

**Rotary District 5440**  
**November, 2008**  
**Rotary Foundation Month**

# THE COWBOY DIARIES



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Greetings from the trail.... Hard to believe it is November already. This is my favorite month of the Rotary year as our attention turns to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). At every club visit over the past four months, I've told you my Group Study Exchange team leader experience in 1998 to Brazil was a defining moment in my life. It allowed me a huge window into the world of the needy in southwestern Brazil along the Paraguayan border. It is there that our Foundation has accomplished so many good things. In Aracatuba, a community of over 200,000 we have saved the lives of countless premature babies at the only community hospital in the area with respiratory breathing machines for the "preemie" intensive care ward (thanks to Cheyenne Rotarians). Even in the small community of Navirai, the car

## From the Trail

By DG Stuart Palmer

purchased by a matching grant has been used to bring women to town for chemotherapy and radiation at the little local clinic. In the large city of Campo Grande, the Sao Joao Bosco Home for Aged Seniors has benefitted from much needed physical therapy equipment for the 150 aging residents, thanks to Jackson Hole Rotarians. In Birigui, a \$20,000 grant provided skin cancer surgeries and cosmetic ear surgeries for over 350 seniors and children. That is a little more than \$50 per surgery! As one town official told us last February, "We thank the Rotarians of D5440, because there is no one else that we can turn to for help, not the government or anyone. We are so grateful." These are stories of just a few of the 20 grant projects completed in that part of Brazil with Foundation matching dollars. Our Foundation is promoting grants all over the world, in places like Mongolia, India, Chile and Cambodia.

In the past couple months, we've heard countless stories of how our economy is in tatters and future jobs are at stake. I think we'd agree that we are a lot better off than some stories would have us believe. There are people, however, all around the world who are in desperate situa-

tions with little or no food, where jobs are scarce and education is inadequate or nonexistent and health facilities are abysmal. By all standards, we've got the good life. We should never fail as Rotarians to turn back and recognize that these are just the people that need our help. As Immediate Past District Governor Nancy Pettus told us last year, the Rotary Foundation remains her "charity of choice." I hope you will join PDG Nancy and me in continuing to support our Foundation to the best of our abilities. I will always remember those helpless, premature babies who need our help. They are the children that our RI President D.K. Lee is concerned about; for the 26,000 a day that die of preventable diseases. Let us continue to Make Dreams Real for the children of this world by continuing our good works and support of our Foundation.

As your District Governor, I thank each and every one of you for continuing your commitment to fund our Rotary Foundation. Please give generously so our great work may continue.

I'll see you along the trail..... DG Stu

## The Quiet Rotarians

- Lander - **Bryan Neeley**
- Jackson Hole Breakfast - **Nancy Pettus**
- Rock Springs - **Bonnie Cannon**
- Evanston - **Tim Beppler**
- Kemmerer - **Paula Bowling**
- Star Valley - **Norman Mogul**
- Teton Valley - **Jared Colson**

## Kids Across America

By Ron Bland, Greeley Rotary Club

Kids Across America is a program exclusive to the Greeley Rotary Club. It was created approximately 7 years ago. The idea came from club member, Myra Monfort. Myra lived for a period of time in Sarasota, Florida, where she became active in the local Rotary Club and with the Boy's and Girl's Club. After returning to Colorado, Myra envisioned a way to provide these kids a means to experience other parts of the world and cultures different from their own. An exchange program was created to send Colorado kids to Florida and bring Florida kids to Colorado. While at these new locations the kids would partake of activities offered through the corresponding B&G Clubs and local Rotary. Each year sees 12 kids at each location.

This year's Kids Across America program started on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Directly from the airport, their first stop was to Tortuga Bay, a full service snorkel and scuba facility owned by Ron Bland of the

Greeley Rotary. Here they were treated to a "Discover Scuba" program and a great BBQ afterward.

Day 2 was the ropes challenge course at UNC and then to Estes Park for go



carts and putt putt golf.

Day 3 was Trail Ridge Road where many saw for the first time "real" mountains and snow. Back down in Estes Park they took a tour of the Stanley Hotel, then a little swimming at the YMCA and to bed.

