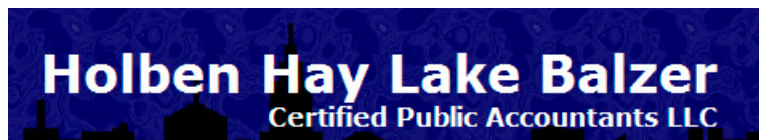
The April deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 7. Articles need to be 400-450 words in length. Include photos, captions and copy by April 7, 2013 to rotarymarge@gmail.com.

If you have questions about stories and events, contact Marge Mercurio at 303-827-5212.

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Give a SHOUT OUT to RYLA and Young RYLA Junior Counselors!

by Heather Amen, New Generations Chair, (Five Points Cultural District) heather@newgens.org

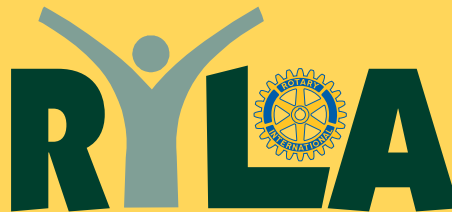
Do you ever wonder what happens to the RYLA and Young RYLA students that you sponsor? Many Rotary Clubs take time to read applications, hold interviews, and ultimately decide which applicants they will send to RYLA and Young RYLA each year. However, many clubs are not aware when the applicants they send receive special honors and return as counselors.

Junior Counselors

Junior Counselors guide teams of 10-12 of their peers through the RYLA week, and they are the reasons the conferences are so successful. In any given year, there are over 100 applicants to return as counselors, and there are slots for 22. It is a huge honor to be selected, and each club should be very proud of their students who return for a second or third year.

Head Junior Counselors "Best of the Best"

Finally, RYLA and Young RYLA are each planned and organized by two Head Junior Counselors, and they are "the best of the best", selected to return for a fourth year. Please take a moment to recognize the names of those applicants your clubs sponsored over the last couple years, and know you selected great RYLArians!



RYLA: Junior Counselors

Crystal Nichols - Summit County
Madison Kerndt - Boulder
Josh Mellin - Greeley Centennial
Madeline Azari - Greeley After Hours
Daniel Cuadrado - Summit County
Adam Wolford - Longmont
Lyndsey Dent - Denver Southeast
Ashley Klingbiel - Denver Southeast
Derek Maiolo - Craig
Joree Sandin - Greeley Centennial
Nicolas Chavez - Cheyenne
Abbey Solnet - Denver Southeast
Mackenzie Tilton - Greeley
Renzo Laynes - Longmont
Jordan Carr - Lander
Macee Jo Mueller - Greeley Centennial
Ashley Hatzenbihler - Denver Southeast
Mary Scripps - Evergreen
Shannon Galligan - Loveland/Thompson Valley

RYLA: Head Junior Counselors:

Annie Casey - Boulder
Ashley Packard - Greeley
Evert Justice Finger - Greeley Centennial

Young RYLA Week 1: Junior Counselors

Stefani Messick - Loveland
Kate Shields - Mead
Austin Bradfield - Greeley
Mark Yee - Boulder
Maddie Zenk - Centennial

Mekinzi Douglas - Commerce City
Sheridan Sutton - Westminster
Marlee Snyder - Centennial
Kinleigh Jones - Lander
Keenan Mai - Centennial
Kaylyn White - Fort Collins
Rhys Williams - Aurora
Symone Holmes - Cherry Creek
Tanner Baird - Scottsbluff/Gering

Young RYLA Week 1: Head Junior Counselors:

Stefan Folkesson - Evergreen
Sami Slenker - Mountain Foothills

Young RYLA Week 2: Junior Counselors

Brian Winstanley - Cherry Creek
Brisco Arechederra - Mead
Caroline Vickstrom - Evergreen
DeVante Deschwanden - Aurora
Katie Lyons - Greeley
Maddy Searchinger - Boulder Valley
Andria Kelly - Loveland
Connor Pierce - Loveland/Thompson Valley
Annie Averill - Englewood
Cris Chacon - Longmont
Dana Kiel - Golden
David McManus - Cherry Creek
Elan Seideman - Ft Collins
Sarah Calhoun - Longmont/Twin Peaks

Young RYLA Week 2: Head Junior Counselors:

Alex Cuadrado - Summit County
Torja Vongphackdy - Westminster 7:10

ATTENTION!

