



THE COMMUNIQUÉ



March, 2008

Literacy Month

COOKE SELECTED DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE

Greeley Rotarian and Assistant Governor Bryan Cooke has been selected as District 5440 Governor Nominee. He will assume this office July 1, 2008 and will serve as District Governor in 2010-11.



Bryan and Carolyn Cooke

Bryan was born in Agra, India but his professional career has been in the United States. He recently retired from the University of Northern Colorado where he served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Community Health and Nutrition. He was also Graduate Coordinator at UNC. Bryan has received numerous fellowships including three Fulbright Fellows and a Rotary Professor appointment.

DGND Cooke is an avid Rotarian and has served District 5440 in many capacities. In 2007 he led the GSE team to New Zealand. On several

occasions he has served as trainer at the High Country President Elects Training Seminar (PETS). He has been a RYLA counselor, participated on site in Rotary Foundation programs and has written several successful Foundation grant applications. As an educator he has had an interest in the Ambassadorial Scholarship program and served as chair of that committee from 1993-95. Bryan's academic focus was health and nutrition. The Rotary polio campaigns have been a major interest and he has participated in a variety of National Immunization Days. Recently he has served as Assistant Governor for the Greeley clubs.

In his "spare" time Bryan assists with many volunteer groups. A long time interest is rugby and he was inducted into the Eastern Rockies Rugby Football Union Hall of Fame in 1999. His long time love is wife Carolyn, who is very supportive of Bryan's Rotary involvement. Bryan said, "I am excited about the prospect of serving as District Governor. I really appreciate the mentoring and help I have received from prior District Governors. It will help me prepare for my year as governor."

Kudos

- To the **Rotary Club of Loveland** for approval of a Volunteer Services Grant. Rotarians Ron Hogan, John Turnage, Richard Schilling, Dennis Daughtery and John Curtis will travel to Tehuacan, Mexico to provide dental services in schools.

- To **Bill Pettus**, District Foundation Chair, for serving as an International Training Leader for DGE's at the International Assembly in San Diego, California.

- To the following additional District 5440 clubs which have met or exceeded their Rotary Foundation goals for the Annual Program Fund: **Ft. Collins Foothills, High Plains (Eaton), Jackson Hole Supper, Scottsbluff/Gering and Torrington.**

- To the **Cody Club Rotarians** for traveling to Guatemala to deliver and distribute a shipping container of wheelchairs. Also attending were Rotarians from **Powell** and the **Jackson Hole Breakfast and Supper** clubs.

- Special thanks to **Roger Kearns** of the Cody Rotary Club for spearheading the wheelchair distribution project in Guatemala.

- To **Thompson Valley Rotary Club** for their great news coverage on their hearts project.

- To **Powell Rotary Club** for its successful super bowl party which included family members and inbound youth exchange students. A spirited Rotary event.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



DG Nancy distributing dictionaries at a Fort Collins school.

Can you remember not being able to read? Most of us have some fond memories of sitting with a parent and looking at books while they read to us; however, I also remember working hard to figure out those letters so I could read for myself. Most of us master that skill while we are still

very young. It is hard to imagine adults throughout our own country and the world who struggle because they cannot read and write with ease.

Many projects carried out around the world focus upon literacy and this is the month during which we should reflect on our ability to help both at home and in other countries. In this age of electronics and massive information availability, it is critical that youth are prepared to take their places in their communities and the world of work. We should not, however, forget that we might also be able to have a significant project at home. Does your community have those individuals who struggle and must take menial jobs because of lack of skills? Do you also see a workforce of potential workers who struggle with English? These populations might well be the target of a new project for your club.

Projects that are occurring around our district are inspiring. It doesn't matter whether your club has discretionary funds for a literacy project. How about going to your local school or library and reading to students and children? You can sponsor an adopt a book for a school library. Does your club assist with Raising Readers to keep local pediatrician's offices supplied with books for the mothers with new babies? You might provide a book to a local school in honor of a speaker at your club in lieu of the coffee mug or pen. Maybe your club participates in a dictionary project. What an amazing experience to see the smiles as each child receives their own personal dictionary. Any and all of these projects to supply books and experiences to children are most rewarding. I'm hoping that some of you have also extended some of these experiences to adults in your communities.