Day 4 was spent in Rocky Mountain National Park and the Park Museum. In the afternoon a little horseback riding.

Day 5 was back in Greeley at the Poudre Learning Center. The PLC was the Centennial Project for several of the Rotary Clubs in the area. It consists of acres of wild area, rich in water life and birds. They took a bird and plant hike and learned of aquatic insects, did some fishing and learned some astronomy then camped out under the stars.

Day 6 was sailing and water safety and ended with a picnic social at the home of Esy Ray Ramirez, co-chair of the KAA committee.

Day 7 the Florida kids said goodbye to Colorado and flew back to Florida.

The 2008 program is over and the committee is already working on the details for 2009.

## Sandy Evans-Hall, Past President of Steamboat Springs Rotary, selected as Group Study Exchange Team Leader



Sandy Evans Hall was born in California and attended university at University of California at Riverside and the University of Washington as a Spanish Major. She moved to Steamboat Springs, Colorado in 1981 where she worked on her skiing technique as well as hotel/restaurant management.

In 1985 a decision was made to hire a full time membership director for the Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association. Sandy attended 6 years and is a graduate of the Institute for Organization Management. She initiated programs such as Winter Expo, Shop Steamboat, Chamber Gift Certificates, Adopt a park/Trail program, Hospitality Ball, and Leadership Steamboat. In 2000 the Board of Directors offered her the position of Executive Vice President of the organization.

That was also the year that she married her long time partner Darrin (Gus) Hall. She has a beautiful daughter, Cori Evans, who is a junior at CSU and two lovely stepdaughters, Allison and Alicia Hall, who are a first year law school student at New England School of Law and a junior at Oregon Technical Institute respectively.

The year 2000 was also the year that she was invited to join the Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs. She started out chairing the program committee, which led to chairing the District Conference in Steamboat Springs. She has been awarded the Rotarian of the Year and in June 2008 was very proud to receive an Outstanding Club President award for her year of presidency. In addition to Rotary, Sandy has been active in her community with Girl Scouts, Sister Cities, First Impressions, affordable housing, and established the first Interact club at the local high school. In 1997 the Business and Professional Women's organization honored her with the Woman of the Year award.

The opportunity to serve as a GSE team leader to southern Chile is something Sandy is very excited about. "This is a dream come true for me! Since I've joined Rotary I've been very interested in the exchange programs and foundation programs directed at world peace. That is the Heart of Rotary for me," she exclaimed. "I really look forward to sharing my enthusiasm for Rotary with my team and sharing our vocations and culture with the people in the Patagonia region of Chile!"

## Fort Collins' Quad Club Ambassadorial Scholar from Japan

By Marjory Trinen, Counselor



Fort Collins'quad club Ambassadorial Scholar for this year is from Japan. Her name is Ikumi Yoshida. She is a 21 year old from Saga, a small prefecture on the Island of Kyushu, off the southern tip of Japan. The minute you meet her you fall in love. One of the first things I asked Ikumi was if she liked it here and if she missed Japan. There was no hesitation – She really likes it here (except for the

cold) and does not miss home (except for the food).

She grew up in a fairly traditional manner in Japan except that her parents are divorced, and that was very hard for her having no one to talk to who had been through that situation. Here, as many of you know, she has met many students who have been through divorce and has been able to talk about it a little more and see that there is no stigma attached to being the

child of a divorced couple – she says that this has really helped her.

One of her favorite things about America is our height of it's residents. Ikumi is 5'9". Blending into a crowd or meeting other women taller than her was not something she could ever do in Japan since was even taller than most of the men. The only other time she has been out of her country was a short field trip

to Korea and seeing such a new and different part of the world here, where she feels like she fits in has been very liberating and exciting for her.

What is not exciting to her (as you can imagine) is the dorm food. She has struggled with it some as American food is so heavy, and she describes the dom food as all "yellow". She misses fresh fish, miso, and green tea but she feels that the sights, Rotarian excursions, and American boys make up for much of that.