Water and Sanitation Experts Needed IMMEDIATELY

If you know of WATER AND SANITATION EXPERTS (Rotarians or non-Rotarians who would be interested in applying for the District 5440 VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM TRIP TO KENYA this summer please contact District VTT chair John Logan. Applications must be received by April 15, 2013.

Our first Vocational Training Team (VTT) Global Grant is awaiting final approval from Rotary International. A team of six water and sanitation experts from Districts 5440 and 5450 will travel to Nairobi, Kenya in June or July for four weeks. Travel expenses will be paid through a Rotary Global Grant.

Our team will work with District 9200 Kenyans in Nairobi and four villages outside of Nairobi to train local officials.

Some of the subjects these experts will teach include:

- Resource mapping
- Urban community water management
- Community solid waste management
- Sanitation/hygiene practices
- Youth in business
- Water and sanitation as business in the rural context
- Water purification techniques
- Maintenance of boreholes and solar pumping equipment.

Our team members will work closely with a Kenyan Vocational Training Team (VTT) while in Kenya. The Kenyan team of four will travel to District 5440 and 5450 later in the year for more extensive training. The candidates will be chosen based on their experience and skills in the areas addressed above. Please e-mail your CV or resume and the Global Grants Vocational Training Team Member Application (see link below) to:

John Logan
VTT Chair
john.logan@comcast.net
720- 273-0651

Find the form at Rotary5450.org. Look on the left side under 'Downloads'.

Northglenn/Thornton Rotary Partners with Denver Broncos

by Rosie Gardner, (Northglenn/Thornton), rosiegardner@comcast.net

The Northglenn/Thornton Rotary Club in Colorado partnered with the Denver Broncos Alumni Association in June, 2012 for a golf tournament where the proceeds specifically benefited youth programs and activities in the Northglenn/Thornton Club.

The official presentation of the representative check for \$7,000 to Northglenn/Thornton was presented to Club President Russ Van Houten at the Denver Broncos vs. Cleveland Browns pre-game ceremonies on December 23rd, 2012. Odell Barry, a former wide receiver for the Denver Broncos and charter Rotarian in the Northglenn/Thornton club facilitated these partnerships and resulting money raised.



From left: Denver Bronco Alumni David Treadwell, Northglenn/Thornton Rotary Club President Russ Van Houten, and Denver Bronco Alumni Billy Thompson

Go Broncos ! Go Rotary!

Know Your Numbers, Be Welcoming and Be Proactive!

by Debi Bush, D545 Membership 5450 (Rotary Club of Denver Cherry Creek), Membership@Rotary5450.org

At the February Executive Committee (ExComm) meeting, we were presented the most recent membership numbers and reports for all 68 clubs. I was really concerned when I read that we had another drop in membership. I asked myself “How could this be?” My team and I have made ourselves available to clubs, especially those who struggle with maintaining or growing their numbers. Communication with clubs and Rotarians across the district has been consistent and informative for the past twelve months.

First of all, I reached out to team member, Sharon Maybee (RC of Commerce City) to review the numbers and use another set of eyes. She and her Rotarian husband, George, have a wealth of experience – much more than I do - in how the membership reporting works and they alerted me to a discrepancy between RI’s timing for reporting and our District’s process. The end result is that our district numbers are only down single digit which is wonderful news.

After I received the report I emailed all club presidents whose decrease in membership worried me. Even though I found out a few days later that the report wasn’t as dire as I first thought, it was worth investing my time to send emails to gain insights on the drop in members. Presidents responded quickly which I greatly appreciated which gave me the pulse on their membership activities and my worries were set aside.

Membership activities and successes are alive and well in District 5450! Some lessons learned from my 13 months as your District Membership Chair:

Know Your Numbers: Look at your numbers monthly and look for trends (good and bad). If you don’t measure and report, you won’t be able to grow. Naturally, processes for membership and follow through by your membership chair and committee are critical in managing the numbers.

