

**Rotary District 5440**  
**December, 2008**  
**Family of Rotary Month**

## THE COWBOY DIARIES

### From the Trail

By DG Stuart Palmer



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Susie and Stu Palmer

My fellow D5440 Rotarians,

December is ROTARY FAMILY MONTH and we have many ways to share our care and concern for those in our immediate family through our gatherings during the traditional end of year holidays. We also have the opportunity to share of our time and talents through neighborhood and community service. Has the elderly

widower down the street had a good Sunday afternoon home-cooked meal lately? Perhaps you know about the widow of a former club member who would appreciate company or a short visit in the community assisted living center nearby.

I recall how in his 90s, my Dad enjoyed visitors during his last years. I'm always grateful to our friends who would brighten his days and listen to endless conversations about his grandchildren who lived far away in the cold north country. Yes, due to our transient society, it is not so common to live among cousins, aunts and uncles. So, find a way to reach out to extended new family while not forgetting the impor-

tance of old friends. While you are at it – join with other Rotarians in our District as we reach across the globe to financially support the good works of our Rotary Foundation that benefit those less fortunate than ourselves. In Rotary we seek a world at peace. We may contribute to this dream by reaching out to others in a myriad of ways. I'm sure your club already has a few such programs in place for December.

Susie and I take great pride in our Rotary District 5440 family of friends. Thank you for your generous efforts to exemplify our motto – "Service Above Self." Happy holidays, Merry Christmas, etc... See you further down the trail. ....

DG Stu

### The Quiet Rotarians


Riverton - Matt Vredenburg  
 Powell - Vince Rose  
 Jackson Hole - Lee Burbank



**It takes only 27 cents a day to be a Sustaining Member of The Rotary Foundation!**

December 2008

Dear Friends,



This holiday season and the start of a new year provide a wonderful opportunity for us to send our warmest good wishes to each of you. This is a time for reflecting on the importance of friends and family and for thinking about the many good things we enjoy. It is also a time to think about how we can contribute to making the world a little better each day.

As we in Rotary focus on finding ways to **Make Dreams Real** for others, we are also working to realize our own dreams of peace, international understanding and goodwill. Children everywhere, whether near or far away, need our support and caring to keep them safe and healthy in a sometimes uncertain world. We can make a positive difference for the children of the world.

Young and I send you and your families our very best wishes for Peace, Joy, Hope, Health and Happiness in 2009.

Regards,



Dong Kurn Lee  
President, Rotary International



## Young RYLA Junior Counselor Wins State Soccer Championship

By Dave Boon, Fort Collins After Work

We just finished our YRYLA/RYLA Fort Collins Kids Retreat. Lots of good energy and we have many kids that will be heading up some community service projects for the Fort Collins Rotary After Work Club. Always great to get our kids involved in our Rotary Club activities -- they are our community service committee. Bryan Thompson (our Rotary Club Chair for Community Service) will be following up with this talented group of kids to insure we keep them connected to ser-

vice in our community.

Gamachu Said, one of our JC's from YRYLA last year came to the retreat along with Sydney (Co-Head JC), Jeremy, Kelsey, and Melissa (2009 Co-Head JC) and several other JC's from RYLA also showed up. Gamachu is a senior at Denver's East High School.

I just put two and two together (I'm a little slow these days) and realized that Denver's East High school won the State HS Soccer Championships -- Gamachu Said (one of our

2008 YRYLA JC's) plays defense for East High School varsity high school soccer team -- Yes on November 5th he (they) won the State 5A High School Boys Soccer Championships. Yes -- we have a YRYLA JC that just won a State High School 5A Championships -- very worthy of our Rotary District newsletters.