She has been in a three-legged race, to Rocky Mountain National Park, and her favorite - to South Dakota to work on an Indian reservation with one of her professors.

She is a joy to spend time with and very easy to make happy. One thing I've noticed since she has been here is that Rotary is once again doing it's job – Ikumi said that she is *really* starting to miss her mom and even her town a little bit more.

## Ambassadorial Scholarship Program

By Connie Filipovitch, District Co-Chair

All Rotarians should take great pride in the fact that the Rotary Foundation is currently the world's largest, private sponsor of university-level international scholarships. Our district could potentially award three different scholarships for the 2010-11 Academic Year under the auspices of Rotary International. These include an Ambassadorial Scholarship, a grant for a University Teacher and a World Peace Fellowship/Scholarship. As Rotarians, we have the opportunity to affect the lives of these exceptional and talented students and members of our communities and send out goodwill ambassadors to other countries as well as host outstanding students like Ikumi here in our District. Here is information on the Ambassadorial Scholarship and watch next month for information on our Grants for University Teachers and World Peace Fellowship Scholarship.

**WHAT IS THE AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP?** - The Ambassadorial Scholarship is Rotary's oldest and best-known program. Since 1947, nearly 37,000 men and women from about 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarship program. Since 1947, Rotary has invested approximately \$500 million

In the youth of the world, furthering their education while at the same time fostering goodwill and international understanding. This investment represents a continued faith that today's Ambassadorial Scholars will be tomorrow's community and world leaders.

District 5440 sets aside \$23,000 a year to sponsor one academic year of study abroad for a deserving undergraduate or graduate student. Applicants cannot be Rotarians or related to Rotarians. However, they can have participated in Rotary programs such as RYLA, Rotaract or Youth Study Exchange. Although applicants are asked to list their preferred study locations, the Foundation reserves the right to make assignments to any suitable institution to ensure the widest possible geographical distribution. Scholars will not be assigned to a city, state or province where they have lived or studied for more than six months. As a result, these scholarships are not appropriate for students seeking to continue their studies at a given university. Applicants must demonstrate ability to read, write and speak the language of the country on their preferred list.

In mid-March, once the applicant has been interviewed and endorsed by the local club, applications are forwarded to the District committee. The District committee meets with all applicants in May and selects one candidate.

**APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE ROTARY WEBSITE** ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)) in DECEMBER. Clubs should screen applicants and forward recommendations to the District by mid-March, 2009.

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.

# Rotary Club of Greeley Centennial Presents First Public Service Award

By Roseann Guyette, Club President



The presentation was made to Officer Zakavec by President, Roseann Guyette and Treasurer, Will Hume.

A Greeley police officer who has been on the streets for four years and works as a Crime Scene Investigator was presented with the first public service award Thursday, September 11, by the Centennial Rotary Club in Greeley, Colorado.

It was the first public service award from the Centennial Rotary Club, which will give quarterly awards to police officers and then expand into firefighter awards next year. Officer Zakavec was also made a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his contribution to the community.

Officer John Zakavec, 44, accepted the award and noted the anniversary of the "day to honor the people who died at the Twin Towers."

Zakavec, whose wife, two children and mother were present for the award, was introduced by Police Chief Jerry Garner: "It's not hard for some of us to get our names in the paper if you're the police chief or the mayor," Garner said, "but here is an officer who does his job very well every day, and doesn't get all the public attention."

Zakavec is a street officer, a Field Evidence Technician (FET) and a crime scene investigator (CSI). He collects evidence at crime scenes and logs samples for DNA

comparison. He currently has processed a number of scenes for fellow officers as well as assisting officers on other shifts and investigators. Officer Zakavec's evidence processing has resulted in hits both on DNA and prints. So far this year he has attended and been the FET on eight autopsies and six search warrants.

Officer Zakavec's dedication to the FET assignment goes beyond the training provided by the Police Department. His own funds purchase many crime scene collection books to use for reference and to improve his capabilities as an FET. In addition, Officer Zakavec was selected to attend a Crime Scene evidence collection school sponsored by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation that also improved his skills as an FET.