Most of the major issues in our world have illiteracy as a component. Water and health concerns certainly are usually addressed not only by supplying water or equipment and medicines but also by containing an educational component. The lack of knowledge and information is a root cause of many of these issues. As we tackle the problems of illiteracy we also tackle most of the other problems facing our world community.

We all have a bit of the teacher in us and who can pass up the book section in your local store or the book sale at your local library? Think about how you can show that **Rotary Shares** in addressing the problem of illiteracy.



- Condolences to the family of Cecil Staver, a Fort Collins Rotarian, who passed away October 30, 2007.

- Condolences to the family of Leonard "Mac" McEwan, a Sheridan Rotarian, who passed away January 24, 2008.

- Please extend best wishes to John Guy, Powell Rotary Club, and former member of the District Membership Committee who was recently diagnosed with cancer. He has had to resign his position on the Membership Committee but felt he had made progress in his area.

- Extend special Rotarian wishes to Rotarian Pete Moyer of the Teton Valley Rotary Club for a speedy recovery following recent shoulder surgery.

- Our thoughts are with Evlyn Berge, President of Steamboat Springs Ski Town, on the illness of her mother.

- Extend Rotarian thoughts to AG Jo Suftko and her husband during his cancer treatments.



DG Nancy and PDG Bill strongly believe in The Rotary Foundation. This photo shows many of the people they have designated Paul Harris Fellows throughout their Rotary careers. Included in the photo, besides Bill and Nancy are daughters Marjorie, Pam and Heather, sons-in-law Brian and Ricky and grandchildren Elena, Johnathan, Kyla and Brianna. Other family members who are also PHF's were unable to attend the event pictured.

Nancy and Bill have also designated non-relatives as PHF's in honor of their contributions to their communities and/or professions.



Rotarian Jeff Marsh pictured with Amaya de Aguirre Miren, a youth exchange student who just arrived from Argentina. Amaya is hosted by the Torrington Rotary Club.

MEET THE ASSISTANT GOVERNOR CORNER



A native of Fort Collins, John Roberts earned his BA in International Affairs at the University of Colorado. Following two years in Somalia with the Peace Corps and Law School in Washington, D.C., he entered the US Foreign Service (AID) as a career officer. Taking a government sabbatical in 1977, John earned an MS in Regional Planning at Cornell University. After serving in 17 countries (Nicaragua, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Malawi, Kenya, Egypt, Dominican Republic, Botswana, Liberia, Madagascar, Ukraine, Tunisia, Malta, and the Solomon Islands) retired from government service in 1998 and returned to Fort Collins where he now teaches International Studies at Colorado State University. He is also active in his Church and the American Red Cross.

John's married children live in Denver (Centennial and Lakewood) from where he can watch his four grandchildren grow into young adults, and hopefully someday, Rotarians.

John joined Rotary in Botswana in 1985, and has served as an Club Officer and Board Member in Gaborone Botswana, Monrovia Liberia, Antananarivo Madagascar, Honiara Solomon Islands, and the Rotary Club of Fort Collins, serving as President in 2005-2006 during our Centennial Year. He has been active in World Community Service, Four-Way Test Committee, Fellowship, Music, and Awards. Over the past five years, John has hosted Rotary Youth Exchange Students from Thailand, Turkey, Italy, and Belgium.

John is the assistant governor for the Rotary Clubs of Fort Collins, Fort Collins After Work, Fort Collins Breakfast, Fort Collins Foothills and Windsor.

WINDSOR CO-HOST OF LITERACY CARNIVAL

by Bruce Florquist



Rotarians Doug Couse, left and Karen Trusler, right Work at the "puppet" station during the Literacy

On October 25 of last year, the Windsor Rotary Club, in conjunction with United Way of Weld (CO) County hosted a Windsor's Family Literacy Carnival at Skyview Elementary School in Windsor. This program was developed by United Way in response to a 2004 local school district report that stated "Over 70% of English Speaking students entering Kindergarten are not meeting minimum standards for literacy."

