



THE COMMUNIQUE



April, 2008

Magazine Month

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The theme for our month reminds me of the many wonderful things that we can find within the pages of the *Rotarian* magazine, and in the pages of our district *Communique*. Publications like this allow us to toot our own horns, to share the many projects and activities of Rotarians in the district and around the world, and to remember the many accomplishments of our Rotarians and our clubs.

Magazines, inserts and other efforts at public relations also offer us a time to



reflect and collect our thoughts. Look at the various things that have been accomplished in your club and through our efforts around our district as well as internationally. Just think how many smiles we have put on the faces of children, how many adults now have a bit easier time in their difficult lives, how many cups of clean water, wheelchairs, books, dictionaries, pieces of school furniture, medical supplies and services are available now that weren't just a few months ago.

Then, while those good memories are fresh in your mind, think whether any of them should be nominated for a district award or Governor's Citation. Those nominations and applications should be sent in by the end of the month at the very latest. At the district conference in Cody we want to help you celebrate the many successes you have had this Rotary year.

And, speaking of district conference, are you registered for Cody? Are you wondering why you should go? Our RI President's Rep is SangKoo Yun and his wife Eunsun from Korea. You will enjoy getting to meet them. We will be having a great speaker who will share personal experiences and update us on polio, a peace scholar will talk about the newer three month program in Thailand, both GSE teams will make us smile with stories of their experiences, Youth Exchange students want to talk and share with you, and the EXPO (display area) will allow award winners and others to showcase what they have done. Need more reasons? Look on our website as you are getting ready to register.

Don't forget to share all these wonderful things with prospective members. We're still needing to build up our membership this year and talking about accomplishments is a sure way to attract others to your club. Who wouldn't want an opportunity to be part of a group that really does make a difference in the community and the world? Remember **Rotary Shares** and we need to share Rotary.

Kudos

- To the **Cowboy Country Youth Exchange committee members** for winning the Outstanding District Committee Award given by USA/Canada Youth Exchange Network.

- To the following additional District 5440 clubs which have met or exceeded their Rotary Foundation goals for the Annual Programs Fund: **Loveland Mountain View and Sheridan.**

- To **Fort Collins Rotary Club** for the Up Front article in the March *Rotarian* magazine on young Rotarian Tanis Roeder.

- To **PRID Lynn Hammond** upon receipt of his level two crystal for ongoing contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

- **DGE Stu Palmer** for a successful PETS training for his AG's and Presidents Elect.

- To **President Dorothy Jacobson** and **Cheyenne Sunrise** for being the first club to submit their Presidential Citation form.

- To **RI Director Don Mebus** for taking time out of his busy schedule to attend High Country PETS.

- To Laramie County Librarian **Lucie Osborn** of the Rotary Club of Cheyenne. Her library has been named one of the ten best in the US by USA Today.

- To **Lisa Velker** for directing the 57th Annual Cody Rotary Show.

MEET THE ASSISTANT GOVERNOR CORNER



Jim Ryan is Senior Vice President of Commercial Lending at The Jackson State Bank & Trust. He is married to Lisa and they have two children, Trevor (16) and Tara (13). Jim grew up in Northern California in San Francisco's East Bay in Orinda and went to college at California State University, Chico. Jim graduated in 1984 after managing to cram four years of college into five and one-half years.

Jim joined his first Rotary club in 1987 in Livermore, California and was active for a year before moving out of the area. Jim rejoined Rotary in 1994 as a member of the San Ramon Valley club in San Ramon, California

Jim and the family moved to Jackson, Wyoming in 1997 and have been there ever since. Jim has been a member of the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Breakfast since he moved to Wyoming in 1997

and has been Treasurer, Secretary, President and a board member.

A favorite project of Jim's is involvement with the local Interact club. He served as chaparone and took eleven students to the RI convention in Osaka, Japan. The Jackson Interact Club had the largest single contingent of Interactors at the convention. Interactors this year are planning a trip to Cambodia. Jim has also organized Interact trips to La Grand Familia orphanage in Mexico.