Zakavec began working with the police as a dispatcher for the Lakewood Police. Chief Garner said Zakavec has earned a reputation as a "quality police officer."

## Club Attendance - September, 2008

ROTARY CLUB	Sept - 08 Attendance	Sept - 08 Members	July - 08 Members	Change YTD	Change Per Mth	ROTARY CLUB	Sept - 08 Attendance	Sept - 08 Members	July - 08 Members	Change YTD	Change Per Mth
Buffalo	55.88	34	34	0	0	Lander	56.15	65	69	-4	-4
Casper	46.26	196	196	0	0	Laramie	63.33	104	106	-2	-1
Casper 5 Trails	43.25	67	64	+3	0	Laramie Sunrise	68.00	26	25	+1	0
Cheyenne	60.00	213	213	0	+1	Loveland	82.00	186	183	+3	0
Cheyenne Sunrise	64.00	31	30	+1	0	Loveland Mtn View	64.00	50	47	+3	0
Cody	63.00	71	70	+1	+2	Loveland TV	67.76	38	44	-6	-2
Craig	Not Rep'd	19	19	0	0	Morrill	Not Rep'd	18	16	+2	0
Douglas	96.00	40	43	-3	-1	Powell	61.00	28	29	-1	0
Estes Park	73.00	143	143	0	0	Ranchester/Dayton	70.00	20	20	0	0
Estes Valley Sunrise	100.00	65	61	+4	+1	Rawlins	40.67	32	28	+4	0
Evanston	Not Rep'd	42	42	0	0	Riverton	57.24	49	49	0	0
Ft. Collins	Not Rep'd	187	187	0	0	Rock Springs	56.16	27	27	0	0
Ft. Collins After Work	51.30	23	23	0	0	Scottsbluff/Gering	61.58	115	117	-2	-1
Ft. Collins Breakfast	74.14	70	68	+2	+3	Sedgwick County	73.90	23	23	0	0
Ft. Collins Foothills	60.52	113	115	-2	-3	Sheridan	45.30	129	134	-5	-2
Gillette	37.12	66	62	+4	+4	Ski Town, USA	76.56	31	30	+1	+1
Gillette-Energy	69.00	53	54	-1	0	Star Valley	Not Rep'd	16	16	0	0
Greeley	47.63	156	153	+3	+3	Steamboat Springs	70.79	88	89	-1	0
Greeley After Hours	56.67	24	24	0	0	Sterling	54.05	41	40	+1	0
Greeley Centennial	55.63	115	112	+3	+1	Teton Valley	64.00	37	37	0	0
Greeley Redeye	73.25	30	30	0	0	Thermopolis	65.00	29	29	0	0
High Plains (Eaton)	70.50	30	30	0	0	Torrington	66.00	70	67	+3	+3
Jackson Hole	51.00	200	196	+4	+4	Windsor	63.00	37	35	+2	+2
Jackson Breakfast	62.00	13	13	0	0	Worland	Not Rep'd	39	39	0	0
Jackson Supper	57.49	34	32	+2	+2						
Johnstown/Milliken	62.00	19	19	0	0	TOTALS		3378	3357	+21	+13
Kemmerer	78.00	26	25	+1	0						

## You Can Effect Change

By PDG Lynne Baker

CALLING ALL CLUBS! The Council on Legislation is the legislative body of Rotary International which has the authority to amend the constitutional documents of RI which include the bylaws, constitution, and the standard Rotary club constitution. The Council meets every three years and each district elects a representative to the Council. I am honored to represent every club in D5440 at the Council on Legislation in April 2010.

April 2010 seems a long way off, however, there are just two months left to propose legislation for the 2010 Council to consider. RI must receive proposed legislation no later than December 31, 2008. This is your opportunity to thoughtfully consider the constitutional documents of RI and begin the process.