Reach Out To Your Peers: It’s OK to not know all the ins and outs of your numbers whether it’s for Rotary or

**Upcoming
Membership Events**
Saturday - May 18:
Annual Membership Seminar
Saturday - June 8:
District Assembly
Membership Workshops

your business. Seek out your peers or colleagues whom you trust for seeking counsel so you can learn.

Welcoming And Connecting With Prospective Members: When your club has a 1st time visitor, you all better make sure that your members are smiling, welcoming, offering a seat and asking questions of your guest(s). Every member is considered part of the membership committee.

Be Proactive With Follow Through: I firmly believe that prompt and friendly follow up with a first time visitor is one of the keys to growing membership. Personal experience confirms that first impressions make a difference in whether that guest returns for a second and third visit. Our guests have been appreciative of my prompt email or phone follow up and that represents an

organization that is serious about membership. It adds to the warm, fuzzy feeling (a big intangible) that our guests take away after attending our weekly meeting.

Attracting Younger Members: If your club has members who are in the 25-35 year old range, visitors who are in that same age range will feel more comfortable and not feel like the odd person out. I don’t expect most clubs to have a high percentage (eg. 30%) of members in this category; however, all you need are a few and all the other great things you do and the warm welcomes by all members will make a young visitor want to come back.

Follow Up: Follow Up must be the mantra for all. The leads may be ones that are generated from the RI website, something local like the recent Garden & Home Show, or someone contacting your club as the result of a web search and arriving at your club’s website. Of course, the traditional lead of a member sponsoring a guest is also important. Just Follow Up! If you (you and your committee) don’t follow up, please take ownership for the lack of growth in your club.

I look forward to sharing more membership insights that will continue to IGNITE your membership activities on a regular basis. This article is being written before my attendance at PETS from which I expect to have my eyes and ears opened up even more.

Stay tuned and be energized about Membership for it is the Foundation of your club’s sustainable growth and success.

Microcredit Has Come to Colorado

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

As most Rotarians know, the concept of microcredit, making small loans to help the poorest of the poor start, maintain or grow a small business, was started by Mohammad Yunus in Bangladesh in 1976. Since then the concept has been put to work in scores of countries throughout the world. Rotarians have long supported microcredit and District 5450 has been one of the leading districts in the Rotary world in using Matching Grants to support microcredit in poor countries. Now we have the opportunity to assist the concept here in Colorado.

With the success of microcredit in developing countries it has become clear that many small businesses, either potential or existing, in developed countries could also benefit from small loans and business education. In Colorado this led to the formation of the Colorado Microfinance Alliance, a consortium of both domestic and international microfinance practitioners, donors, educators, students, and professionals. The Alliance is committed to raising the profile of microfinance in the Colorado region through a central organization that facilitates learning opportunities for the public, microfinance practitioners, and their clients. The Alliance brings one online location that offers information about the Alliances partner organizations, a central calendar of microfinance-related activities in Colorado, and collaborative tools designed for networking and practical use for those involved in local microfinance. Members of the Alliance operating in the metropolitan area include ACCION, the Colorado Enterprise Fund and the Rocky Mountain Microfinance Institute (RMFFI).

All of these organizations can use help from Rotary. RMFFI, for instance, needs both funds to loan

and volunteers to help with business training of would be entrepreneurs.

Clubs interested in knowing more about microcredit in Colorado can schedule Rob Smith, a board member of the Alliance, for a presentation or can go the Alliance web site at www.coloradomicrofinance.org. Rob can be contacted at 720-941-5037. Information on RMFFI is available at www.rmmif.org.

Rotarians interested in microcredit are also encouraged to join the Microcredit Committee. Contact Mike Hayes at hmichaelhayes@comcast.net for more information.

Colorado Microfinance Alliance Vision

Create awareness:

Advocate in Colorado and beyond that microfinance is a solution to poverty within the United States and around the world

Take action:

Channel and recruit resources—talent, people, money—to help the microfinance industry

Increase impact:

Become a global leader in the microfinance industry by promoting more enabling public policies, building capacity and promoting best practices.