Jim serves as Assistant Governor for the three clubs in Jackson, Star Valley and Teton Valley, Idaho.

JACKSON HOLE BREAKFAST ROTARY SUPPORTS IMMUNIZATIONS

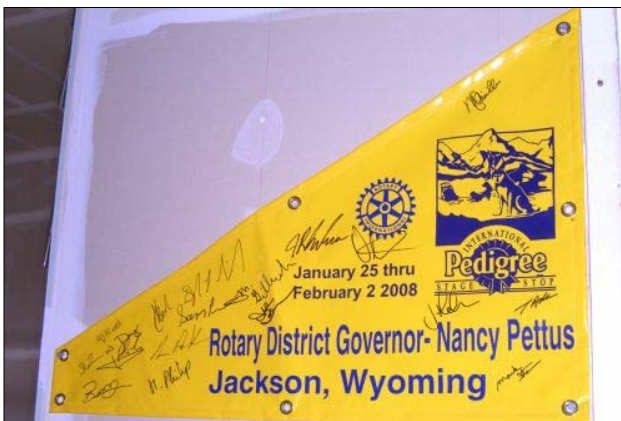
For years the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Breakfast has been a major participant in the International Pedigree Stagestop Sled Dog Race which traverses a course of several hundred miles in Wyoming and Utah. In fact, the club was one of the original supporters of the event when it started in Jackson Hole. Pedigree, the dog food company, is a late comer but is now a major funding sponsor.

Originally dubbed the "race to immunize" the race was a natural for the Breakfast club which donates all proceeds from race fund raising activities to The Rotary Foundation for polio eradication and for other community health related needs. Each club member who participates in race events receives credit toward his/her Paul Harris Fellow through contributions to the polio fund.

Breakfast club fund raising events include the sale of banners which are attached to the sides of

sleds entered in the race and the sale of sweatshirts, tee shirts, fleece vests and other merchandise affiliated with the event. The banners have the names of race sponsors printed on them and are displayed publicly at the ceremonies which kick off the event in Jackson Hole. The race progresses for hundreds of miles through several Wyoming towns and concludes in Park City, Utah.

The International Sled Dog Race has been profitable for the Jackson Hole Breakfast Rotary Club and The Rotary Foundation. Ongoing Rotary Foundation contributions with both sled dog race and individual contributions have resulted in the club consistently ranking in the top three per capita giving clubs in District 5440.



DG Nancy's 2008 sled dog banner



Frank Teasley, sled dog race organizer, shown with a lead dog

JACKSON HOLE ROTARY COMPLETES GRANT PROJECT

By DGE Stuart Palmer

Jackson Hole Rotary Club members have been told that a recent Matching Grant project with Tlaxcala, Mexico has been completed and the final report accepted by Rotary Foundation staff.

The grant was used to re-equip and refurbish two existing ambulances that have seen many years



A Tlaxcala paramedic examines supplies and oxygen tanks for use in refurbished ambulances.

of service in Tlaxcala. Jackson Hole Rotary contributed \$3,000 to make the project a reality. Rotarians in Tlaxcala donated a similar amount and TRF matched the funds that were raised.

Specifically, funds were used to purchase oxygen tanks, first aid supplies, two new gurneys and other equipment. These items will extend the life of the ambulances for use in the Mexican community.

Jackson Hole Rotary is also working on a project to deliver two additional used ambulances for remote rural communities in Mexico where no ambulance is currently available. The club is awaiting final clearance from the Mexican government to transport the vehicles across the border.

JACKSON HOLE BREAKFAST CLUB MINI GRANTS

By Matt Faupel

The Jackson Hole Breakfast Rotary provides Mini-Grants to all of the Jackson Hole schools to help provide hands-on methods of education that are out of the standard program of the schools. These grants are used for supplies, transportation, maps, books, etc., to help teachers provide more interactive methods of learning to their students.

The club raises funds each year at Old Bill's Fun Run here in Jackson and has been providing over two dozen \$200 grants per year to the schools. Teachers may request their grant individually or pool with other teachers for larger projects. Elementary, Middle and High Schools as well as the alternative schools in the Valley participate in the program.

