



Rotary District 5440
September, 2008
New Generations Month

THE COWBOY DIARIES



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The Quiet Rotarians

- Ranchester/Dayton - **Pete Hager**
- Gillette - **Lee Witle**
- Gillette-Energy - **Dave Daigle**
- Sheridan - **John Buyok**
- Sedgwick County - **Daphne Davis**
- Sterling - **Greg Smith**
- Greeley Centennial - **Ken Sasaki**
- High Plains (Eaton) - **Bruce Johnson**
- Buffalo - **Dominic Madia**
- Douglas - **Blake Hollon**

The structured programs of Rotary International for New Generations are: Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and Youth Exchange. District 5440 Rotarians may be proud of our work in these areas. Focusing on young people up to the age of 30, we have been improving their life skills to ensure a better future, while recognizing the diversity of their needs.

In particular, D5440 is celebrating our 50th anniversary of the first Youth Exchange between a student from the Scottsbluff Rotary Club and a student in District 9790 in Australia. This is a milestone, and this was the first exchange in the Rotary world.

Earlier this spring, our D5440 year-long Youth Exchange was honored with the "Dr. Abe Kuttothara Outstanding District Award" at the 2008 USA-Canada Youth Exchange Network Conference in Reno. We offer special thanks to our YE Committee for this achievement and for carrying on a remarkable 50 years of exchange tradition.

A great feeder program to our yearlong exchange is our Summer Short-term Youth

Exchange. More info is available on the district website at www.rotary5440.org on this student to student family summer experience. Check it out for your high school age students.

How about our excellent RYLA camp at Estes Park each summer! The high school students who attend come back with enthusiastic tales of inspiration, human values and self-development. As RYLA Coordinator Toni Van Valkenburg related, "RYLA was a huge success this year. I honestly think that it couldn't have gone better. The weather was great, the programs were well received and the reviews by the conferees reflected that."

Complementing this youth program is D5440's Young RYLA, going now nearly 8 years as the only program of it's kind in the USA for 8th graders. Thanks to Dave Boon of Ft. Collins After Work RC and Ken Henley of Rock Springs for their leadership with this committee. (Only one other district Young RYLA program exists and that is in Canada.)

The number of D5440 Interact Clubs in our high schools is increasing with the recent addition of a club in Sterling,



DG Stuart and
Susie Palmer

Colorado. We have programs in other communities. Is there a high school program in your town?

Rotaract Clubs are increasing as well. Sheridan and Greeley clubs are each chartering one and Cheyenne just chartered their second club. This is another effort in our focus on New Generations to open Rotary programs to those up to age 30. Talk these up at your next board meeting. Join the effort to bring Rotary enthusiasm to all age groups so we may ensure the future of Paul Harris' dream for the world.

See you along the trail,

DG Stu

GSE Team Leader

GSE Team Leader interviews will be held Saturday, September 20th in Laramie, WY. For an application or more information visit www.rotary5440.org.

Our Gift to the Children of the World: Polio Eradication Rotary's US\$100 Million Dollar Challenge 2008-2010

This information was received by DG Stuart Palmer from Barb Feder, Zone 25 Challenge Coordinator



Every year I say "This is going to be a Great Rotary Year"!

I need to change my statement to "In Rotary, Every Year is a Great Year"!

It's true! Each of our Rotary years are great because of the wonderful people in our Family of Rotary who work together on projects that touch, change and save lives.

This Rotary year, like all of those before, will be great, because we are working together to match the US\$100 Million Grant awarded to Rotary by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to "End Polio Now". Rotary's US\$100 Million Dollar Challenge has gotten off to a great beginning with \$21 Million in cash and District Designated Funds. We have developed some tools and reports to encourage our

clubs and districts to keep that momentum going!

As you know, Rotary Clubs are being asked to raise \$1,000+ each year for the next 3 years to insure that we meet the Challenge. Additionally, Rotary Districts are being asked to designate 20% of their District Designated Funds to the Challenge. As an incentive for districts, The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have agreed to match \$.50 for every \$1.00 of DDF contributed up to \$3 Million annually for the next three years. So if your district has available DDF, please send it to PolioPlus to help meet the Challenge! A **Certificate of Appreciation** will be awarded clubs and districts who meet these amounts by The Rotary Foundation. **Now for some other great tools to help us "Meet the Challenge"!**

Attached you will find a photo and artwork file of a 3 ft. X 6 ft. "End Polio Now" vinyl banner* that districts and clubs can have made to use at meetings and fundraising events. It's big & bright and will be noticed!