Broomfield Rotary Turns Vision into Reality

by Joseph R. Mazzola, (Broomfield), jrmazzola@comcast.net

Four years ago, Healthy Learning Paths (HLP), a small nonprofit, and the Broomfield Rotary Club shared a vision, and envisioned a common mission to teach the connection of children's health and the ability to learn. Healthy Learning Paths' roots were in Broomfield. Still a fledgling organization, HLP would benefit from Rotary support as it worked to increase school and community participation and become a fully integral part of Broomfield. With common goals, it was no coincidence that the relationship of these two organizations developed strong ties. Financial aid and willing Rotary volunteers HLP grow and expand program participation to over 35 schools from Fort Collins to Colorado Springs.

The Frank Shorter Race 4 Kid's Health event rallies the community around the health of children. The Frank Shorter RACE4Kids' Health 5K was born in the open Broomfield County Commons Park in 2009. Unlike other races, this event unites children and parents to venture outside as a family to use their "soles" for health and happiness. As a Bolder Boulder qualifying race, elite runners become a part of the family day of fun and exercise. Children have their own race events and love getting a medal and a free toothbrush kit.

Broomfield Rotary joins HLP to invite all of you to register for the 2013 Frank Shorter RACE4Kids' Health 5K and Healthy Kids' Expo. When you visit, stop a Broomfield Rotarian volunteer and whisper, "Thank you!"

2013 Frank Shorter RACE4Kids Health 5K & Expo

Date: Sunday, April 14

Time: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: 1STBANK Center, 11450

Broomfield Ln, Broomfield

Contact: Dr. Chris Marchioni

303-464-7191

www.healthylearningpaths.org

Colorado Garden and Home Show Volunteers Raise Rotary Awareness

by Valerie Hopkins, Rotary Awareness Chair,
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This year's Rotary booth at the Colorado Garden and Home Show was a big success thanks to the many volunteers who staffed the booth during the show and the Rotary Clubs who shared information on their projects. We had many people stop by the booth, intrigued by the big blue BioSand water filter provided by the DTC Rotary Club.

They stayed to listen as we shared information about other current projects going on in the district, such as the Golden Rotary Backpack program, EagleNet High Speed Internet project (Denver 31), Food for Thought (Arvada Sunrise) and the ShelterBox program.

While only a handful knew about our campaign to end polio, when we shared with them the work Rotary has done, many people thanked us for our efforts, and a few even volunteered donations. In total, we raised approximately \$66 on a Saturday afternoon for the district's End Polio Now campaign. We also had several people express interest in attending a Rotary meeting and Debi Bush has been busy contacting people to connect them with a Rotary club in their area. None of this would have been possible without help from our amazing volunteers.

Also, a big thank you to Diana Royce Smith and her daughter, Laura Smith, from the Boulder Rotary Club, for their graphic artistry in creating our new district banners.

Happy 25th Anniversary to Denver Cherry Creek!

Rotarians from past and present celebrated the 25th Anniversary and numerous accomplishments of the Denver Cherry Creek Rotary Club. Dr. Bill Bissell DDS and Dr. Jeff Maen DC, two of the original charter members in attendance, welcomed 80 guests to the elegant Cableland Mansion in Denver.

Throughout the event several video screens presented a power point presentation that reviewed the 25-year history of Denver Cherry Creek Rotary Club.

The club was founded in 1987 and has received: two Rotarian of the Year Awards from District 5450, Jim Mayhew in 1997 and Jim Hoops in 2010

Was the first Rotary Club in the District 5450 to charter with women and had the first female President LaVonne Adams, who was in attendance.

Two Recipients of the Rotary International Service Above Self Award: Robert Mintz and Dr. Scott Johnson DDS

Significant Community & International projects including:

Twenty annual Dental missions to Central and South America providing over \$3 million in free dental care to local children

Over \$400,000 of grants funding towards:

- The Women's Bean Project, Gift of Life,
- Wilderness on Wheels, Rotary's Eradication of Polio Campaign,
- Micro Financing through Village Banking in Central America, Urban Peak,

- Rotary Scholarships and foreign exchange programs,
- Rotary Youth leadership camps,
- E-Readers for local Denver area schools to support literacy and reading programs,
- Support for student programs at Denver East High School, Greenlee Elementary School and Smiley Middle School.