The Windsor Rotary Club sought and was awarded a \$2000 simplified District Grant to buy the materials for the event. This money was matched with \$500 from the club and another \$500 from the Bank of Colorado. These materials were used at the carnival and then packets of the materials were given to each family that attended to use at home to better prepare their children in literacy.

The Carnival consisted of eleven different stations that each family could visit. These stations featured activities including magnetic letters and ABC puzzles, music, writing, water play, puppets and more. At each booth, the children participated in the activity with volunteers, many of whom were Rotarians. The volunteers modeled the activity for the parents while trained professionals educated the parents on the importance of the activity and how it could help to increase the child's literacy skills.

The event, brought about through the efforts of Rotarian Chris Leffler, Community Services Chairman, was much more successful than anticipated. The \$3000 went to purchase 100 family packets to be given away, but 126 families attended and participated. Fortunately, additional packets were available, and no family went home empty handed. In addition to the Windsor Rotary Club, and United Way, the project was assisted with volunteers and staff from Skyview Elementary and financial support from the Bank of Colorado's Windsor Branch.

BOOKS TO SCHOOLS

by President Ron Randle

One of the simple, yet effective ways that the Fort Collins Foothills Rotary Club contributes to literacy in the city happens each and every time it has its weekly meeting. For over five years now, the Club has expressed its appreciation to its guest speakers by asking them to sign books that are then donated to local elementary school li-

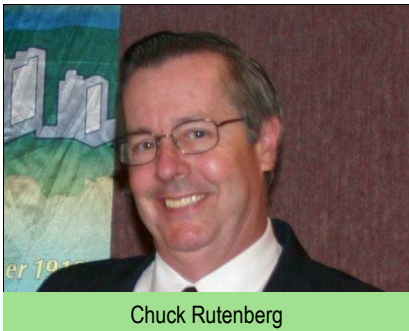


"YE student Kristine Lillegard of Norway signs a book following her program at Ft. Collins Foothills Rotary. President Ron Randle looks on."

braries. Speakers have often expressed that they feel honored by this gesture. The additional benefit of having done this is that it has exposed the Club's many speakers and guests to one of the simple, but important, things that the club focuses on. Since the Club is obviously limited to the number of schools it can help in this way, it works directly with the school district's administration to select schools that are in the most need of books. This program has been very well received and the Club highly recommends it to other clubs looking for a more meaningful way to recognize its speakers.

“THE BRAIN GAME”

By Chuck Rutenberg, Fort Collins Club President



Chuck Rutenberg

The Rotary Club of Fort Collins is launching a new Literacy “pilot” project this spring called “The Brain Game”. We believe that this is the ultimate Literacy project since its focus is new born babies during the first three years of life.

Scientists have recently discovered how truly important the first three years of a child’s life are in the brain development process. Research has demonstrated that with proper education, parents can greatly enhance their child’s brain development by engaging in specific behaviors such as touching, talking, and reading to their baby. Unfortunately, most current medical research is very technical and difficult for the average new parent to understand.

Therefore, there is a strong need to get information out to parents in a format that is accessible, applicable, and easy to understand.

“The Brain Game” is a user-friendly parental resource book on infant and early childhood brain development. The book breaks down complex brain development research findings into an easy-to-understand guide, which explains to parents why and how their child is learning and developing. Additionally, the book contains specific activities, songs, and suggested behaviors that parents can engage in to help foster their child’s intellectual and social development.

“The Brain Game” is designed for a wide audience of parents ranging from young, first time, mothers to experienced parents. In addition to serving as an educational resource for parents, the book will also serve as a tool to facilitate communication between parents and their pediatrician or nurse practitioner. This book is available in both English and Spanish.

The Rotary Club of Fort Collins has launched a pilot program to distribute this exciting new resource to new parents in our community. We will be working to develop partnerships within the community to help deliver this book with the ultimate goal of providing “The Brain Game” to every new parent in the Fort Collins.

