

Rotary District 5440  
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 World Understanding Month

## THE COWBOY DIARIES



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### The Quiet Rotarians

Ski Town USA -  
 Chriss Parks



Susie and Stu Palmer

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

How many D5440 Rotarians have traveled to a foreign country? How many have witnessed poverty in areas like Mexico, South America, Africa or India? For many Rotarians in District 5440, such experiences are limited to a beach vacation or resort stay.

It is Rotary which brings us closer to the needs of the world's population through international good will projects like matching grants, Polio National Immunization Days, Youth and Group Study Exchanges. I was very fortunate last spring to have visited the rural areas of Brazil, Russia and Mexico before becoming District Governor. In the hospital outside Saratov, Russia, stories

### From the Trail

By DG Stuart Palmer

were told of hospital surgeries without any anesthesia just 15 years ago. We've had a major hand in changing rural healthcare in that area thanks to the work of our D5440 Russian Committee, headed by PDG John Guyette and PDG George McIlvaine and Rotarian Marla Shelby, now hospital administrator in St. George, Utah (formerly of Kemmerer Rotary, WY).

PDGs Bill and Nancy Petrus witnessed the poverty and simplicity of life in Ghana, Africa when they helped work a National Immunization Day there in 2007. Many of us have seen poverty, but nothing like what we hear of some of the poorest or conflicted countries of the world. It is through Rotary that we have come to appreciate the privileges of living in the USA, where seldom do we want for anything.

During last month's luncheon visit to Ft. Collins by our International President D.K. Lee of Seoul, Korea, (fantastic event – Thanks committee!) he exhorted us not to forget the needs of children, 26,000 of which die every day from preventable diseases. As one of his District Governors, I was encouraged to continue to support

his children's initiative to *Make Dreams Real* even after my term ends in June. D. K. wants to create a hospital for women and children in Tanzania, Africa. I'm game to continue his exemplary work, because I now have a much better understanding of the World and the many wonderful projects of Rotarians being done by people just like you. I hope this year's club presidents will join me in this continuing endeavor where the bonds of Rotary have grown between us for the betterment of world peace and understanding.

Reminder: **Early Bird Registration for the District Conference** in Jackson Hole **ends February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Register to hear PDG Olimpio Ribeiro tell us of the impact our projects have made in his district in southwestern Brazil. Learn about the importance of multi-generations in Rotary, how our dollars are being spent to eradicate the scourge of polio. Come prepared to be inspired by dynamic speakers. Let's Rendezvous in Jackson Hole on April 30<sup>th</sup> for a fun-filled 3 day weekend at the Snow King Resort!  
 See you down the trail,  
 DG Stu

## District 5440 Selects Our District Governor Nominee Designate for 2011-12

By PDG Mike Tormey, Chair of the District 5440 Nominating Committee



Each year the district nominating committee meets and interviews eligible candidates for the leadership position of District Governor for our 51 clubs. This year's committee comprised of PDG Mike Tormey, PDG Nancy Pettus, PDG George McIlvaine, PDG John Patton, PDG Bill Muldoon, PP Gerry Crites and PP Chuck Rutenberg. The interview was the culmination of a process lasting for nearly 9 months where club presidents are contacted and encouraged to submit names of active past presidents from their areas who have an interest in service as Governor. During last year's district conference in Cody, Wyoming an open forum was hosted by members of the committee to discuss the opportunities and responsibilities for leadership in our district. That forum hosted 18 interested Rotarians whom we hope we will hear of in the future.

We are pleased to report that the committee selected PP Mary McCambridge for the Rotary Club of Loveland. Mary's past service to her club included many varied leadership positions highlighted by her presidential year in 2003-04. Additionally she has distinguished herself and her club with her active participation in nearly every aspect of community service in Loveland and Larimer County. Mary's husband Jim is a professor at Colorado State University and provides a great deal of support for no doubt a very successful year as our Governor.

Please join the committee in congratulating Mary upon her selection!

## District 5440 PolioPlus Challenge Update

We are doing an exceptional job with our donations to the End Polio Now campaign as noted in the accompanying table. Many clubs have yet to send their \$1,000 donation for the year. There is until the end of June to make a contribution.