**CONGRATES TO GAMACHU!!!**

## We had a very successful District Assembly

Special thanks to the 86 Rotarians that attended the District Assembly in Laramie on November 8th. If you missed this exceptional gathering, you may access a couple excellent power point presentations now located on our District 5440 Home Page at [www.rotary5440.org](http://www.rotary5440.org). We've placed a link to the presentation by the Loveland-Mountain View Rotary Club about How to Recruit and Retain Young Professionals to Rotary. Special thanks for this goes to President Josh Miller and his club members. In less than 2 years, their club has grown from 20 members to 50 enthusiastic Rotarians. Review the presentation and if you still have questions, go to their club website at <http://www.rotary5440.org/mtnviewlovelandco/> for more information.

Another presentation was How to Write a Grant, presented by PP Ron Clark of Windsor Rotary and PDG Bill Pettus of Jackson Supper Club. Bill's presentation has also been posted to the district website for your review. Go to [www.rotary5440.org](http://www.rotary5440.org) We're particularly pleased to post Bill's power point as it provides the details on how your club can create a district simplified or matching grant. It is District Governor Stu's desire that all D5440 clubs participate in at least one international project this Rotary year. Grants are a good way to leverage money to make a significant humanitarian impact to improve the lives of others. As Rotarians, we add value to other people's lives!

Several other breakout sessions enhanced the assembly program. Of significance was featured presenter - PDG Cathy Smith's presentation on a District Visioning team to enhance the effectiveness of individual clubs through a long term plan to attain identifiable club goals. More is being promoted about our District Visioning Team that is currently being formed. It will soon be trained to help all clubs, big and small, be more successful at what they want to accomplish. PP Chuck Rutenberg of Ft. Collins is leading this new District initiative and bringing his vast facilitator training experience from a lengthy career at H-P and Kodak. Want to learn more about how to join this dynamic new concept for D5440? Contact Chuck at [chuckrutenberg@msn.com](mailto:chuckrutenberg@msn.com).

We also listened to a panel discussion about ethics. Your club might like to host a program on this important subject. Contact DG Stu for details. DGN Bryan Cooke gave an informative presentation on all the programs of our Rotary International Foundation and PP Dick Lubinski of Loveland outlined our District PR program ideas.

We also heard a fine program presented by PDG Regional Rotary Membership Chair Diane Kessel-Knight of Fort Collins Breakfast on How to Develop Membership and Retain Members During Difficult Economic Times. Diane would be happy to share ideas. Contact her at [dkessel2@comcast.net](mailto:dkessel2@comcast.net).

If you missed the assembly and would like more information, contact District Trainer Dennis Tippetts at [dtippetts@wyoming.com](mailto:dtippetts@wyoming.com) or call his office at 307-856-5156.



## Rotary World Peace Fellowship/Scholarship

By Connie Filipovitch, District Co-Chair

The Committee will also be accepting applications for the 2010-11 Grants for University Teachers and the 2010-2012 Rotary Center Peace Fellowships. Both programs follow the same deadlines for applications.

**WHAT IS THE GRANT FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHERS?** - The Grant for University Teachers allows higher education faculty to teach abroad in low-income countries. Grant recipients must teach subjects relevant to the local population's needs and contribute to the area's socioeconomic development. Each year about 20 grants are awarded. Our district has a Wyoming teacher, Barbara Mueller from Casper College who is currently teaching in Poland. She truly is exceptional and we hope you get a chance to meet her. The availability of Rotary Grants for University Teachers is determined by each Rotary district based on available funding and varies from year to year. We have been assured by incoming DGE David Scriven that funds will be available for the 2010-2011 Year.

**WHAT IS THE ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIP/SCHOLARSHIP?** - Rotary's World Peace Fellowships provide professionals from around the world with the opportunity to be trained in conflict resolution and mediation strategies. This is sometimes known as the Peace and Conflict Scholarship. Six of the programs around the world are offered in English and one in Argentina has instruction in Spanish. It is a 24 month Master's Program. Up to 60 scholarships are awarded each year by Rotary International. Rotary World Peace Fellows will be looked to as leaders who will promote national and international cooperation, peace and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. Our district has endorsed three World Peace Fellows.