If you missed the celebration, you can plan to attend a weekly meeting at 7 AM Tuesdays at The Inn at Cherry Creek, 233 Clayton Lane in Cherry Creek North.



Sandy and Jim Hoops. Jim was District 5450 Rotarian of Year in 2010.



One of the newest members Stephen Mann and his guest Abby Johnson. He is currently Treasurer of Denver Cherry Creek Club Board.

Giving Just Got Easier with 'Rotary Direct' Recurring Giving Program

District 5450 Rotarians are encouraged to enroll in Rotary Direct for recurring annual giving to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Select an amount, frequency (monthly, quarterly or annually) and contribution method that is convenient for you.

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Questions?

Contact Kevin O'Connell, Annual Giving Chair at kevin.w.oconnell@gmail.com or by calling (303) 999-6648.

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Six Rotary Clubs Unite to Create Youth Expo

by Assistant Governor Steve Baroch, (Castle Rock High Noon), steve@crhn-rotary.com

The **Douglas County Rotary At Work 2013 Youth Expo** was the first annual event organized by all 6 Rotary Clubs of Douglas County.

Our goal was to provide a venue for youth and families to access the wide variety of information and resources available to them in our county. The collaborative effort provided a day of fun, entertainment and education for all.

We assembled more than 70 exhibitors, speakers, bands, balloon artists, face painters, magicians, RYLA and YRYLA speakers and Rodeo Royalty...all for the purpose of letting New Generations in Douglas County know what positive influences are available to them. Our Rotary clubs look forward to the second annual event in 2014.



Rodeo Princess and Community Corp Member Steven. Photo by Kam Breitenbach



YRYLA and RYLA students lead the kids in a team event. Photo by Sam Reiser.



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"