We are also going to pursue the possibility of partnering with our Rotarian friends in Guatemala to provide “The Brain Game” to new parents there through a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.

If you want more information on this program, please contact Chuck Rutenberg at chuckrutenberg@msn.com



FORT COLLINS AFTER WORK

By Bill Krupke, Club President

Fort Collins Rotary After Work carried out a small program a couple of years ago which consisted of presenting each of our speakers with a book which we in turn would present to one of the elementary school libraries in the name of the speaker. The program experienced some difficulties by way of logistics (little club, no storage for books, members committed to other projects, etc.). As a result the program has lain dormant for over a year and has only recently come back into consideration.

I think that this program as well as the dictionary program being under taken by at least one other club locally are ideally suited for some of the smaller clubs so long as the logistical challenges can be met.

DISTRICT 5440 LITERACY COMMITTEE

The District
5440 Literacy
Committee
Members are:
PP Susan Pe-
terson of Fort
Collins Break-
fast Rotary
Club, **PP**



Susan Peterson, Chair

Susan Baxley of Rawlins Rotary Club,
John Jorgensen of Casper Rotary Club,
PP Kraig Kobert of Jackson Hole Rotary
Club and **PP Larry** Salmen of Fort Collins
Rotary Club.

BOOKS FOR BABIES

The Torrington Rotary Club has developed a project to purchase books for babies born in 2007-08. Packets of books along with information about literacy and the importance of reading to children will be included. Parent tips on making reading fun will also be a part of the packets distributed. Medical staff at the Goshen County Community Hospital will hand the reading materials to the mother upon checkout.

Torrington Rotarians anticipate the project will benefit their community by helping children get a better start in life as their parents learn the importance of reading to them. Research shows that children who are read to in their homes have better reading rates in school than children without any preschool exposure.

As Goshen County is a low income county this project will assist families in acquiring books which may otherwise be considered a luxury. The club wrote a District Simplified Grant to assist them with this project.

DICTIONARIES FOR FORT COLLINS STUDENTS Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast

In 2005 – 2006, with the help of Rotary READ the Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast conducted a pilot program to assess the impact on learning in a proposed third grade dictionary program. This pilot program involved three third grade classes in one school with approximately 50 students and three teachers. All students and teachers were given their own copy of the Houghton Mifflin Children's Dictionary. This dictionary was selected after an extensive evaluation of alternatives by teachers and media specialists to determine which dictionary would have the largest impact on student learning. It extensively uses pictures and includes a thesaurus and world atlas to extend its usefulness. If the pilot program proved successful, the plan was to expand the program to as many third graders in the Poudre School District as possible in 2006 – 2007. The pilot program demonstrated that using this dictionary and incorporating it into the regular learning curriculum, the teacher could significantly improve student vocabulary. In fact, the dictionary became the reading material of choice for many students.

During 2006 – 2007, the Club provided significant funding which was supplemented by District Simplified Grants, the Rotary Club of Fort



Collins, and a private foundation to ensure that all third graders received dictionaries. This program involved delivery of 1888 dictionaries to students and teachers at 30 schools. During the 2007 – 2008 school year the Club purchased and delivered a dictionary to every third grade student in the public schools in Fort Collins as a club project. The funding in 2007-2008 was supported by the sale of Colorado peaches to the community. Thanks to a Club member, the dictionaries are purchased at a significant discount from retail price but the program is still a tremendous financial commitment, requiring over \$18,000 annually.

After three years, the Club has received numerous unsolicited, heart-warming “thank-you” notes from students, faculty, administrators, and parents for this level of commitment to increasing student literacy.

FORT COLLINS ROTARY AND THE SANTA MARIA ORPHANAGE

by Connie Pfeiffenberger

Clean water and revitalized schools are raising emerging partnerships, new industry and further opportunities for the Santa Maria orphanage near Colon, Mexico.

This positive change began in 2004 when LeRoy Salazar (RC San Luis Valley, CO) convinced Dave Stewart (RC Fort Collins, CO) to visit an abandoned Franciscan Monastery (circa 1850) housing about 300 orphans, some of whom were malnourished, sick and “throw away” children.