Questions can be directed to Mary O'Neal ([maryoneal@aol.com](mailto:maryoneal@aol.com)) or Connie Filipovitch-Sarmiento ([cfilipovitch@mac.com](mailto:cfilipovitch@mac.com)) who are the District co-chairs for these program.

## Casper Rotary Club Honors Paul Harris Fellows

By Robin Mundell, Past President

The Casper Rotary Club honored twenty (20) members as Paul Harris Fellows. At the meeting, seven members received their first Paul Harris Fellowship. The remaining 13 Rotarians received

their Paul Harris Fellow plus awards as follows:

Paul Harris + 1	six members
Paul Harris + 2	two members
Paul Harris + 3	two members
Paul Harris + 4	one member
Paul Harris + 5	one member



New PHF: left to right: Sandy Widmer, Dick Jay, Jim DeRop, Dick Day, and Pinky Ellis

It was a great honor to give Past President Jim Anderson (96-97) his Paul Harris Fellow + 8. He has further supported the Rotary International Foundation by giving two family members Paul Harris Fellowships as well. Past President Douglas McLaughlin (97-98) received his Paul Harris + 4 and honored for bring the Polio Plus program to the Casper Rotary Club.



Jim Anderson who is a PHF +8

Earlier this year eight other members received their Paul Harris Fellow recognition pins.

## Casper 5 Trails dedicated "Archives of Freedom"



In celebration of our club's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we recently dedicated a special display case to our county airport for presentation to the public. The display case (designed by the husband of a fellow Ro-

tarian in our club) holds copies of the U.S. Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, and the Magna Carta – we call the display "Archives of Freedom".

## Rotary District 5440 Presents The All Club Luncheon-Ft Collins



**Keynote Speaker and Special Guest**  
**RI President D.K. Lee**  
**Friday, January 16, 2009**  
**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

This event will take place at the  
**Fort Collins Marriott**  
**350 E. Horsetooth Rd., Ft Collins, CO 80525.**  
Tickets are available for purchase for \$25 from local area club presidents or by contacting Kellie Tovar at [rotary5440@yahoo.com](mailto:rotary5440@yahoo.com)

## Club Attendance - October, 2008

ROTARY CLUB	Oct - 08 Attendance	Oct - 08 Members	July - 08 Members	Change YTD	Change Per Mth	ROTARY CLUB	Oct - 08 Attendance	Oct - 08 Members	July - 08 Members	Change YTD	Change Per Mth
Buffalo	61.37	33	34	-1	-1	Lander	56.92	65	69	-4	0
Casper	44.55	192	196	-4	0	Laramie	59.03	104	106	-2	0
Casper 5 Trails	47.60	68	64	+4	+1	Laramie Sunrise	58.00	26	25	+1	0
Cheyenne	56.00	211	213	-2	-2	Loveland	84.00	184	183	-1	-2
Cheyenne Sunrise	66.66	30	30	0	-1	Loveland Mtn View	71.60	50	47	+3	0
Cody	67.00	67	70	-3	-4	Loveland TV	65.41	38	44	-6	0
Craig	Not Rep'd	19	19	0	0	Morrill	Not Rep'd	18	16	+2	0
Douglas	77.00	38	43	-5	-2	Powell	60.00	28	29	-1	0
Estes Park	83.50	143	143	0	0	Ranchester/Dayton	68.00	21	20	+1	+1
Estes Valley Sunrise	99.37	66	61	+5	+1	Rawlins	49.17	31	28	+3	-1
Evanston	Not Rep'd	42	42	0	0	Riverton	56.63	49	49	0	0
Ft. Collins	Not Rep'd	187	187	0	0	Rock Springs	58.65	27	27	0	0
Ft. Collins After Work	41.31	23	23	0	0	Scottsbluff/Gering	Not Rep'd	115	117	-2	0
Ft. Collins Breakfast	75.27	69	68	+1	-1	Sedgwick County	72.80	23	23	0	0
Ft. Collins Foothills	62.94	113	115	-2	0	Sheridan	53.28	133	134	-1	+4
Gillette	47.01	69	62	+7	+3	Ski Town, USA	79.17	30	30	0	-1
Gillette-Energy	60.00	53	54	-1	0	Star Valley	64.00	16	16	0	0
Greeley	46.34	154	153	+1	-2	Steamboat Springs	69.41	85	89	-4	-3
Greeley After Hours	69.57	23	24	-1	-1	Sterling	46.49	41	40	+1	0
Greeley Centennial	51.16	108	112	-4	-7	Teton Valley	61.00	37	37	0	0
Greeley Redeye	83.75	29	30	-1	-1	Thermopolis	66.00	29	29	0	0
High Plains (Eaton)	66.40	28	30	-2	-2	Torrington	72.00	70	67	+3	0
Jackson Hole	52.00	200	196	+4	0	Windsor	67.00	36	35	+1	-1
Jackson Breakfast	71.00	13	13	0	0	Worland	Not Rep'd	39	39	0	0
Jackson Supper	58.99	35	32	+3	+1						
Johnstown/Milliken	68.00	17	19	-2	-2	TOTALS		3351	3357	-6	-23
Kemmerer	75.00	26	25	+1	0						