Yes, there is a process to be followed which you can review in the RI Manual of Procedure. Briefly, when a Rotary club proposes legislation the matter must be presented to the membership by the Board of Directors for adoption. If adopted, the proposed legislation is then sent to the District Governor who in turn must submit it to all the clubs in D5440 to receive district endorsement. A ballot-by-mail may be conducted if time does not allow for legislation to be submitted to a district conference so D5440 would conduct a mail-in ballot. If endorsed, then off to the general secretary with the certification form.

I will be happy to assist you in working through this process and answering or finding the answers to your questions. Not all clubs or districts submit legislative proposals but if there is a concern that you think should be addressed let's discuss your options.

## BBB Receives Outstanding Bureau Award for BBB/Rotary Scholarship Program

By Barbara Read, BBB VP Communications Director

The Better Business Bureau serving northern Colorado and greater Wyoming received the Outstanding Bureau Award for its BBB/Rotary Ethics Scholarship Program for high school students at the 2008 National BBB Assembly in San Francisco.

"This program truly is a partnership between our BBB and Rotary," said Pam King, president/CEO of the BBB. "The result is a conversation about ethics that begins in high school and results in a lifetime of cultivating a culture of ethical behavior in all aspects of life, including business."

The BBB/Rotary Ethics Scholarship Program, started eight years ago, provides a \$5,000 scholarship to a high school junior or senior whose essay on the Rotary Four-Way Test, a code of personal ethics, is chosen as exemplary. The program is a joint effort of the BBB and Rotary Clubs of districts 5440, 5450 and 5470, and is the first of its kind in the nation between the two entities. Rotary Club members handle the contact and administration of the scholarship program with local schools, and the BBB funds the scholarship.

The partnership began in 2001 when the Fort Collins Rotary Club participated in the annual BBB Torch Awards for Business Ethics with a display explaining the Rotary Four-Way Test. The following year BBB and Rotary developed the scholarship program. Twelve clubs participated and five essays were submitted for final judging. In 2008, twenty five clubs from 13 communities received entries and submitted 13 essays for final judging.

The annual scholarship is presented in April at the BBB's Torch Awards for Business Ethics.

The BBB serves 38 counties with approximately 55,000 businesses -- 4,400 of which are BBB Accredited Businesses -- in northern Colorado and greater Wyoming. Sixty-three Rotary Clubs are located in this service area.

Start With Trust. To contact your BBB for company reliability reports, tips and information, visit [www.wynco.bbb.org](http://www.wynco.bbb.org) or call 970-484-1348. For information about the BBB/Rotary Scholarship Program, contact Betti Seay at the BBB at 970-488-2031/800-564-0370 ext 116.

### Reminders

November 8, 2008 - District Membership/Foundation Seminar, Laramie, WY - Download registration info from [www.rotary5440.org](http://www.rotary5440.org).

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. More information will be available on website soon.

**Literacy Update:** Congratulations to the Ft. Collins Breakfast Rotary Club members for yet another successful year of dictionary donations. Thirty-four elementary schools in the Ft. Collins area benefited this year at a cost to the club members of \$20,000. "**Rotarians are people who add value to other people's lives.**" How about your club? Send me updates on your dictionary donation project.

DG Stu

## Past District Leaders Meet RI President Elect

By PDG Bill Pettus



John and Joyce Vandel, June and John Kenny, Nancy and Bill Pettus all wearing Basque berets



DGE Dave Scriven and friends. DGE Dave generously bid for the Basque lamb he holds in his hand. The lamb was signed by Past RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe, President Elect John Kenny and President Elect Nominee Ray Klingensmith. Proceeds from the lamb were sent to The Rotary Foundation as part of the Gates Challenge match for polio eradication.

Recently several Rotarians from District 5440 traveled to Boise, Idaho to attend the Governor Elect training and Institute. PDG John and Joyce Vandel had the distinct honor of serving as President Elect John and June Kenny's personal aides. PDG Bill Pettus served as trainer for Governors Elect who will serve under Kenny. PDG Nancy Pettus was the Sergeant At Arms during all of the Governor Elect training sessions, participated in on an ethics panel and wrote articles for the daily newsletter. Governor Stuart Palmer and Susie, as well as, Governor Elect Dave and Janet Scriven also participated in the week long event. District Governor Nominee Bryan and Carolyn Cooke began their training as they travel the road to district leadership in 2010-11. A Basque dinner was held in downtown Boise which all of the District 5440 participants attended.