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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					YTD	YTD	YTD	
Arvada	40	\$4,100.00	45%	\$46.13	\$1,845.00	\$2,166.00	\$0.00	\$4,011.00
Arvada Sunrise	34	\$11,000.00	27%	\$87.94	\$2,990.06	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,990.06
Aurora	82	\$6,750.00	157%	\$129.51	\$10,620.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,620.00
Aurora Fitzsimons	14	\$2,125.00	83%	\$126.07	\$1,765.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,765.00
Aurora Gateway	42	\$4,000.00	92%	\$87.29	\$3,666.00	\$3,260.00	\$0.00	\$6,926.00
Aurora Southlands	27	\$2,500.00	135%	\$124.89	\$3,372.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,372.00
Boulder	272	\$45,375.00	38%	\$63.98	\$17,402.50	\$22,736.00	\$5,000.00	\$45,138.50
Boulder Flatirons	32	\$3,100.00	54%	\$51.88	\$1,660.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,660.00
Boulder Valley	62	\$6,000.00	90%	\$87.42	\$5,420.00	\$3,850.00	\$500,250.00	\$509,520.00
Breckenridge-Mountain	22	\$1,150.00	149%	\$77.95	\$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
Brighton Early	10	\$2,500.00	84%	\$209.96	\$2,099.63	\$172.00	\$25.00	\$2,296.63
Broomfield	77	\$8,100.00	49%	\$51.36	\$3,955.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$5,055.00
Broomfield Crossing	11	\$1,250.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brush	21	\$2,200.00	41%	\$42.62	\$895.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$895.00
Carbon Valley	15	\$1,600.00	50%	\$53.33	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
Castle Pines	31	\$3,800.00	23%	\$28.23	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00
Castle Rock	36	\$4,750.00	0%	\$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
Centennial	41	\$4,000.00	76%	\$74.39	\$3,050.00	\$297.00	\$0.00	\$3,347.00
Clear Creek County	10	\$500.00	10%	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Coal Creek	38	\$4,000.00	43%	\$45.53	\$1,730.00	\$690.47	\$0.00	\$2,420.47
Commerce City	38	\$4,500.00	105%	\$124.26	\$4,722.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$4,772.00
Conifer	34	\$3,300.00	86%	\$83.82	\$2,850.00	\$660.00	\$100.00	\$3,610.00
Denver	287	\$60,000.00	52%	\$108.06	\$31,013.25	\$9,975.00	\$0.00	\$40,988.25
Denver Cherry Creek	27	\$2,500.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Denver Lodo	22	\$2,700.00	39%	\$47.73	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
Denver Metro North	15	\$1,000.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Denver Mile High	70	\$14,000.00	93%	\$185.50	\$12,985.25	\$7,280.00	\$0.00	\$20,265.25
Denver Sky High	20	\$2,500.00	20%	\$25.00	\$500.00	\$880.00	\$0.00	\$1,380.00
Denver Southeast	114	\$19,980.00	88%	\$155.08	\$17,679.50	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$18,779.50
Denver Stapleton	14	\$3,000.00	102%	\$218.57	\$3,060.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,060.00
Denver Tech Center	25	\$5,000.00	55%	\$110.27	\$2,756.72	\$376.00	\$0.00	\$3,132.72
Denver West	19	\$950.00	210%	\$105.05	\$1,995.87	\$18.75	\$0.00	\$2,014.62
E-Club One	65	\$7,000.00	129%	\$138.95	\$9,032.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,032.00
Englewood	40	\$4,100.00	84%	\$86.25	\$3,450.00	\$3,377.00	\$0.00	\$6,827.00
Erie	10	\$600.00	63%	\$38.00	\$380.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,380.00
Evergreen	107	\$11,000.00	60%	\$61.98	\$6,631.72	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,631.72
Five Points Cult District	24	\$1,250.00	8%	\$4.17	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Fort Morgan	28	\$3,100.00	37%	\$41.46	\$1,161.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,161.00
Gilpin Cty Peak2Peak	20	\$1,800.00	20%	\$18.25	\$365.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$365.00
Golden	57	\$11,400.00	90%	\$179.34	\$10,222.56	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$11,322.56
Granby	28	\$2,600.00	4%	\$3.57	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Grand Lake	17	\$3,000.00	75%	\$132.94	\$2,260.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,260.00
Highlands Ranch	54	\$5,500.00	77%	\$78.89	\$4,260.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$4,360.00

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Kremmling	12	\$1,000.00	60%	\$50.00	\$600.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
Lakewood	26	\$3,000.00	38%	\$44.17	\$1,148.31	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,148.31
Lakewood Foothills	29	\$250.00	800%	\$68.97	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Littleton	83	\$4,350.00	124%	\$64.76	\$5,374.82	\$7,768.00	\$492.00	\$13,634.82
Littleton Sunrise	10	\$1,100.00	50%	\$54.50	\$545.00	\$583.47	\$0.00	\$1,128.47
Longmont	147	\$15,000.00	46%	\$46.84	\$6,885.00	\$475.00	\$0.00	\$7,360.00
Longmont Saint Vrain	16	\$1,900.00	69%	\$81.56	\$1,305.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,305.00
Longmont Twin Peaks	76	\$7,500.00	45%	\$44.34	\$3,370.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$21,370.00
Mead	28	\$3,000.00	167%	\$178.58	\$5,000.31	\$8,275.00	\$0.00	\$13,275.31
Mountain Foothills	44	\$4,000.00	59%	\$53.18	\$2,340.00	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$2,820.00
Niwot	30	\$3,500.00	187%	\$218.03	\$6,541.00	\$3,062.25	\$0.00	\$9,603.25
Northglenn-Thornton	27	\$3,000.00	31%	\$34.26	\$925.00	\$532.63	-\$500.00	\$957.63
Parker	63	\$10,800.00	43%	\$73.65	\$4,640.00	\$3,775.00	\$0.00	\$8,415.00
Parker-Chry Crk Vly	37	\$3,500.00	65%	\$61.11	\$2,261.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,261.00
Smoky Hill	36	\$10,800.00	107%	\$320.93	\$11,553.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,553.63
South Jefferson County	15	\$1,500.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Summit County	113	\$11,000.00	161%	\$156.67	\$17,704.14	\$2,505.00	\$0.00	\$20,209.14
University Hills	86	\$11,000.00	41%	\$52.91	\$4,550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,550.00
Westminster	55	\$10,200.00	47%	\$86.27	\$4,745.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,745.00
Westminster 7:10	37	\$5,320.00	49%	\$70.95	\$2,625.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$3,125.00
Wheat Ridge	31	\$2,325.00	40%	\$29.84	\$925.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$925.00
Winter Park	26	\$3,100.00	82%	\$98.08	\$2,550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,550.00
Wray	16	\$900.00	224%	\$126.25	\$2,020.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,020.00
	3,146	\$413,325.00	65.35%	\$85.85	\$270,093.27	\$117,344.57	\$505,367.00	\$892,804.84