Recent projects have included rocket projects, math tools for weights and measures, geometry, time and fractions, bringing live raptors and biologists to the school for presentations, Reading Fluency Book Sets, theatre supplies for a Medieval Fair and many others.

The teachers have come to really enjoy the opportunity to provide a fresh method of teaching students and find the learning experiences from these projects some of the strongest the kids have for the year. Having an opportunity for teachers to present at our meetings and share their stories from the projects are meetings club members certainly enjoy.

Past RI President Cliff Dochterman asks, "Do you hide under a bushel basket?" Rotarians need to make the community aware of what their clubs and our organization do both locally and internationally. Failure to do so can affect attracting new members.

INTERNATIONAL SKI WEEKEND

Teton Valley Rotary Club

Thirty International Exchange students and District 5440 committee members traveled to Driggs, Idaho, January 24-27th, 2008, for their winter ski/snowboard meeting hosted by the Teton Valley Rotarians at the Grand Targhee Resort. The weekend was chaired by President-elect Maren Erickson and supported financially by local club and community members and Jackson clubs including Jackson Hole Rotary Noon, Breakfast and Supper Clubs.



International Exchange Students gather at Grand Targhee for a group picture following a busy day of skiing/snowboarding.

For many of these students, this was their first time on skis or snowboards. Local Rotarians and community members turned out to teach them the basics. The students came from all over the world, with five of them arriving just days before this winter journey. The spirit of these kids is incredible. ALL of them were riding the lift and skiing by their second day!

The cultural exchange was a two way street. Local Rotarian, Dan Moudree, whose wife is from Vientiane, Laos, invited a young Thai student into their home. Tock, Dan's wife, went out of her way to cook authentic meals for their visitor. The word got out so Tock cooked food "to go" for all three Asian students to share at the ski area and on their travels back to their host families. Dan said Tock and her young guest stayed up into the wee hours of the morning both nights comparing notes on Thai music, fashion, and movies.



A special Asian lunch prepared by Tock Moudree is shared by Exchange Students.

Teton Valley Rotary staged the event at the local Senior Center—a new facility which the Rotarians helped complete. The Senior Center was a perfect spot for Friday night's chili dinner and exchange student meeting. The District Committee is to be commended for being well organized and thoroughly outlining student responsibilities to these young people. Joe Bluemel did an admirable vacuum cleaner cord interactive skit with the students so they thoroughly understood the perils of "crossing the line."

Local Rotarians, community members, and their children interacted with the students in their homes, at the chili party, and at Saturday's game night at the Drawknife Billiards. There were few dry eyes as students departed Sunday morning.

STAR VALLEY CLUB ACTIVE

By Marta Heap



Star Valley President Marta with Students of the Month.

I am pleased to be involved in Rotary International. While many people stand by, Rotarians reach out to those in need. Star Valley Rotarians are constantly participating in multiple ongoing projects.

Locally we support the International Rotary Project for Literacy. We distribute dictionaries to every student in Lincoln School District. In addition, two excellent students per month receive a financial incentive to stay sharp intellectually under our Students of the Month program. A scholarship is also provided to one graduating student per year.

We offer projects overseas to countries that need a helping hand. Four years running, we have managed an education and supply program for medical professionals in Romania. Star Valley members have paid their own way to transport supplies and educational materials. We have worked with Rotary groups in that country to achieve the goals.

These are just a few of many worthy projects we undertake yearly. Look through our web pages. I challenge you to think about the difference you could make also.

PAST DIRECTOR LYNN HAMMOND RECEIVES TRF RECOGNITION



Past Rotary International Director Lynn Hammond of the Rotary Club of Loveland and wife, Norma, were recently awarded the level two crystal for ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation. The crystal was presented at the PDG Briefing session at the Presidents Elect Training Seminar in Denver.

