



# ROTARY DISTRICT 5440

## THE COMMUNIQUE

June, 2008



### International Convention Month

#### DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

By DG Nancy Pettus



DG Nancy, PDG Bill and daughters Marjie and Pam

What a whirlwind year this has been! As I look back on all that you have accomplished and the sharing of Rotary, it is mind boggling. I feel most privi-

leged to have been able to share some of these good things with you. And, then, to top it all off, we had a great district conference. The speakers and displays gave us all an opportunity to get inspired again by the good works of the clubs, the programs of our organization and the accomplishments of some of our Rotarians.

Let's take just a quick stroll down memory lane. During my visit I reminded you all about the goals of our President Wilf Wilkinson. Boy, did you come through. Forty-one of fifty clubs completed the Presidential Citation. I asked you to have a Family of Rotary event and let me know about it. Forty-seven clubs did that and received the Governor's Citation. Congratulations to Fort Collins

Breakfast, Fort Collins Foothills, Greeley Redeye, Jackson Hole Supper, Lander, Rawlins and Torrington for achieving the District Literacy Award. District Membership Awards went to Rawlins for retention efforts, Estes Valley Sunrise for recruitment and Estes Park for the amazing efforts they put into their new membership plan. Lots of membership ideas and samples were made available to all the clubs thanks to the Membership Committee.

Rotary International also recognized some outstanding efforts of our clubs: Jackson Hole Supper for Public Relations, Sedgwick County for Significant Achievement and for Best Cooperative Projects the clubs of Jackson Hole Breakfast, Loveland, Teton Valley and Thompson Valley. Congratulations and thank you for your efforts and achievements.

Many of our Rotarians had an opportunity to meet RI President Elect DK Lee during his visit to our Foundation/ Membership Seminar in Cheyenne in November. He is the first RI senior leader to be in the state of Wyoming. And, speaking of The Rotary Foundation, we surpassed our goal but won't know by how much until the final accounting is done. This looks to be a record year in that area also. More of our clubs are donating at the \$100 per person average than ever before; many of the clubs met their Foundation Annual Giving goals. We added to our Paul Harris Society (\$1,000 per year donation) and began the White Hat Society (\$5,000 one time donation plus finding someone else to do the same) and have seven members. A

#### Kudos

- To the following additional District 5440 clubs which have met or exceeded their Rotary Foundation goals for the Annual Programs Fund: Rotary Clubs of **Estes Valley Sunrise, Rawlins, Ski Town USA, Douglas, Cheyenne Sunrise, Laramie Sunrise, Cheyenne, Fort Collins and Kemmerer.**
- **PDG Jack Morrison** of Steamboat Springs Rotary upon becoming a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation.

special donation by Cody Rotarian Durell Williams is going to allow us to bring in additional GSE teams and to do some extra water projects in Central and South America. Thank you to all for your continuing commitment to Rotary and its projects and programs.

Just looking back on what I have seen it is very obvious that **Rotary Shares** and district Rotarians and clubs excel in sharing. I have had a most exciting, fun and rewarding year. Thank you for your support and your efforts on behalf of your local and the world communities.

## GREELEY AREA CHARTERS NEW CLUB



Tom Miller presents club bell to Tim Fleming

May 27, 2008 was a special night as the new Greeley After Hours Rotary Club was chartered as the newest member of District 5440. The club chartered with 25 members under the able

leadership of President Tim Fleming and new Secretary Kendall Alexander. Past Rotary International Directory Lynn Hammond, several Past District Governors and District Governor Nancy were all in attendance at the event.

PDG Mike Tormey, who served as the program emcee, was elated to be part of the development of the After Hours Club. He said members had been putting in much time and effort to bring the club to fruition. "This club provides an excellent opportunity to recruit new members who couldn't meet during the day and also gives local Rotarians another opportunity to make-up," he said. Right now the club will not have a formal meal. Instead light snacks and a beverage will suffice. The goal is to have a weekly one hour meeting which adjourns at 6:30 pm following the program.

Greeley Centennial President Tom Miller presented President Tim with the new club bell. DG Nancy Pettus gave banners, pins and a check from the Jackson Hole Breakfast Club. Ron Randle of Fort Collins Foothills presented con-



Members of the Greeley After Hours Rotary Club

gratulations and a large check on behalf of all Fort Collins clubs and Judy Tormey presented a gift on behalf of High Plains/Eaton. Cheyenne President Bob Womack presented a banner and hearty congratulations.