## December is Family Month

It is often said that children are the future of the world. Healthy and happy children are key to achieving Rotary's goal of building international understanding and peace in the world. There is no better place to nourish a young mind than in a family whose basic needs have been met and who can spend time together.

Celebrate Rotary's commitment to family in December. Consider bringing together the mothers, fathers, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and members of your Rotary family into shared activities. Participate in a community service project that will help strengthen families in your community by:

- ✘ Sponsoring a seminar for new parents on child development
- ✘ Organizing a father/daughter or mother/son dinner
- ✘ Promoting a family literacy project which emphasizes parents reading to their children
- ✘ Raising awareness of child abuse prevention programs in your community
- ✘ Chaperoning a safe and fun weekend activity for the community's teenagers
- ✘ Volunteering at a shelter for homeless families
- ✘ Assisting the elderly in nursing homes with simple crafts that they can give as gifts to their families
- ✘ Creating a park or recreational area where parents can spend time with their children
- ✘ Providing materials and support to a daycare facility or orphanage
- ✘ Creating an after-school activities program for older children which will give them a safe place to go while their parents are at work
- ✘ Remember the Widows and Widowers of Rotarians in a Club Program that reflects on past community service.

## Want to make a year-end contribution to The Rotary Foundation? Here is how --

Many of us want to support The Rotary Foundation in Chicago. At a minimum, our clubs encourage us to become Paul Harris (PH) sustaining members with an annual contribution of \$100 (or 27 cents a day). A simple check is easy, payable to The Rotary Foundation and completing universal contribution form 123-EN found at [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/123en\\_write.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/123en_write.pdf)

Easier yet - go on-line to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click on Member Access (top right on rotary home page). From here you can make an on-line contribution.

Remember that unrestricted contributions to the **Programs Fund** at the Rotary Foundation will come back (50%) to the district after 3 years and help us fund our district grants and scholarships.

Want to know more about contributions to The Rotary Foundation? Contact your club president or call PDG Bill Pettus, our District Foundation Chair at 307-733-4904 or e-mail Bill at [wandnpettus@aol.com](mailto:wandnpettus@aol.com) for more information.

Contributions to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International are tax-deductible.

### Reminders

December, 2008 - Send officer selection information to RI as well as to Rotary District Secretary Kellie Tovar.

January 16, 2009 - All club luncheon with keynote speaker, RI President D.K. Lee at the Marriott Hotel in Fort Collins, CO. Tickets are available for purchase through the local club presidents and through Kellie Tovar at 970-506-1036 or [rotary5440@yahoo.com](mailto:rotary5440@yahoo.com).