We've also created an "End Polio Now" banner patch to further recognize clubs who contribute \$1,000+ and districts that either designate 20% in DDF or have 100% of their clubs contribute \$1000+ this year to The Challenge.

You'll note that the banner patch has the current year embroidered on it. As clubs and districts earn patches for the rest of The Challenge period, a simple year ribbon can be attached underneath the main patch.

Thank you all for your commitment to the work and love of Rotary. We are about to win our battle against a disease that has plagued mankind since ancient times. We've promised the children of the world we would eradicate polio and Rotarians keep their promises.

"Victory belongs to those that believe in it the most...that believe in it the longest."

*Artwork available for download at www.rotary5440.org.

Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Supper To Sponsor Wine Tasting

By Patty McDonald

On Sunday, September 14, the Jackson Hole Rotary Supper Club will hold its annual wine tasting during "Taste of the Tetons" and the Jackson Hole Fall Arts Festival. The Fall Arts Festival, now in its 24th year, is widely recognized as one of the premier cultural events in the Rocky Mountain West, drawing thousands of art enthusiasts to enjoy art, music, cuisine, cowboy poetry, and western fashion during the 18 day festival. "Taste of the Tetons is one of the most anticipated events, as participants gather on the town square to sample the culinary artistry of dozens of top valley chefs, listen to live cowboy music, and view local artwork during the "Takin It To The Street" art fair.

Four years ago the Chamber of Commerce invited the Rotary "Supper Club", as it is fondly known, to participate by hosting a wine tasting, and the new club jumped at the chance. The event has become the club's annual fundraiser, with the entire club pitching in to solicit and pour wine, gather silent auction donations from area businesses, and sell water, soft drinks and coffee. The funds they raise will go towards replacing the aging elk antler arches on the town square, as well funding a wide variety of club projects throughout the year.

"This is our club's one fundraiser, and every year it gets bigger and better," said Club President Paul Perry. "We're a small but very active club. With the money we raise, we plan to continue funding such things as our Four Way Test project with the local schools and Raising Readers. If you're looking for something fun to do on September 14, come up to Jackson Hole for "Taste of the Tetons", and don't forget to stop by the big tent on the north side of the Square."



Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Supports College Scholarships

By Joni Upsher, Club President

The Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Supper uses their largest fundraiser to help support college scholarships for graduating seniors in Teton County.

The club involves the community in a Winefest. Each year it is held on Friday night during the Memorial Day weekend in conjunction with Jackson Hole's Old West Days. Food, wine and fundraising with local sponsors help the Rotarians to raise \$50,000 a year for these young adults.

Directory Corrections

Sheridan club president, **Karen Miller**, has a new email address: kmiller@efirstfederal.com.

Greeley Centennial club president, Roseann Guyette, has a new email address: roseanng@hotmail.com.

Helpful Links for Club Improvement

Every Rotarian, Every Year August newsletter is now available online. The link is http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/erey_news0808_en.pdf

60 YEARS IN ROTARY - CONGRATULATIONS!



Dr. Ewan, member of the Sheridan Rotary Club with Assistant Governor Bill Patton.



John Hazlitt, member of the Estes Park Rotary Club with club president Ray Leaycraft.

Club Attendance - July, 2008

ROTARY CLUB	July - 08 Attendance	July - 08 Members	July - 08 Members	Change YTD	Change Per Mth	ROTARY CLUB	July - 08 Attendance	July - 08 Members	July - 08 Members	Change YTD	Change Per Mth
Buffalo	56.47	34	34	0	0	Lander	41.15	69	69	0	0
Casper	50.78	196	196	0	0	Laramie	52.84	106	106	0	0
Casper 5 Trails	43.40	64	64	0	0	Laramie Sunrise	86.00	25	25	0	0
Cheyenne	Not Rep'd	213	213	0	0	Loveland	82.00	183	183	0	0
Cheyenne Sunrise	62.00	30	30	0	0	Loveland Mtn View	57.80	44	44	0	0
Cody	66.00	70	70	0	0	Loveland TV	49.09	44	44	0	0
Craig	Not Rep'd	19	19	0	0	Morrill	72.00	16	16	0	0
Douglas	Not Rep'd	43	43	0	0	Powell	58.00	29	29	0	0
Estes Park	53.00	143	143	0	0	Ranchester/Dayton	Not Rep'd	19	19	0	0
Estes Valley Sunrise	77.85	61	61	0	0	Rawlins	Not Rep'd	28	28	0	0
Evanston	Not Rep'd	42	42	0	0	Riverton	47.39	49	49	0	0
Ft. Collins	Not Rep'd	187	187	0	0	Rock Springs	62.31	27	27	0	0
Ft. Collins After Work	60.00	23	23	0	0	Scottsbluff/Gering	57.24	117	117	0	0
Ft. Collins Breakfast	73.85	68	68	0	0	Sedgwick County	73.90	23	23	0	0
Ft. Collins Foothills	59.81	115	115	0	0	Sheridan	49.55	134	134	0	0
Gillette	39.68	63	63	0	0	Ski Town, USA	84.32	30	30	0	0
Gillette-Energy	45.00	54	54	0	0	Star Valley	Not Rep'd	16	16	0	0
Greeley	38.72	155	155	0	0	Steamboat Springs	70.91	89	89	0	0
Greeley After Hours	57.50	24	24	0	0	Sterling	35.79	40	40	0	0
Greeley Centennial	61.00	112	112	0	0	Teton Valley	65.00	37	37	0	0
Greeley Redeye	74.40	30	30	0	0	Thermopolis	62.00	29	29	0	0
High Plains (Eaton)	Not Rep'd	31	31	0	0	Torrington	65.00	67	67	0	0
Jackson Breakfast	79.00	13	13	0	0	Windsor	56.00	35	35	0	0
Jackson Supper	Not Rep'd	33	33	0	0	Worland	Not Rep'd	39	39	0	0
Johnstown/Milliken	61.00	18	18	0	0						
Kemmerer	70.00	25	25	0	0	TOTALS		3161	3161	0	0