The Greeley After Hours club will be meeting on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm at Kenny's Steak House. President Tim encourages all local area Rotarians to attend a meeting to learn what the new club is all about and to meet new Rotarians.

## THANK YOU DISTRICT 5440

**THANK YOU TO THE CODY AND POWELL ROTARIANS WHO HELPED OUT ON SUCH A FANTASTIC CONFERENCE.**

**THANK YOU TO THE ROTARY CLUBS THAT SPONSORED SPEAKERS AND BREAKS FOR THE CONFERENCE.**

**THANK YOU TO THE ROTARY CLUBS WHO DONATED ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS, \$6,711 WAS RAISED.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BOUGHT BOOKS AT THE DG BANQUET—\$1,685 WAS RASIED TO PAY FOR THE BOOKS!**



- Condolences to the family of Harry Croll of Fort Collins Foothills Rotary Club who passed away in late May.

## WINDSOR TORNADO RELIEF

Windsor Rotary Club will be establishing a fund to take donations for Tornado relief. For more information, contact Ardin Wright, Windsor Rotary club president, at 970-690-1507 or [ardin.wright@comcast.net](mailto:ardin.wright@comcast.net).

## MEET THE ASSISTANT GOVERNOR CORNER



Dennis Tippets is a Wyoming native and graduate of Laramie High School and the University of Colorado Boulder where he served as student body vice president. He served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy and has worked in several management capacities with different companies. He is currently president of Minex Resources Inc. a mineral exploration company, and is also a Wyoming certified real estate appraiser.

For community service Dennis has been chairman of the Riverton school board, chairman of the Riverton Memorial Hospital board, president of IDEA Inc., mayor of Riverton, and was elected to four terms in the Wyoming House of Representatives. He has also served as chairman of the Wyoming Board of Equalization and is currently on the board of directors for the Yellowstone Development Corp. and on the hospital Bio-Ethics committee.

Dennis was the charter president of the Riverton Rotary Club in 1978, and has also been a member of the Cheyenne Rotary Club. He has been a Rotary Club Director or committee chairman for over 21 years, and previously served as an assistant to a Rotary District Governor. He has been married to his wife Dianne for 45 years and they have three children and five grandchildren. The family has hosted several Rotary Youth Exchange students in the past.

Dennis is the Assistant Governor for Riverton, Lander and Thermopolis.

## THERMOPOLIS CELEBRATES FAMILY OF ROTARY

Thermopolis Rotary Club held their Celebration of "The Family of Rotary" Event on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Big Horn Federal Meeting Room in Thermopolis. Printed invitations were sent to Rotarians and Spouses, past Rotarians, previous Rotary Exchange students who lived in town, any past RYLA students still in Thermopolis, our present Exchange Student, Nico Geron from France and his Host Families, 2 Exchange students and their Host families from Worland and some guest and prospective Rotarians. We had a good attendance of more than 60 people. We also advertised in the paper and on the Radio to make sure that all interested individuals would know about the event.

Dinner was catered and everyone enjoyed the meal before we introduced our guest speakers. They included our Inbound Exchange student, Nico with a photo Presentation of Bordeaux, France, our Rebound Exchange student, Josh Stump with a presentation of his year in Mt. Gambier, South Australia and my Rotarian Father from Zimbabwe, Africa with his presentation about the way life is in Zimbabwe.

## FOUR WAY TEST FOR THIRD GRADERS



Thermopolis Rotary Club Members visited Ralph Witters Elementary for 4 weeks in a row to share the stories of the Four Way Test Coloring Book with 3 Third

Grade Classes. Three to 4 Rotarians were present at each session and asked questions of the young students and shared thoughts with them to reinforce the Four Questions of the Four Way Test. The students were attentive, interactive and well behaved. They enjoyed the music and songs that went with the stories and intoned with the recording. The teachers were very helpful and followed through with the exercises and activities that were recommended for each of the Four Statements.

## RIVERTON HOLDS THEME DINNER FOR YE STUDENT

Each year the Rotary Club of Riverton holds a theme dinner for its Youth Exchange student. The event highlights the country from which the student has come. Food is prepared from that country and is provided by a member of the club who owns a restaurant. This dinner provides club members, their family members and other community members an opportunity to taste the cuisine of their Youth Exchange student. This year Camille Couste from France was the honored student and diners enjoyed a variety of dishes typical of Camille's country.