Orphanage now offers opportunities to children.

A Rotary Matching Grant and financial support and expertise of Rotary clubs and districts in Queretaro, Mexico, and multiple clubs in Colorado and Montana have produced nearly endless possibilities, transforming the next generation of street kids into priests, doctors, teachers, trades people and aqua-engineers instead.

Additional expertise from Carroll College’s (Helena, MT) Engineers Without Borders who have adopted the orphanage for at least four more years, private company’s like German based Siemens Electronics and several levels of the International Reading Association, Hope for Children, the Catholic Church and Sisters of Our Lady Trinity have filled the gaps in possibilities.

To date the orphanage has a new wastewater system, four 5,000 gallon water tanks, a solar aeration system, revitalized school teaching aqua-culture and micro-business to advancing students and a healthy food supply, now including rabbits and its first batch of tilapia (white fish), soon to be supplemented by root crops and fruit trees that will allow the orphanage to be self-sufficient, with excess food supplies to sell.

In the short term a security fence, aeration system and irrigation system need to be completed.

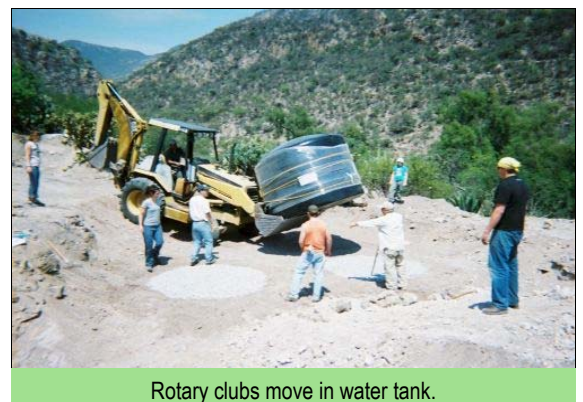
Looking to the future, a major dam that fell into disrepair during the revolution needs to be returned to service to allow irrigation of an additional 50 to 75 acres. “But this project needs luck, ‘horsepower’ and government to look the other way while we fix this dam situation,” Stewart says of his hopes for this project in the next five years. “Rotary Clubs and Districts in Mexico need to step forward in support of the Santa Maria Orphanage (the third largest in Mexico) to give these kids reason to stay in Mexico and improve living conditions in the region.”

The goal is to educate all the children through the eighth grade and encourage them to go on to high school, become trades people and professionals who can be productive adults who will assume responsibility for the orphanage, generate new business opportunity in the region, as well as supporting their own families, at which point Rotary can step aside.

A micro-credit system is being organized to give graduates a “hand-up” to become business people. Siemens is also looking at a vocational program to help the high school graduates move up to higher paying technical jobs.

Stewart adds, “Limited financial resources go such a long way in making a difference in Mexico. Hopefully what Rotary is doing with this project will become a prototype for international cooperation and multi-organizational partnerships that can be followed in other third-world areas.”

For more information contact Stewart at dave.stewart@stewartenv.com or visit the Rotary Club of Fort Collins at <http://www.rotarycluboffortcollins.org/>.



Rotary clubs move in water tank.

JO ANNE SETTLES WILL SPEAK AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE



Jo Anne is past president of the Rotary Club of Victoria Sunrise, Victoria, Texas and is currently the membership chair. She serves District 5930 as the PolioPlus Chairman. Jo Anne and her husband, PDG Billy Settles, participated in a Polio National Immunization Day in Ahmedabad, India in 2003. She is a 2006-07 recipient of the Rotary-WHO Regional Service Award for a Polio Free World. Jo Anne is a Registered Nurse, specialty Community Health Nursing, and is an Associate Professor of Nursing at Victoria College.



June 5-7, 2008
Visit www.rotary5440.org
for registration details.