In attendance at the event were Mo Heth, Chair of the Major Donor Committee, RI Director Don Mebus, Past Rotary Foundation Trustee Mike Abdalla and DG Nancy Pettus, all of whom assisted in the presentation. Sean Allen, Major Gifts Advisor for The Rotary Foundation in Evanston, was also in attendance. Both Mebus and Abdalla commented on PRID Lynn's long time dedication to Rotary and The Rotary Foundation.

Lynn thanked all in attendance for their support of him and the Foundation. He went on to comment on all the activities Rotary can support through contributions to TRF. Lynn and Norma were both appreciative of

receiving the crystal in the presence of so many High Country PETS past district governors.

CODY ROTARY PERFORMS 57TH ANNUAL SHOW



Cody Rotarians sing a tribute to the US military.

On March 14 and 15 the Rotary Club of Cody was on stage again . . . for the 57th consecutive year. The show started in the early 50's and was originally staged as a minstrel show, something considered "politically incorrect" today. Long time Rotarian, PDG Dick Barsness said that not only has the show changed, so has the profit potential. He indicated that during some of the leaner years the club might have only raised \$200 profit for all their efforts.

Former United States Senator and past Cody Rotarian

Alan Simpson has said that there were some real characters in the early shows and there wasn't any thought about so called "correctness." He went on to say "Rotarians today could never do some of the things we did 50 years ago. We also had lots of fun backstage between acts and cut up with one another." Senator Simpson attends the event whenever he is in town and was present this year.

Today the show includes musical talent by individual Rotarians or small groups, choral singing and lots of humor poking fun at local community happenings. Local politics and National Park issues are special grist for the mill. Show director Lisa Velker said the show takes a great deal of time and energy. All club Rotarians have some role whether it's being in the show, selling tickets or advertisements or helping with the sets. "I want to thank all my fellow club members for making this year's show so successful." Preliminary estimates were that the club would net over \$30,000 through ticket sales, advertisements and the silent auction.



Joe Kellerby and Wendy Corringman do a beautiful rendition of "I Can Do Anything Better Than You".

ROTARY RV FELLOWSHIP

By Lynne and Richard Ward

The Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotary gathered for a rally in Albuquerque October 4-7, 2007 at the balloon festival. There were 21 RV's present at the rally with participants from across the US including representation from District 5440. It is a spectacular sight to see a continuous parade of balloons lifting off – a total of approximately 350 in a period of 1 ½ to 2 hours on Saturday, Sunday and Monday morning.

Each evening the balloons were anchored on the field and they were inflated to display the colorful glow of the balloons as their burners were fired. On Saturday and Sunday evenings after the balloon glow attendees enjoyed a colorful fireworks show.

The purpose of Rotary Fellowships is socializ-



RVF members watch a balloon launch in Albuquerque

ing with other Rotarians with common interests. The RV Fellowship has many rallies throughout the year around the nation with a chance for making friendships and exchanging ideas with other Rotarians.

Any excess registration monies not spent for a rally are accumulated in a fund and each year at the annual rally of the RVF, a donation is made to a community emergency service agency in the community hosting the annual rally. District 5440's own PDG Bob Hamblin is past president of the RV Fellowship.

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

Rotary Fellowships are a great way for Rotarians of similar interests to get together and share ideas, fun and social activities. Today over 80 fellowships exist with members from the entire Rotary world.

Membership in a fellowship is generally very inexpensive and offers members the opportunity to fish, fly or play golf together at a variety of Rotary conferences, conventions or events. Many have an annual get-together where members from throughout the Rotary world gather for fun and fellowship. These annual events are often scheduled in conjunction



Travel and Hosting Rotarians debark from a fjord tour in Norway

with the Rotary International Convention.

Popular fellowships in District 5440 include those related to travel, fly fishing, skiing, music, photography and golf. For those in good physical condition there is even a marathon runners fellowship. Though fun is the order of the day that is not the only thing fellowships are about. Most support some important Rotary project of interest to members. For example,

the Recreational Vehicle Fellowship always makes a donation to a community emergency service agency in the town of their annual get-together. Skiing Rotarians raise funds to buy special ski equipment



Travel and Hosting Rotarians in line to enter the Hermitage in St. Petersburg

for disabled or handicapped ski programs.