Proceeds from this dinner were given to Camille to help fund her participation in the end of the year bus tour. All Youth Exchange students are offered the opportunity to go on a bus tour of the Southwestern United States after they have completed their school and before they head back to their native country, family and friends.

## LANDER ROTARY BUSY WITH INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL PROJECTS

By Ernie Over

It's been another busy year for the Lander Rotary Club with a variety of international, literacy and community projects filling the calendar.



Dale Peterson administered fluoride and dental treatments in eastern Honduras

The club obtained a \$1,500 District 5440 Simplified Grant, matched by \$750 in club funds, for a Missions of Mercy medical trip to a remote section of eastern Honduras this past spring. Missions of Mercy is a Lander-based non-governmental organization dedicated to helping remote populations in Honduras who do not have access to regular medical care. Lander Rotarians Dr. Dale and Jennifer Peterson, and other medical professionals, have dedicated 30 years of service to these, and other Central American communities, bringing medicine and basic medical and dental care to these isolated inhabitants. The villagers of the Las Mosquitia are accessible only by dugout canoe and suffer from parasitic infestations and dental infections.

Services provided to residents of these small isolated jungle villages include administration of fluoride treatments and medication for parasitic infestations, plus other medicines, basic medical and dental care, and distribution of eyeglasses, clothing and blankets. Educational programs are also delivered via portable television/DVD system powered by a gasoline generator.

A second international project which involved the Lander Valley High School Interact Club occurred in late May when four students and a group of Lander Rotarians traveled to North Central Mexico's Canyon Country to assist the Tarahumara people with infrastructure improvements to a local school and other facilities. The Lander Rotary and Interact clubs have, for the past three years, supported scholarships for students in remote canyon country to obtain an elementary level education there, and have send work crews from Lander each summer to help improve facilities in this remote area. The Interact Club's fundraising throughout the school year supports \$500 in scholarship assistance to this program.

On the literacy front, the Lander and Riverton clubs jointly conducted a dictionary distribution to each fourth grade pupil in Fremont County, purchasing and delivering over 650 dictionaries from The Dictionary Project for public, private and home-schooled kids. Additionally the two clubs teamed up to support the Wyoming Reads program, providing each Fremont County first grade pupil with a book, a lunch and a day of storytelling at the county library branch in Riverton.



Interact President Allie Schreuder told about club's trip to Central America



Joe Megeath & Ernie Over distributed dictionaries in Dubois

On the birthday of Dr. Seuss creator Theodore Geisel, Lander Rotarian Helen Higby recruited the Cat in the Hat to read with elementary school students in Lander, an annual tradition. Eight Lander Rotarians also read to kindergarten and/or first grade students in Lander's three elementary schools each week during the school year, marking an annual commitment to the "Read To Me" program.

The Lander Rotary Club hosted a local appearance of the Harlem Ambassadors basketball show team in March to benefit several local charities. Before a good crowd at Lander Valley High School's Bob Carey Memorial Fieldhouse, over \$4,000 was raised, after expenses, to benefit the building fund at the Care and Share food bank, an upgrade of the Help for Health "Cancer Van" which transports oncology patients to Casper for treatment three times each week, plus the LVHS Interact and Change Attitudes Now clubs.

The Wind River Wine Festival held in February drew a large crowd to the Best Western Inn at Lander in another fund raising effort to support local community groups and Rotary scholarships. A silent auction raised a record \$1,500 for these projects.

Lander Rotarians annual host major community feasts, providing a buffalo bratwurst barbecue each Independence Day and a spaghetti dinner in association with the Rocky Mountain Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog race each January. These two major fund raising events support Lander Rotary's annual community outreach and scholarship programs.



Patty Trautman is served by Riverton Rotarian John Snell at Riverton's Annual Crab Crack

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



Buffalo Bill welcomed Rotarians



Senator Alan Simpson



Jo Ann Settles speaks from the heart about Polio Eradication



Congratulations on 70 years, Rotary Club of Morrill club president Bill Whitaker



Helen Bishop of JH Supper and Lloyd Baker of Star Valley



Service project in progress



Completed service project



Visiting Guatemalan Rotarians with DG Nancy



Durell and Virginia Williams—thank you for your support and vision



A big thanks to our conference chair Kathy Boni-Thompson



The Codification of District 1390 GSE Team

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED



District 5440 GSE Team



Outstanding Club Presidents (pictured left to right AG Nancy Muldoon & Mike Forney accepting for Sandy Evans-Hall, Eleanor Jones, Pat Bols, Chuck Rutenberg and Gladys Van Drie



New Bequest Society Members  
Doug Mannering (above) and  
Maren Erickson (below)  
with SangKoo Yun and DG Nancy



The cowboyification of SangKoo & Eunsun Yun  
by DGE Stuart Palmer and PDG John Patton

## ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR



Rotarian of the Year Tom Miller, pictured at right, with wife Lynn. Peter Youngers assists DG Nancy.