I'm proud to say, we are one of the leading districts in our Rotary Zone 25/26 for this special campaign to raise \$200,000,000 worldwide by June 30, 2012. *(This is just another reason that I proclaim my great pride in being your Governor.)* Our funds will match the newly announced \$325,000,000 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. **Keep up the good work in D5440!**

**Thanks - DG Stu**

| Contributions for the Month 01-Jan-2009 To 31-Jan-2009 |          |           | Rotary US \$100 Million Challenge Total Contrib 01-Dec-2007 To 31-Jan-2009 |                    |            | Contributions for the Month 01-Jan-2009 To 31-Jan-2009 |              |  | Rotary US \$100 Million Challenge Total Contrib 01-Dec-2007 To 31-Jan-2009 |  |  |
|--|----------|-----------|--|--------------------|------------|--|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| ROTARY CLUB  |          |           |  |                    |            | ROTARY CLUB  |              |  |  |  |  |
| Buffalo  | 0.00     | 0.00      | 0.00   | Lander             | 0.00       | 300.00   | 1,200.00     |  |  |  |  |
| Casper   | 0.00     | 11,900.00 | 35,844.00  | Laramie            | 500.00     | 683.00   | 1,703.00     |  |  |  |  |
| Casper 5 Trails  | 0.00     | 2,899.50  | 2,899.50   | Laramie Sunrise    | 0.00       | 100.00   | 200.00       |  |  |  |  |
| Cheyenne   | 0.00     | 4,844.25  | 5,044.25   | Loveland           | 0.00       | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00     |  |  |  |  |
| Cheyenne Sunrise                                       | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00  | 1,000.00   | Loveland Mtn View  | 0.00       | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00     |  |  |  |  |
| Cody   | 0.00     | 100.00    | 200.00   | Loveland TV        | 0.00       | 200.00   | 200.00       |  |  |  |  |
| Craig  | 0.00     | 1,270.00  | 1,395.00   | Morrill            | 0.00       | 0.00   | 0.00         |  |  |  |  |
| Douglas  | 0.00     | 0.00      | 0.00   | Powell             | 0.00       | 0.00   | 0.00         |  |  |  |  |
| Estes Park   | 0.00     | 1,000.00  | 1,000.00   | Ranchester/Dayton  | 0.00       | 0.00   | 0.00         |  |  |  |  |
| Estes Valley Sunrise                                   | 0.00     | 1,000.00  | 1,847.50   | Rawlins            | 0.00       | 0.00   | 0.00         |  |  |  |  |
| Evanston   | 0.00     | 0.00      | 0.00   | Riverton           | 0.00       | 0.00   | 0.00         |  |  |  |  |
| Ft. Collins  | 0.00     | 13,040.00 | 13,565.00  | Rock Springs       | 0.00       | 0.00   | 0.00         |  |  |  |  |
| Ft. Collins After Work                                 | 0.00     | 0.00      | 0.00   | Scottsbluff/Gering | 0.00       | 500.00   | 500.00       |  |  |  |  |
| Ft. Collins Breakfast                                  | 0.00     | 4,502.50  | 4,502.50   | Sedgwick County    | 0.00       | 0.00   | 0.00         |  |  |  |  |
| Ft. Collins Foothills                                  | 0.00     | 3,195.00  | 19,515.00  | Sheridan           | 0.00       | 0.00   | 10,000.00    |  |  |  |  |
| Gillette   | 0.00     | 0.00      | 0.00   | Ski Town, USA      | 0.00       | 0.00   | 0.00         |  |  |  |  |
| Gillette-Energy  | 0.00     | 0.00      | 0.00   | Star Valley        | 0.00       | 0.00   | 0.00         |  |  |  |  |
| Greeley  | 0.00     | 1,905.50  | 1,905.50   | Steamboat Springs  | 0.00       | 0.00   | 50.00        |  |  |  |  |
| Greeley After Hours                                    | 0.00     | 80.00     | 80.00  | Sterling           | 0.00       | 425.00   | 425.00       |  |  |  |  |
| Greeley Centennial                                     | 732.00   | 3,732.00  | 4,837.00   | Teton Valley       | 0.00       | 0.00   | 0.00         |  |  |  |  |
| Greeley Redeye   | 0.00     | 0.00      | 0.00   | Thermopolis        | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00     |  |  |  |  |
| High Plains (Eaton)                                    | 0.00     | 500.00    | 500.00   | Torrington         | 500.00     | 2,500.00   | 4,500.00     |  |  |  |  |
| Jackson Hole   | 0.00     | 0.00      | 1,000.00   | Windsor            | 0.00       | 0.00   | 0.00         |  |  |  |  |
| Jackson Breakfast                                      | 0.00     | 1,000.00  | 1,000.00   | Worland            | 0.00       | 0.00   | 0.00         |  |  |  |  |
| Jackson Supper   | 0.00     | 224.00    | 5,324.00   |                    |            |  |              |  |  |  |  |
| Johnstown/Milliken                                     | 0.00     | 0.00      | 0.00   | TOTALS             | \$3,732.00 | \$59,900.75  | \$123,237.25 |  |  |  |  |
| Kemmerer   | 0.00     | 0.00      | 0.00   |                    |            |  |              |  |  |  |  |