POWELL ROTARY CLUB HONORS GLORIA HEDDERMAN AS ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

The Powell Rotary Club recently honored



Gloria Hedderman pictured with Powell club president Terry Collins

one of its own by naming Gloria Frisby Hedderman as Rotarian of the Year for 2007. "In the true

fashion of *Service Above Self*, Gloria has once again gone above and beyond the call of duty in support of Rotary and the Powell community. The tribute bestowed today is in recognition of Gloria's leadership as Chairman of Powell Rotary's inaugural Art Fling in 2007. Inscribed *In Recognition of Vision, Passion, and Perseverance*, this Rotarian of the Year award symbolizes Gloria's determination and hard work in establishing the Powell Rotary Art Fling, and is a tribute to her passion for Rotary and the Powell community," said Terry Collins, Powell Rotary's 2007 President.

Gloria Hedderman is broker/owner of the Wyoming Real Estate Network, a firm she founded in 1996. A licensed real estate agent since 1973, Gloria was named "Realtor of the Year" by the Park County Board of Realtors in 2000. She is Past President of the Park County Board of Realtors and has served on both the Powell School Board and the Northwest College Foundation Board of Directors.

Gloria's recognition as Rotarian of the Year for 2007 culminates over 20 years of service to Rotary. "During these years there have been many examples of Gloria's contribution to Rotary and the community that are equally deserving of this award. Today we honor her inspiration in founding the Rotary Art Fling, and reward her tireless work to ensure its success," said Collins. The Art Fling is Powell Rotary's major fundraiser. Proceeds from the Rotary Art Fling raise funds for Northwest College scholarships and supports other charitable needs in the community

ROTARIANS DISTRIBUTE WHEELCHAIRS



Rotarians get ready for the wheel chair distribution.

Eleven District 5440 Rotarians representing four clubs recently assisted in the distribution of an entire container of wheelchairs in Guatemala City, Guatemala. A container holds 280 wheelchairs with a value of \$42,000.

The Cody Rotary Club under the able leadership of Roger Kearns spearheaded the project. Club members decided to raise \$21,000 and work with the Wheelchair Foundation to obtain \$21,000 in matching funds. In addition, contributions were received from the Powell, Morrill and Red Lodge, Montana clubs.

Distribution in Guatemala was arranged by the Rotary Club of Guatemala City East which had experience with seven previous wheelchair projects. Those receiving chairs



DG Nancy with an 83 year old recipient.



A mother cries with joy.

ranged in age from two to ninety and exhibited a variety of handicaps. Sadly, Guatemalan Rotarians explained that many were disabled as a result of illiteracy and not being aware of proper health care procedures before it was too late. Many of the elderly receiving chairs reside in nursing homes and their chairs will receive continued use by future patients.

Rotarian Roger Kearns noted that the project was very emotional for him because of the emotions felt by those who received chairs. Elderly recipients and mothers of young children often had tears running down their cheeks and thanked Rotarians profusely for their gift. DG Nancy, who also assisted in the distribution, said, "Providing chairs to those in such need was truly a humbling and memorable experience. Their faces said it all."



Roger Kearns (left) of Cody Rotary with Alejandro, the Guatemala coordinator.