For more information about Rotary Fellowships, visit www.Rotary.org and search for Rotary Global Networking Groups where a list of all fellowships can be found.

RI PEACE SCHOLAR TO SPEAK AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE



Lynne Favinger is the Executive Director of Central Mediation Center (CMC), a non-profit community mediation center that offers various mediation and facilitation services throughout a 30,000 square mile area in Nebraska. Lynne supervises a staff of 5 mediators and 25 volunteer mediators who provide these services. She has held this position since July 2000.

In addition to her administrative duties, she is a practicing mediator and facilitator. She is also a supervisory trainer of basic and family mediation for the Nebraska Mediation Center Association (NMCA) Training Institute in Lincoln, NE.

Lynne received her Master's Degree in Education in Speech Communication from the University of Nebraska-Kearney and has taken many advanced trainings and workshops in the mediation field. Most recently she attended the Rotary International Peace and Conflict Studies Program held in Bangkok, Thailand from January 6-March 9, 2007.

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Visit www.rotary5440.org
for registration details.



- Condolences to **Rotarian Karen Bonomo** of Rock Springs Rotary Club who lost her father, Douglas Croft, last month.

- Condolences to the family of **William Paul "Bill" Rohrbach** of the Rotary Club of Cody. Bill passed away unexpectedly on December 23, 2007. A special tribute to Bill was presented by the club at its annual Cody Rotary Show on March 14 and 15.

- Condolences to the family of **R.M. "Rob" Robertson** who passed away March 20, 2008. Rob was a Casper Rotary Club member, Paul Harris Fellow and a long time Rotarian joining Rotary on November 15, 1959.

- Condolences to the family of **Thad Walker**, also a Casper Rotary Club member, who passed away in late 2007. Thad was also a long time Rotarian joining Rotary in 1941.

- Condolences to the family of **James A. Helzer**, Cheyenne Rotarian who passed away on March 7, 2008. He was a past director for the Rotary Club of Cheyenne.

50 YEARS OF SERVICE



PDG Barsness shows great respect for DG Nancy.

Congratulations to **PDG Duane "Dick" Barsness** of the Rotary Club of Cody who celebrated 50 years of Rotary membership in March. All 50 years have been with the Cody club. Though a 50 year member, Dick still knows how to have fun as exhibited by his annual participation in the Cody Rotary Show. He puts on his costume (one he has worn for several shows) and along with other club members tells jokes (some rather dated but still fun), pokes fun at local events, sings and attends the post show dinner party. PDG Dick served as District 545 Governor during the 1982-83 Rotary Year when the theme was Mankind is One – Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World.

His wife, Clarabelle, also attends local Rotary Events on a regular basis and bills herself as a consultant. "I'll consult on anything," she says with a twinkle in her eye.



Torrington Club President Elearnore Jones presents Joyce Vandel with her third PHF pin.

ESTES PARK ROTARIANS LEND HELPING HAND TO FLOODED MEXICANS

By Doug Fox, Estes Park Publicity Chair

In the business of disaster relief it's known as Shelter-Box # 3950. It was sent to Mexico following devastating floods in the Tabasco region last November. Inside the 100-pound plastic container were tents, food, water purification tablets, and other essentials for daily living.

Members of the Rotary Club of Estes Park contributed \$900 to pay for that box.

The ShelterBox Trust, a registered United Kingdom charity, is supported by affiliates set up by Rotarians in Australia, Canada, Southeast Asia, and the United States. Club members in Germany, New Zealand, and Norway are also organizing ShelterBox projects. ShelterBox aims to get its boxes and a response team to the scene of a disaster anywhere in the world within 48 hours.

The box funded by the Estes Park Rotary Club was one of 200 boxes sent to Mexico last November when floods left an estimated 800,000 people homeless. Tens of thousands at that time were still trapped in flooded buildings. Local officials say water levels reached 19 feet at their peak.