## Powell Rotary Cleans Up!

On September 18th, Powell Rotary Club members, their friends and family conducted a roadside cleanup. Wearing fluorescent green vests and gloves, and carrying homemade pick-up sticks and orange WYDOT trash bags, members broke up into groups of two or more picking up litter along both sides of the Powell Highway from Homesteader Park to Road 6. The event produced a wide variety of litter from food wrappers and pop bottles to road kill and plastic coolers. When filled the orange bags were tied securely and left by the road for WYDOT crews to collect. The volume of debris is a reminder that periodic roadside cleanups are a necessary and welcome service to the community.

The highway cleanup is also a valuable lesson for the kids who joined in the effort. Gary Bright's three children and Travis Smith's son all got a first-hand glimpse of just how extensive litter can be even on a local level. Said Smith, "It's a good lesson for kids. They have no idea how much litter is discarded mostly by careless motorists."

Nationwide, the annual coast of roadside litter control is \$115 million. The Rotary Club of Powell is pleased to help conserve taxpayer dollars, and provide a needed service to the local community.

### Directory Corrections

**Johnstown/Milliken** has a new co-presidents. Due to the illness of club president Leslie Moldenhauer, PP Willie Grauberger and PP Linda Beck will take over the presidency for Leslie. We wish Leslie a quick recovery!

**Important Info:** Given the troubling news from Wall Street and other world markets over the past several weeks, it's natural for Rotarians to be concerned about the financial state of RI and The Rotary Foundation.

RI has posted a letter on this subject on the Rotary website at the following link:

[http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/Financials/Announcements/Pages/080929\\_announce\\_RIgslettercrisis.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/Financials/Announcements/Pages/080929_announce_RIgslettercrisis.aspx)

### Voices on the Wind

"I had the pleasure of showing the Penny LeGate DVD at our club meeting a couple of weeks ago. I saw her in person at PETS, and have viewed the DVD as well. This is a very motivating presentation and was highly appreciated by our club. Several of the members had their handkerchiefs out as they watched, and no one left early, even though the presentation ended 5 minutes after our scheduled meetings end. I had several of our members comment that this gave them a much better appreciation for RI and our contributions to the world. My reaction, after viewing the presentation, *That's why I am a Rotarian.*"

PE Dick Lubinski  
Loveland Rotary Club

\*There are still a few copies of Penny LeGate's DVD available for purchase, contact DG Stu if interested.

## Rotary's Foundation Successful

By PDG Bill Pettus, District Foundation Chair

In this modern age, people occasionally question the relevance of organizations such as Rotary. They ask what Rotarians accomplish and what is it that they really do that benefits others.

The relevance of Rotary is easily expressed through all that is accomplished utilizing funds of The Rotary Foundation. Recent figures show that Rotarians donated enough money to support 50 Peace Fellows in 27 countries in a 2-year education program. This certainly is relevant in terms of Rotary's goal of assisting in bringing about world peace and understanding.

The Foundation also supported over 820 Ambassadorial Scholars from 27 countries who studied in 80 different countries. Some \$13.9 million was spent in one year alone for this scholarship. This program exceeds the number of scholarships on an annual basis given by either Rhodes or Fullbright scholarship programs. Rotary District 5440 always submits a name for study abroad as an Ambassadorial Scholar.

A program which is not universally known is called the University Teacher program. Last year only 29 University Teachers from 9 countries participated in this program. Our own district has one of those university teachers from Casper College participating in the program. District 5440's DGN Bryan Cooke has also participated in this program in the past and can well attest to its value.

One of the most popular Foundation programs throughout the entire world is the Group Study Exchange team concept. Last year there were 558 teams funded by The Rotary Foundation. As there are only 531 Rotary districts, this indicates that several districts see the value in paying for additional teams. Last year District 5440's GSE team went to Finland and we were visited by a Finnish team. During Governor Stuart's term a team will go to southern Chile. The cultural benefits of GSE are incalculable yet our Foundation only spent \$4.3 million to support the program.