JANUARY, 2008 ATTENDANCE

ROTARY CLUB	Dec - 07 Attendance	Dec - 07 Members	July - 07 Members	Change YTD	Change Per Mth	ROTARY CLUB	Dec - 07 Attendance	Dec - 07 Members	July - 07 Members	Change YTD	Change Per Mth
Buffalo	68.42	38	35	+3	+1	Kemmerer	85.00	25	23	+2	0
Casper	49.57	195	197	-2	0	Lander	61.82	74	74	0	-1
Casper 5 Trails	50.40	65	65	0	0	Laramie	59.07	104	105	-1	+1
Cheyenne	58.00	208	205	+3	+3	Laramie Sunrise	73.82	22	23	-1	0
Cheyenne Sunrise	77.00	32	29	+3	+1	Loveland	83.00	170	171	-1	+3
Cody	71.00	65	64	+1	0	Loveland Mtn View	58.00	44	32	+12	0
Craig	79.00	19	21	-2	0	Loveland TV	49.80	49	52	-3	0
Douglas	68.50	40	42	-2	0	Morrill	Not Rep'd	18	21	-3	0
Estes Park	78.10	115	119	-4	+2	Powell	40.13	38	41	-2	-2
Estes Valley Sunrise	86.30	67	61	+6	0	Ranchester/Dayton	Not Rep'd	19	18	+1	0
Evanston	79.00	40	41	-1	0	Rawlins	47.50	33	31	+2	0
Ft. Collins	Not Rep'd	186	184	+2	0	Riverton	47.20	50	52	-2	0
Ft. Collins Breakfast	71.44	68	69	-1	+2	Rock Springs	50.00	32	31	+1	0
Ft. Collins Foothills	69.77	107	107	0	+2	Scottsbluff/Gering	60.75	109	115	-6	-1
Ft. Collins After Work	73.27	26	25	+1	-1	Sedgwick County	76.00	23	24	-1	0
Gillette	45.49	61	57	+4	+1	Sheridan	57.18	130	131	-1	-1
Gillette-Energy	66.00	58	62	-4	0	Ski Town, USA	72.45	31	32	-1	+1
Greeley	41.22	162	161	+1	-1	Star Valley	50.00	16	14	+2	-1
Greeley Centennial	38.44	118	116	+2	-2	Steamboat Springs	69.21	95	95	0	-1
Greeley Redeye	71.00	32	32	0	0	Sterling	48.68	40	41	-1	0
High Plains (Eaton)	67.00	32	30	+2	-1	Teton Valley	61.00	39	30	+9	+2
Jackson Hole	53.00	197	189	+8	+1	Thermopolis	60.00	27	28	-1	0
Jackson Breakfast	73.00	12	17	-5	-1	Torrington	75.00	63	64	-1	-1
Jackson Supper	60.00	36	34	+2	0	Windsor	59.00	34	35	-1	+1
Johnstown/Milliken	65.00	18	22	-4	-4	Worland	Not Rep'd	37	41	-4	0
						TOTALS		3319	3308	+11	+3

DISTRICT CALENDAR

MARCH - Literacy Month

- 1 - **Significant Achievement Award** application deadline due to DG
- 8 - **Greeley W.D. Farr Gala Banquet**
- 8 - **Ft. Collins After Work**, Black Tie Bingo
- 8 - **Powell**, Rotary Art Fling
- 14-15 - **Cody**, Rotary Talent Show
- 18 - **Lander** Harlem Ambassadors Basketball
- 29 - **Scottsbluff/Gering**, Rotary Gold Silent Auction
- 30 - **Ambassadorial Scholarship** applications due to Kellie
- 31 - **Matching Grant** application deadline (to TRF)

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
- 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 Editarian.**

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

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

District Scholarship Chair, Lucie Osborn, reminds Rotarians that the deadline for submitting Ambassadorial Scholarship and Peace and Conflict Resolution Scholarship applications is March 28, 2008. Completed applications should be forwarded to District Secretary Kellie Tovar at 3729 W. 22nd Street, Greeley, CO 80634.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF WORLAND WHO WILL CELEBRATE THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY ON MARCH 31st.

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND A DISTRICT CONFERENCE?

Learn More About Rotary and Rotary in District 5440:

- What are the scholarship programs funded by our Rotary Foundation
 - Hear a recent Ambassadorial Scholar and a Peace Scholar
- How is the Polio Eradication Campaign coming along?
 - Hear about a National Immunization Day in India and the \$100 million challenge grant from the Gates Foundation
- What are the youth programs that Rotary does?
 - Meet Youth Exchange Students from around the world
 - Learn about Interact and Rotaract clubs in our district
- What is Group Study Exchange?
 - Meet and hear from the team from Finland that is visiting and hear our team talk about their experiences in Finland
- Important items are scheduled for our Business Meeting, including an audit report, vote on Council on Legislation representative and GSE program for 2008-09, presentation of 2008-09 District Budget; Bylaws revisions
- Visit our displays. We will have tables with information on programs, membership and more . . .check here next month for more reasons to attend a district conference!