ShelterBox founder and chief executive Tom Henderson said, "The situation in Tabasco has been described as like Hurricane Katrina but bigger."

Shelter boxes have gone all over the world. Name a disaster in recent years and chances are you'll find a tent with the Rotary emblem on it providing shelter and basic necessities for victims of the disaster.

It's "service above self" in a plastic box.



JACKSON HOLE ROTARY

By Rob Weed



Jackson Hole President Rob Weed
with David Crawford, December
Student of the Month

Our membership is strong and growing. We have added 21 new members since July 07, and more are expected before June 30. Some of the attractions are the many great programs, our Citizens and Students of the Month and terrific social meetings shared with Rotarians from all the Rotary Clubs of Jackson Hole.

The Rotary Reading program and annual Literacy Luncheon show our continued commitment to literacy in Jackson Hole. Each year, many Rotarians volunteer weekly to read to the Kindergarten thru 5th grade at the JH Elementary School.

We are also helping to fund our local Rotary Interact group's trip to Cambodia, giving these kids the opportunity to learn first hand about the needs of this impoverished area. Our donations help also bring sustainable water systems to remote villages in this 3rd world country at a cost of less than \$50 per well. Other international projects involve ambulances to Mexico and social services in Brazil.

Memorial Day weekend as we raise scholarship money at our Annual JH Rotary Club Wine Fest. In 2007, we awarded more than \$40,000 to 22 graduating seniors. We also have a Youth Exchange Student and are going to send students to RYLA.

The red carpet has been rolled out for the 2008 Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles, USA



Lights! Camera! Action!

Home to stars of the small and big screens, Los Angeles will also be a city of Rotary stars, as it welcomes thousands of Rotarians from all parts of the world.

The Rotary International to be hosted from the 15–18 June 2008 will offer a host of resources for international service and fellowship: inspiring plenary speakers, informative workshops, the Club and District Projects Exhibition, the House of Friendship, and so much more.

As the movie capital of the world and a centre for shopping and international cuisine, Los Angeles offers much to see and do outside the convention venue as well.

Every Rotarian should experience at least one Rotary convention. Rotary International World President, Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, believes so strongly in the importance of convention attendance that he has reinstated the district rebates under the LA2008 Worldwide Financial Incentive Plan, whereby our district will earn a rebate for all Rotarian and adult registrations over 2 percent of district membership.

Look for more details on the plan and a copy of the registration brochure can be downloaded at www.rotary.org.

FEBRUARY, 2008 ATTENDANCE

ROTARY CLUB	Feb - 08 Attendance	Feb - 08 Members	July - 07 Members	Change YTD	Change Per Mth	ROTARY CLUB	Feb - 08 Attendance	Feb - 08 Members	July - 07 Members	Change YTD	Change Per Mth
Buffalo	63.06	36	35	+1	-2	Kemmerer	80.00	23	23	0	0
Casper	45.36	195	197	-2	0	Lander	55.82	73	74	-1	-1
Casper 5 Trails	50.75	65	65	0	+1	Laramie	56.04	104	105	-1	0
Cheyenne	55.00	208	205	+3	0	Laramie Sunrise	65.16	23	23	0	+1
Cheyenne Sunrise	72.00	32	29	+3	0	Loveland	82.00	168	171	-3	-2
Cody	70.00	68	64	+4	+3	Loveland Mtn View	59.00	47	32	+15	+3
Craig	78.00	18	21	-3	-1	Loveland TV	49.22	51	52	-1	+2
Douglas	73.00	41	42	-1	+1	Morrill	Not Rep'd	18	21	-3	0
Estes Park	70.90	116	119	-3	+1	Powell	48.15	31	41	-10	-7
Estes Valley Sunrise	82.05	64	61	+3	-3	Ranchester/Dayton	Not Rep'd	19	18	+1	0
Evanston	73.00	41	41	0	+1	Rawlins	48.39	32	31	+1	-1
Ft. Collins	Not Rep'd	186	184	+2	0	Riverton	49.51	51	52	-1	+1
Ft. Collins Breakfast	73.77	69	69	0	+1	Rock Springs	40.62	32	31	+1	0
Ft. Collins Foothills	65.36	110	107	+3	+3	Scottsbluff/Gering	Not Rep'd	109	115	-6	0
Ft. Collins After Work	71.00	26	25	+1	0	Sedgwick County	79.00	23	24	-1	0
Gillette	48.37	62	57	+5	+1	Sheridan	53.87	133	131	+2	+2
Gillette-Energy	Not Rep'd	58	62	-4	0	Ski Town, USA	75.80	31	32	-1	0
Greeley	40.77	161	161	0	-1	Star Valley	39.00	16	14	+2	0
Greeley Centennial	63.17	120	116	+4	+2	Steamboat Springs	65.89	98	95	+3	+3
Greeley Redeye	83.00	33	32	+1	+1	Sterling	46.05	40	41	-1	0
High Plains (Eaton)	70.00	32	30	+2	0	Teton Valley	55.00	39	30	+9	0
Jackson Hole	53.00	198	189	+9	+1	Thermopolis	62.00	25	28	-3	-2
Jackson Breakfast	70.00	13	17	-4	+1	Torrington	69.00	64	64	0	+1
Jackson Supper	60.00	37	34	+3	+1	Windsor	51.00	34	35	-1	0
Johnstown/Milliken	60.00	19	22	-3	+1	Worland	Not Rep'd	37	41	-4	0
						TOTALS		3319	3308	+11	+3