Klinginsmith is choice for 2010-11 RI President

By Jennifer Lee Atkin, Rotary International News



Ray Klinginsmith of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Missouri, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2010-11. *Photo by Alyce Henson/Rotary Images*

Ray Klinginsmith of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Missouri, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2010-11. Klinginsmith will become president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Klinginsmith earned degrees in business and law at the University of Missouri and completed graduate studies at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, as a Rotary Foundation

Ambassadorial Scholar. He was general counsel and professor of business at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville (now Truman State University) from 1973 until his retirement in 1995, and also held the post of dean of administration for five years.

Klinginsmith, who now operates a law office, served as an elected county commissioner from 2001 to 2004. He has been a director of the Macon Atlanta State Bank since 1971 and president of the Chariton Valley Association for Handicapped Citizens since 1982. He and his wife, Judie, have two children and three grandchildren.

A Rotarian since 1961, Klinginsmith has served Rotary as district governor and as chair of the 1998 Council on Legislation in New Delhi and the 2008 Los Angeles Convention Committee. He was a member of the RI Board of Directors for 1985-1987 and chaired its executive committee in 1986-87. Klinginsmith joined The Rotary Foundation Trustees in 2002, serving as vice chair in 2005-06, and was a member of the Future Vision Committee from 2005 to 2008. Klinginsmith, a Major Donor, is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

In addition, Klinginsmith has earned many honors in his community, including the Parent/Caretaker Award from the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities; the Thomas D. Cochran Award for Community Service, an annual statewide award by the Young Lawyers Section of the Missouri Bar; and the Silver Beaver Award from the Great Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America, on which he is a former member of the executive board.

Klinginsmith believes that Rotary's best days are still ahead.

"The reputation and ability of Rotarians to impact the world positively is better than ever, and the future of Rotary is bright," he says. "The RI Strategic Plan and The Rotary Foundation Future Vision Plan are good roadmaps to the future. However, the decisions about the selection of strategic partners, the recruitment of younger members, and the facilitation of district change to enable younger leaders to serve as district governors will continue to require leaders of uncommon vision and wisdom."

Windsor Rotary Re-Leaf

By Susan Van Deren, Club President



Dear Fellow Rotarians -

I wanted to thank all Rotarians who have generously donated to the Tornado Relief Effort in Windsor.

After several meetings with our club members and other organizations, we have decided to focus our efforts on landscaping, specifically tree replacement. The name of our project is "Windsor Rotary Re-Leaf." It has been estimated that Windsor lost over 3,700 trees and most homeowner insurance policies do not cover any landscaping. To help replace landscaping for one residence would cost somewhere between \$3,000-\$10,000. It is our hope to replace at least one tree per residence and business, thereby helping more people. If we have any funds left over, we will try and fill in with other landscaping needs such as bushes, perennials and sod. To date we have received approximately \$13,000. We are hoping to raise \$30,000 by next April.

We have developed applications and are busy trying to get them to as many people as possible. The applications are available on our District website at www.rotary5440.org. We are also planning a planting project sometime in April and will be asking for Rotary Club and Interact Club involvement throughout the region. If any of your club members are interested in helping or would like more information, please give me a call at 970-686-9994.