## DISTRICT CLUB SERVICE AWARDS

**Ted Almquist Award** (largest percentage of growth - based on club membership size)

1-32 Members: **Winner:** Rotary Club of Star Valley (14.28%)

33-65 Members: **Winner:** Rotary Club of Loveland Mountain View (50%)

66+ Members: **Winner:** Rotary Club of Cody (9.375%)

**Club Attendance Award:** Three categories based on club membership size:

1-32 Members: **Winner:** Rotary Club of Ski Town, USA (79.96%)

33-65 Members: **Winner:** Rotary Club of Estes Valley Sunrise (83.34%)

66+ Members: **Winner:** Rotary Club of Loveland (81.90%)

**Cecil Staver Award** - Best club communication efforts.

**Winner:** Rotary Club of Fort Collins

**Honorable Mention:** Rotary Club of Loveland Thompson Valley

### **District Community Service Award(s)**

Best Community Service Project(s)

**Winner Small Club:** Rotary Club of Windsor (Health Fair)

**Honorable Mention:** Rotary Club of Torrington

**Honorable Mention:** Rotary Club of Loveland Mountain View

**Winner Large Club:** Rotary Club of Fort Collins (Matthews House)

**Honorable Mention:** Rotary Club of Casper

**Honorable Mention:** Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast

### **District Vocational Service Award(s)**

Best Vocational service project(s)

**Winner Small Club:** No applicants

**Winners Large Club:**

Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast (Career Xperience)

Rotary Club of Fort Collins (Merit Badge University)

### **District World Community Service Awards**

WCS/International Service not involving a Matching Grant

**Winner:** Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast (Roads Scholar Trip)

**Honorable Mention:** Rotary Club of Fort Collins Foothills

**Honorable Mention:** Rotary Club of Casper Five Trails

**Honorable Mention:** Rotary Club of Loveland Thompson Valley

**Honorable Mention:** Rotary Club of Fort Collins

WCS/International Service involving a Matching Grant

**Winner:** Rotary Club of Torrington (Peru Water Project)

**Winner:** Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast (Roads Scholar Trip)

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## **DISTRICT CLUB SERVICE AWARDS CONTINUED**

WCS/International Service involving a District Simplified Grant

**Winner:** Rotary Club of Cody (Wheelchairs to Guatemala)

**Honorable Mention:** Rotary Club of Torrington

### **District Conference Display Award**

**Winner:** Rotary Club of Torrington

### **District Literacy Awards**

Rotary Clubs of:

Fort Collins Breakfast	Lander
Fort Collins Foothills	Rawlins
Greeley Redeye	Torrington
Jackson Hole Supper	

### **District Membership Awards**

Rotary Clubs of:

Rawlins-Retention  
Estes Valley Sunrise-Recruitment  
Estes Park-Overall efforts and plan

### **RI Public Relations Award**

**Winner:** Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Supper

**RI Best Cooperative Projects Awards** - Recognizes outstanding Rotary club service projects done in cooperation with other organizations.

Rotary Clubs of:

Jackson Hole Breakfast	Loveland Thompson Valley
Loveland	Teton Valley

**RI Significant Achievement Award** - Recognizes an outstanding club service project which addresses a significant need in the local community and involves most club members in personal rather than monetary service, is currently active and carried out by a single Rotary club.

**Winner:** Rotary Club of Sedgwick County

**RI Membership Development and Extension Award** - Highest growth rate in District 5440 during 2007-08

**Winner:** Rotary Club of Loveland Mountain View

**RI Membership Development and Extension Award** - Most new members in District 5440 during 2007-08

**Winner:** Rotary Club of Loveland Mountain View

### **USA/Canada Youth Exchange Network Award for Outstanding District Committee**

**Winner:** Year Long Youth Exchange Committee



## DISTRICT CLUB SERVICE AWARDS CONTINUED

**The Rotary Foundation District Service Awards** - Recognizes club presidents for outstanding service in promoting TRF; clubs with \$100 or more per person average in TRF giving during 2007-08.