DISTRICT CALENDAR

APRIL - Magazine Month

- 1 - RI Presidential Citation & Gov. Citations due to DG
- 5 - Windsor, 9 Health Fair
- 10-May 15 - GSE Outbound Team in Finland
- 11 - Cheyenne, 3rd Annual Rotary Wine & Cheese Festival
- 21-22 - Ambassadorial Scholar interviews (tentative)
- 22 - Distinguished Club Citation deadline
- 25-26 - Estes Park, Estes Park Sings
- 25-27 - Youth Exchange outbound orientation, Douglas

MAY - District Convention Month

- 1 - Memo of Club Visit due to Dg from AG's
- 2 - Greeley Centennial, Golf Tournament
- 3 - Estes Park, Duck Race
- 3 - Greeley Redeye, Geranium Sale
- 10 - Gillette, The Rotary Ball
- 15-June 20 - Inbound GSE Team here from Finland

JUNE - Rotary Fellowships Month

- 5-7 - District Conference in Cody
- 13 - Estes Park, Golf Tournament
- 15-18 - Rotary International Convention, Los Angeles, CA

Does your club have an upcoming event you would like to see featured on the District Calendar? Please send dates with event information to the Editorian.

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Please submit articles along with photos that you would like to see printed in this newsletter to the Editorian.



Sonja Stump, pictured left, and Terry Collins accepted the award on behalf of CCYE.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VERY OWN COWBOY COUNTRY YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE FOR WINNING THE 2008 COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR AWARD GIVEN BY USA/CANADA YOUTH EXCHANGE NETWORK.

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND A DISTRICT CONFERENCE?

Help Celebrate Our Successes of the Year:

- Award winning clubs will have displays. Ask about their projects.
- Rotarian of the Year will be awarded
- A drawing for a Paul Harris Fellow will be held from clubs meeting their Rotary Foundation goal
- Clubs will receive Presidential and Governor Citations

Meet the Incoming District Governor and Hear Next Year's Focus and Theme

- Stuart Palmer will be inducted as District Governor
- Stuart Palmer will be giving us a quick snapshot of things to come
- The "Home of the District Governor" banner will be passed on

Fellowship and Fun

- Meet Rotarians from around the District. What better chance to gain new friends?
- Participate in Thursday evening Home Hospitality and be hosted in a local Rotarian's home
- Attend the Thursday evening Dessert Social – a great start to a fun weekend
- Enjoy entertainment by our Youth Exchange Students and host Rotary club
- Have fun at the Friday night picnic in the park