Yours in Rotary,
Susan Van Deren

Teton Valley Rotary and Teton High School Interact Club Feature Motivational Speaker Jerry Traylor for "Next Generations" Month

By Mären Erickson

By the close of the school day on September 9th, many of our students in Teton Valley will possess a new way of thinking. Sponsored by the newly chartered Interact Club, with support by our Rotary Club of Teton Valley, motivational speaker Jerry Traylor will make a series of presentations to our local youth that will open the eyes of many.

The great majority of our youth have been taught to look in the mirror for a measure of their worth. They feel that they can be of little value if they do not measure up. Feelings of inadequacy surface if they are not part of a winning athletic team or on the honor roll. Many simply don't fit in this mold, so they rely on a different set of standards... possibly leaning towards substance abuse or gang involvement. The desire to belong, to be popular, to fit in... is paramount in their existence.

Jerry's story is truly one that will capture the hearts of those who hear it. An imperfect man in a world demanding perfection; Jerry provides a real-life example of what success really means. His humor and heart leave an indelible impact on many as he journeys through the day... teaching others that their uniqueness is a gift rather than a curse.

Jerry entered the world with cerebral

palsy which led to 14 corrective operations. His passion and love for life have led him to the finish line of 28 (26 mile) marathons, to the top of 14,110 foot Pikes Peak and across this great country in a seven month run... all on *crutches*. A real-life example of what can take place when we look at our gifts, abilities and opportunities rather than focusing on that which we lack.

Jerry's mission is so much more important than any of his high profile feats of the past. He intends to teach individuals that we all have opportunities for greatness in this world... Greatness that starts in our own neighborhood. The character based, individual attention he gives so many is a refreshing departure from many programs.

Jerry will share his message with a variety of Teton Valley youth groups at two school assemblies during the school day, small group sessions, as well as an evening presentation for families. He will challenge the thinking of those who are fortunate enough to hear his words. He will break down perceptions that are commonly held regarding health, happiness and success. The smaller group interaction following the assembly programs is designed to pierce the armor of uncertainty and low self-esteem that has shad-

owed many. He tends to make every individual he comes in contact with see some possibilities and direction that they had been blinded to. All of us can change the world if we decide to discover and follow who we truly are rather than trying to be who others think we should be. Jerry's message and personal interaction open our hearts to self discovery and positive change.

Some of the values that Jerry brings forth and exemplifies are: integrity, honesty, commitment, character, respect, compassion and cooperation. He focuses on the importance of making positive choices, choosing positive role models, having a good attitude and getting a good education.

Interact and Teton Valley Rotary's goal in bringing Jerry Traylor to speak to our valley youth addresses key areas including: Perceptions on Diversity Issues, Attitudes toward Personal Responsibility, Personal Definitions of Success and Failure and Personal Goals (and whether an individual's current actions are in line with their visions.)

For further information, please contact Mären Erickson, Rotary Club of Teton Valley (208)201-3125.

Jackson Hole Breakfast raises funds for youth scholarships

By John Hansen, Past Club President

The Teton County Fair has come and gone and once again provided an opportunity for the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Breakfast to pour beer and soda for youth scholarships. This year over the five days that we poured, we raised over \$9,800 through a portion of the beer sales proceeds and all of the soda and water sales proceeds and tips. The Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Breakfast gives out two, \$4,000 four year (\$1,000 per year) scholarships each year and has given out \$82,000 in scholarships over the years. There are up to three booths that need to be manned depending on the event and friends and family all join in to help with the sales or pouring and a fun time is usually had by all.

Voices on the Wind

The Rotary Club of Ft Collins celebrated it's 90th year on August 6th with a special luncheon serving up Nine Decades of Memories! Congratulations!

Two new ROTARACT club are starting. One in Sheridan and the other at UNC in Greeley, sponsored by Greeley Centennial.

Gillette Energy is celebrating 20 years with a Founders' Dinner Sept. 26th.

Star Valley Rotary supports Romania

By Marta Heap



American and Romanian cooperation

Star Valley Rotary, Cheyenne Breakfast Club, and multiple other Rotary Clubs in the Intermountain area and in Romania are happy to have provided assistance which will benefit the medical processes of birthing. We look forward to seeing a decrease in the high mortality rate for Romanian newborns in the coming years. A fifth trip to the area (during 2008) represented Star Valley Rotary's commitment to improve Labor and Delivery services to under-privileged areas of the world.

Dorohoi was our our pilot hospital for assistance in education, supplies and services. Five years of travel and observations in the Country of Romania gave us the insight to determine needs in under-serviced sections of rural Romania. Cities have more resources than outlying areas where there are no continuing education programs.