District 5450 Summary

District Annual Giving Goal(sum of all club goals):	\$413,325.00
Total of Annual Giving for Period:	\$270,093.27
Annual Giving Goal % Achieved for Period:	65.35%
Total PolioPlus Challenge/Other Giving for Period:	\$117,344.57
(Total Polio Plus Giving YTD is \$28,583.00 and is included in the above amount.)	
Total Permanent Fund Giving for Period:	\$505,367.00
Total Giving to TRF for Period:	\$892,804.84

Amounts reflect contributions processed by TRF through 03/01/2013 and are preliminary.

Questions or concerns can be directed to Kevin W. O'Connell, D5450 Annual Giving Chair
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A Family Affair: Using Free Software to Stay Connected

by Marge Mercurio (Mead Rotary), rotarymarge@gmail.com

Every Sunday at 8:00 am I am up, dressed, smiling and sitting in front of my laptop with a hot cup of tea, waiting for my family to do the same so we can chat.

A brother in Switzerland, two more in Florida, a sister in Ireland and another in New York all set aside 30-60 minutes each week to be a family again.

I plan my Sunday morning around this ritual. Sometimes a hike in the Colorado Mountains lures me away but normally it's breakfast time with family. We meet in our kitchens, living rooms, and bedrooms across the globe using Oovoo (oovoo.com)

For one-on-one conversations to discuss books, weddings, resumes, children, travel or just chat, Skype is used. When the six of us wants to chat online, we use Oovoo. The setting is the same as it was when we were youngsters but now we 'oohh' and 'ahhh' over the newest grandbaby, we share updates, family plans, job possibilities and we connect like we never did as children.

When my brother moved to Switzerland in 1981, it was hard to stay connected through random calls and birthday greetings. He was still in my life, sort of ... yet, there was so much I missed. Then last year he received a laptop and everything changed. He downloaded Oovoo and joined us during a Sunday conference. We 'met' his three grandchildren and watched each week as his daughter-in-law grew bigger during her pregnancy. Then we sat in silence and looked into the eyes of his newest grandson and felt blessed by this amazing gift.

Each week I learn more about Tim, his wife Elaine and their family. Every Sunday, Elaine takes the bus to see

her ailing dad. While she is gone, life is in full force at my brother's house. Kids are running around, dinner is being prepared, laughter is in the air and I am part of it all because of Oovoo. Elaine returns home on the same bus at the same time each week to the faces of three excited grandkids smashed against the window mouthing her name. I am part of this scene and I love it.

My brother is living life to the fullest. He has his wife, his children, his grandchildren, family dinners, laughter, and totally savors it all. I feel closer to him than ever and am smiling that Oovoo has brought him back into my life.

I am more aware of successes and illnesses, anniversaries and birthdays, births and deaths of my entire family than ever before. Oovoo has allowed me to open a window into the lives of my family and connect in a way I never knew was possible! Can you see me smiling?

You can incorporate Oovoo into your world, too. You can set up meetings with your matching grant partners and discuss plans or progress. Most anything is possible with the use of mobile devices (pods, pads, phones, etc.) that most people already possess.

Care to learn more? Ask away....

I'd be happy to demonstrate for you as well to help you see how Oovoo can help you connect and communicate. Email Marge at rotarymarge@gmail.com



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