January 16, 2009 - Foundation Dinner in Denver, CO with keynote speaker RI President D.K. Lee. A Foundation Seminar will be held the morning of January 17th. More information is available at [www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org).

## Voices on the Wind

Our condolences on the passing of Col. John Guy of the Powell Rotary Club. The club will honor John with a Paul Harris Fellow at the Ft. Collins area all club luncheon on January 16, 2009 at the Ft. Collins Marriott Hotel.

## Directory Corrections

**Heather Hartung**, RI Area Coordinator has been reassigned as a Gift Administrative Specialist with The Rotary Foundation. If you have used Heather as a contact for our area at RI, please change your records to now contact either James Damato, Jr., Charlene Sobczak or Thomas Woods. They are listed on page 15 of your current district directory.

Casper Club President Elect, **Bill Sullivan**, has retired so please discontinue use of his work phone number. Also please change his email address to: wysullivans@msn.com.

## Seeking District Governor Applicants

If you are interested in being a District Governor for Rotary District 5440, contact District Nominating Committee Chair PDG Mike Tormey, mctormey1@comcast.net or DG Stu Palmer stupalmer@rmisp.com, for details of the interview and selection process. Interview date is January 24, 2009.

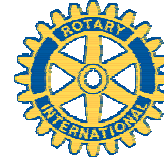


**Be a part of history and celebrate the 100th Rotary convention, which will take place in Birmingham, the heart of England!**

Information available at this link just copy and paste into your browser:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx?housead>

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**The Foundation Dinner-Denver  
A Celebration of the Rotary Foundation  
and Its Contributors**



**Keynote Speaker and Special Guest  
RI President D.K. Lee**

**Friday, January 16, 2009**

**Rotary Foundation Seminar  
Saturday, January 17, 2009**



## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Both of these events will take place at the  
Denver Tech Center Marriott  
4900 S. Syracuse St., Denver, CO 80237.  
More information and online registration available at  
[www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org)

# DISTRICT CALENDAR

## December - Family Month

1 - Hold club officer elections and report results to district secretary and RI

31 - End of calendar year-all contributions/gifts must be received by 31 December 2008 to receive 2008 tax receipts

## January - Rotary Awareness Month

### Information for the 2009-10 Official Directory due

9 & 10 - Presidential Membership Conference, Phoenix, AZ

for club presidents, AGs, district and club membership chairs

16 - All Club Luncheon, Fort Collins, CO

16 - Rotary Foundation Dinner, Denver, CO

17 - Rotary Foundation Seminar, Denver, CO

18-25 - International Assembly, San Diego, CA

## February - World Understanding Month

14 - Avenues of Service Citation due to RI from club presidents

20 - Annual Wine Tasting Gala at the Rendezvous Center, Torrington, WY

23 - World Understanding and Peace Day

27-March 1 - PETS, Marriott TechCenter, Denver, CO

## March - Literacy Month

31 - RI Presidential Citation and District Governor Citation forms due to DG

31 - Ambassadorial Scholarship, Rotary Grants for University Teachers and Rotary World Peace Scholarship Application Deadline

31 - Last day for receipt of Matching Grant and 3-H Grant applications; Simplified grant funds request due at TRF.

## April - Magazine Month

TBD—District Training Seminars

30-May 2 - District Conference, Jackson, WY

## May - District Convention Month

1 - Memo of club visits due from Assistant Governors

## June - Rotary Fellowships Month

15 - Nominations for Citation of Meritorious Service due

21-24 - RI Convention, Birmingham, England

30 - End of fiscal year - all gifts must be received at TRF by 10:00 am in order to count towards 2008-09 Rotary year.

To submit articles for this publication,  
please contact Stuart Palmer or  
Kellie Tovar.

We're on the web  
[www.rotary5440.org](http://www.rotary5440.org)