The original Maternal-Neonatal program was developed by an American nurse in concert with American and Romanian Doctors. In 2006 Rotarian Dr Marius Calomfirescu, A Maternal/Fetal specialist in Bucharest, and Andrea Sabau MD, assisted with translation which eventually resulted in three educational posters. The posters addressed the laboring Mother, Delivery to minimize complications, and care of the newborn. November of 2006 resulted in the first distribution of supplies and education across Romania. The group was aided by five Rotary clubs in diverse areas of the country.

In April of 2008 we were able to enter 2 of the 3 Teaching Universities in the country for midwives and OB-GYNs. Lectures were presented in English and Romanian on selected subjects, and key points were emphasized to increase the education while minimizing risks. The 3rd University had the presentation by Dr Calomfirescu of Old World Rotary in Bucharest. Dr Andrea Sabau delivered textbook to the Universities to assist in future teaching.

Each year many Community organizations sewed blankets, knitted hats and crocheted burp cloths. These donations were used to cushion the precious medical instruments that were packed in large suitcases for the trip. This year the donations were taken to the Pediatric Oncology unit in Iasi and also to an orphanage. This allowed non medical people to participate in assisting those in need. Over the process of 5 years, hundreds of people were able to take part in some phase of the project.

Traveling participants in this project paid their own way and gained the experience of a lifetime. Some of the teams spent 1 month, others spent two weeks and the final trip in 2008 was 8 days in the country. Each year the participants divided their time between hospital, Rotarian and tourist activities.

The country is changing quickly with it's new status in the European Union. This will bring needed aid from better developed countries on the continent. On the other hand, the old world charm of this country is disappearing as outside influences increase. The Labor and Delivery project can be translated into any language where there are medical professionals who are willing to assist. Star Valley Rotary is looking into replicating this medical projects in Mongolia for 2009. Our intention is to leave every place better than when we found it.

A special thank you to Past District Governors Nancy and Bill Pettus who helped us every step of the way, and Past District Governor George McIlvaine who helped us financially and is an influential member of Cheyenne Breakfast club.

If you would like to join us: email martash@silverstar.com Or visit our Website at: rotaryofstarvalley.org

2008 Project Accomplishments

300 Educational Posters, 10 fetal heart dopplers, 75 delivery kits (8 L&D instruments in each), 150 obstetrical stethoscopes
150 cardiac stethoscopes, 10 teaching stethoscopes, Supplies to Pediatric Oncology unit, Supplies to Orphanage, Supplies to Rural Dorohoi
Lectures in the teaching Universities, 3 Neonatal Resuscitation course handbooks, 3 OB-GYN Textbooks



#1 priority is infant survival



Education and supply kits

DISTRICT CALENDAR

September - New Generations Month

- 3 - Alum Service to Humanity Award deadline
Service Above Self Award deadline
- 13-14 - Teton Valley, Hill Climb at Targhee Ski Resort
- 14 - Jackson Hole Supper, Wine Tasting
- 15 - 3-H complete application due for May grant consideration
- 20 - GSE Team Leader Selection, Laramie, WY

October - Vocational Service Month

- 1-5 - Zone Institute, Boise, ID
Governor Elect Training Seminar
- 15 - 2009-10 Official Directory Data forms mailed to club secretaries

November - The Rotary Foundation Month

- TBA - GSE Team Member Selection
- 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

- TBD - Mid Winter Assembly
- TBD—President's Dinner
- 18-25 - International Assembly, San Diego, CA

February - World Understanding Month

- 14 - Avenues of Service Citation due to RI from club presidents
- 23 - World Understanding and Peace Day
- 27-March 1 - PETS, Marriott TechCenter, Denver, CO

March - Literacy Month

- 31 - RI Presidential Citation and District Governor Citation forms due to DG
- 31 - Ambassadorial Scholarship, Rotary Grants for University Teachers and Rotary World Peace Scholarship Application Deadline
- 31 - Last day for receipt of Matching Grant and 3-H Grant applications; Simplified grant funds request due at TRF.

April - Magazine Month

- TBD—District Training Seminars
- 30-May 2 - District Conference, Jackson, WY

May - District Convention Month

- 1 - Memo of club visits due from Assistant Governors

June - Rotary Fellowships Month

- 15 - Nominations for Citation of Meritorious Service due
- 21-24 - RI Convention, Birmingham, England
- 30 - End of fiscal year - all gifts must be received at TRF by 10:00 am in order to count towards 2008-09 Rotary year.

To submit articles for this publication,
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www.rotary5440.org