Another important aspect of The Foundation is the grants program. Last year Rotary funded 2,008 new grants for projects in 124 countries. This is the program utilizing the most Foundation dollars as \$34.3 million was spent on Matching Grants and another \$5.1 million on District Simplified Grants, an extremely popular program. During the 2007-08 year, District 5440 committee members processed over 20 Matching Grants totaling nearly \$74,459 in District Designated Funds. Fifteen District Simplified Grants totaled \$25,000.

Last, it is important to stress Rotary's role in the eradication of polio worldwide. Twenty years ago some 350,000 cases of polio were reported every year. As of September 2008 that number had been reduced to 1,173. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is so impressed with Rotary's work in the area of polio that it contributed \$100 million to participate in the program. Several clubs in our district have already met their commitment to match the Gates Foundation contribution.

Is Rotary relevant? You bet it is! The Foundation information contained above is just a small part of all that Rotarians do throughout the world on a daily basis.

## Rotary District 5440 Presents The All Club Luncheon



**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.  
More information and online registration available  
soon at [www.rotary5440.org](http://www.rotary5440.org)

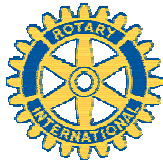


**Be a part of history and celebrate  
the 100th Rotary convention, which  
will take place in Birmingham, the  
heart of England!**

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

**[http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/  
Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx?housead](http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx?housead)**

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**The Foundation Dinner  
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)

**Rotary Foundation Funds Secure**

By PDG Bill Pettus, District Foundation Chair

With the troubling financial news throughout the United States and the world, staff at Rotary have received several inquiries about the impact these events will have on our Foundation.

Rotary General Secretary, Ed Futa, has stated that investments have lost value in the short term; however, they will no doubt recover when financial markets stabilize. Futa indicated that Rotary has always maintained a diversified portfolio that includes investments outside the markets that were so badly impacted recently. Futa said, "Rotary's investment policies have proven to be sound through past down markets."

Both The Rotary Foundation's and Rotary International's investment portfolios have very little exposure to the investment companies (Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and AIG). Futa stated that RI has some insurance coverage with AIG; however, AIG's insurance business is quite safe as it is a separate legal entity which is closely regulated by both state and federal agencies.

Both RI and The Foundation have strong cash balances and, in fact, year to date revenues from sources other than investments are ahead of last year. PolioPlus funds are invested in US Treasuries, the safest securities available. Futa said both RI and The Foundation have adequate reserves to operate without having to sell investment securities at a loss.

**More Voices on the Wind**

"We are so blessed in the US that we have a support system to take care of our needs, but that is not true in Third World countries. That's why I believe so strongly in the Rotary Foundation. Our projects save lives."

PP Eleanor Jones  
Torrington Rotary Club

"What we do locally is frosting on the cake. What we do in Romania or Mongolia is life or death."

Pres. Dee Roberts  
Star Valley Rotary Club

Congratulations to PDG John Patton, Rotary Club of Sheridan, on his election to the Wyoming Statehouse!



## Reaching the Gates Foundation Goal

By PP Kip MacMillan, District PolioPlus Sub-Committee Chair



I'm not sure how the goal for PolioPlus was set at 120 million dollars back in the mid 80s but I am sure a lot of thought went into arriving at that figure. The reality is that while 120 million is a lot of dollars it just hasn't been enough. Our other goal to eradicate polio by 2005 was optimistic too. I joined RI Foundation staff in 1988 as the PolioPlus Campaign supervisor. We had already surpassed that by several millions and were well on our way towards eradication. Now we are in a campaign to End Polio Now.

Back in high school in New Orleans I was a member of the Kiwanis sponsored Key Club. Our project for my junior and senior years was to read to kids in the polio ward at Charity Hospital. I can still smell the smells, hear the sounds, and see those kids in steel braces and iron lungs. Once a week most members of the club hopped on a street car and headed to the hospital. We felt good helping out.