Rotary Clubs of:

Casper 5 Trails - Nancy Doegler  
 Cheyenne - Bob Womack  
 Craig - Randy Looper  
 Estes Park - Gladys Van Drie  
 Fort Collins - Chuck Rutenberg  
 Fort Collins After Work  
 Fort Collins Breakfast - Patrick Bols  
 Fort Collins Foothills - Ron Randle  
 Gillette - Mike Davis  
 Gillette-Energy - John Cotton  
 High Plains (Eaton) - Judy Meyer  
 Jackson Hole - Rob Weed  
 Jackson Hole Breakfast  
 Jackson Hole Supper - Ellen Wilson  
 Loveland - Nanci Garnand  
 Loveland Thompson Valley - Denny Varns  
 Rawlins - Daniel Pont  
 Sheridan - Michael McCafferty  
 Ski Town USA - Evlyn Berge  
 Star Valley - Marta Heap  
 Steamboat Springs - Sandy Evans-Hall  
 Torrington - Eleanore Jones

### APRIL, 2008 ATTENDANCE

ROTARY CLUB	Apr - 08 Attendance	Apr - 08 Members	July - 07 Members	Change YTD	Change Per Mth	ROTARY CLUB	Apr - 08 Attendance	Apr - 08 Members	July - 07 Members	Change YTD	Change Per Mth
Buffalo	54.44	36	35	+1	0	Laramie	60.16	106	105	+1	+1
Casper	47.07	196	197	-1	0	Laramie Sunrise	58.33	24	23	+1	+1
Casper 5 Trails	41.00	65	65	0	0	Loveland	83.00	177	171	+6	+3
Cheyenne	59.00	212	205	+7	+5	Loveland Mtn View	51.00	51	32	+19	0
Cheyenne Sunrise	54.00	31	29	+2	0	Loveland TV	48.56	49	52	-3	-2
Cody	64.00	70	64	+6	+1	Morrill	78.00	18	21	-3	0
Craig	74.00	19	21	-2	0	Powell	48.67	31	41	-10	0
Douglas	63.00	42	42	0	0	Ranchester/Dayton	Not Rep'd	19	18	+1	0
Estes Park	81.50	117	119	-2	+2	Rawlins	49.29	31	31	0	-2
Estes Valley Sunrise	82.03	65	61	+4	0	Riverton	55.10	49	52	-3	0
Evanston	77.00	41	41	0	+1	Rock Springs	45.62	32	31	+1	0
Ft. Collins	65.40	194	184	+9	+3	Scottsbluff/Gering	56.58	113	115	-2	0
Ft. Collins Breakfast	72.56	69	69	0	0	Sedgwick County	75.80	24	24	0	+1
Ft. Collins Foothills	67.22	113	107	+6	+4	Sheridan	59.94	134	131	+3	+1
Ft. Collins After Work	63.33	23	25	-2	-1	Ski Town, USA	87.09	31	32	-1	0
Gillette	44.84	63	57	+6	+1	Star Valley	56.00	16	14	+2	0
Gillette-Energy	59.00	59	62	-3	+2	Steamboat Springs	62.72	95	95	0	-1
Greeley	41.98	161	161	0	+3	Sterling	43.68	40	41	-1	0
Greeley Centennial	55.91	120	116	+4	+1	Teton Valley	58.00	40	30	+10	+1
Greeley Redeye	51.50	35	32	+3	+2	Thermopolis	62.00	28	28	0	+3
High Plains (Eaton)	68.00	32	30	+2	0	Torrington	69.00	66	64	+2	+1
Jackson Hole	54.00	200	189	+11	+1	Worland	60.00	34	35	-1	-1
Jackson Breakfast	62.00	13	17	-4	0	Worland	Not Rep'd	37	41	-4	0
Jackson Supper	50.00	34	34	0	-1	<b>Greeley After Hours</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+25</b>	<b>+25</b>
Johnstown/Milliken	56.00	19	22	-3	0	<b>chartered on June 10, 2008</b>					
Kemmerer	80.00	25	23	+2	0						
Lander	62.73	73	74	-1	0	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>3397</b>	<b>3308</b>	<b>+89</b>	<b>+54</b>