When I was asked to take over the PolioPlus campaign for RI I considered it just a continuation of that experience. It was heart warming dealing with people from all over the world who were such committed Rotarians.

The Gates Foundation matching grant of 100 million dollars is awesome. As we raise the match to that grant we can realistically see the end of polio. We have three years to do just that.

I have learned that Rotarians are a generous bunch. We were back in the 80's and we are now. I believe that polio eradication will truly be Rotary's finest hour!

DG Stuart has asked me to head of the campaign in the district to do our part in matching the Gates Foundation. PDG Bill Reeves of Loveland and PP Del Acker of Sheridan join me. Together we are charged with encouraging and helping clubs raise \$1000 a year for each of those three years of this campaign.

By now most of you will have heard of the Gates Foundation grant and hopefully you and your clubs are on the way towards meeting your goal for this year. When you really think about it \$1000 isn't all that much. But to the people in danger of facing a life with polio it's huge. Prevention instead of treatment is always cheaper.

If you or your club need any information on this campaign, the goals, or fund raising ideas please contact any one of us. We are in the district directory.

## Ft Collins After Work Hosts Japanese Rotarians

By Bill Emslie, Club President

The Fort Collins After Work Rotary Club hosted eight Japanese Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Hagoromo, located in Osaka, Japan. The visit was made possible by a friendship between the two clubs through the Rotary Summer Youth Exchange program. In 2005 Rotarian Bill Emslie, current President of the After Work Club, began corresponding with Toichi Kitanaka, his counterpart in the Hagoromo Rotary Club. Bill was looking for a summer exchange for Harrison Payton, a high school student who wanted to visit Japan through the Rotary Summer Youth Exchange Program. "Toichi and I worked well together," said Emslie. "The exchange for Harrison went very well and since then we have had one additional exchange." Through the process of arranging exchanges, Toichi and Bill became good friends prompting an invitation from Bill for Toichi and other Rotarians to visit him in Fort Collins. "I have a farm and that became the seed for the visit." Bill commented. After about a year of careful planning, Toichi and seven other Rotarian and family members arrived in Fort Collins for a two day visit. The long anticipated visit focused on a mutual exchange of gratitude for the work both Rotary Clubs had done to foster the youth exchange.



During the two day visit, Bill arranged one day to see the local Fort Collins area and the next day to visit Rocky Mountain National Park. While in the Fort Collins area, Bill took the group to see the local gardens, local history at the museum and Old Town Fort Collins. They then visited a local cowboy for a demonstration of horsemanship and handling of cattle. All visitors had an opportunity to ride a show horse. The day concluded with a visit to the Emslie Farm for a demonstration of hay farming. A hayride, egg toss and barbecue followed that included the After Work Rotary Club and local farm and ranch neighbors.

The highlight of the visit was the planting of a "Friendship Tree" at the farm, to celebrate the friendship and understanding between the two Rotary Clubs. After a full day at Rocky Mountain National Park the next day, gifts were exchanged and friendships cemented. Those visiting included Rotarian Toichi Kitanaka and his wife, Etsuko, Rotarian Yoshihisa Shigeno - a youth exchange committee member of D2640, Rotarian Hiroo Iwata and his wife, Chieko and daughter Nami, and Rotarian Nobuaki Nakatani and his wife, Mitsue. When asked about the future between the two clubs, Rotarian Emslie responded, "The future is wide open with opportunity and we look forward to many years of cooperative efforts between friends in the spirit of Rotary. I believe that "Rotary Shares" will remain a key element of the friendship."

# DISTRICT CALENDAR

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Kellie Tovar.

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[www.rotary5440.org](http://www.rotary5440.org)

## November - The Rotary Foundation Month

TBA - GSE Team Member Selection

8 - District Winter Assembly in Laramie, WY at Hilton Garden Inn,  
10:00am-3:00pm

15 - Distinguished Service Award nominations due to TRF

16 - 2008-09 SHARE mailing sent to DG, DGN, PDG and DRFC chair

## 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

16 - Rotary Foundation Dinner, 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.