## Sheridan Rotary Club donates to Heritage Center

By James Weber, Club Executive Secretary and Treasurer

The Historic Sheridan Inn was built in 1893 and the Sheridan Rotary Club was organized May 19, 1919 in the Sheridan Inn and has continued to hold it's weekly meeting there since then except for a short period in the 1970's. The last two years the Inn has undergone extensive reconditioning. Now the Sheridan Heritage Center, which owns the Inn needs additional money to complete the work on the second and third floors. In October, Mr. Raymond Plank, CEO of Apache Oil Co. made a challenge that he would match up to a million dollars of donations made to the Sheridan Heritage Center.

At our October 31<sup>st</sup> Rotary meeting, Ed Darrington, who had just completed his 29<sup>th</sup> year in Rotary, got up and suggested that the Rotary Club should step up and meet this challenge. At this time Charlie Bassett got up and said he would give the first \$1,000.00. Following the meeting, Ed met Raymond Plank and told him about our plans. Mr. Plank reached in his pocket and took out a \$100 bill and gave to Ed for the campaign. On the following Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, Ed called and asked if he could stop by to give me the \$100 bill. I told him I would be home. Sadly, Ed had a tragic fall and died on Friday, just as our Friday noon meeting was starting.

The 'Finish the Inn' project in Ed's name was very successful but we lost a very good friend and a very good Rotarian.



Pictured from left is Sheridan Heritage Center board member Della Herbst, SHC Director of Development Norma Nichols, and SHC Executive Director Edre Maier accepting the \$56,740 check from Sheridan Rotary Foundation President Carmen Rideout and Sheridan Rotary Club President Karen Miller. All are Sheridan Rotary members except Norma Nickols. Photo courtesy of the Sheridan Press.

## Gillette Rotary Club is active in their community

By Nikki Bowker, President Elect Nominee

The Gillette Rotary Club has been active this year in several projects to help our community. Early fall our club was approached by members of the Pioneer Manor Advisory Board, who is charged with overseeing our local Senior Center and are fellow Rotarians, with a request to help rebuild one of their central social points....their outdoor gazebo. Through local contractors helping with concrete work and equipment our club was the muscle behind the project.



Our second effort was in helping to beautifying the walkways in Gillette which came from a suggestion of one of our 10+ year members... Lee Wittler. Bike and walking paths have become rather popular throughout Gillette and whether it's summer or winter they all get used year around. People can walk, ride bikes or run on these paths all while enjoying the variety of art the City has diligently placed throughout the city. Along the 74 miles of bike paths one cannot help but notice the benches and trash cans with a big Rotary symbol gracing the corners. This past year additional paths were created in recently developed areas which created another opportunity for our club to purchase additional benches and trash cans.

On a social level every couple of months our club makes it a point to hold events that are casual and fun where spouses and potential members are encouraged to attend. Three such events have taken place thus far this year. Our first was the annual golf tournament which was held in July, followed by a bus trip to Laramie to watch the Cowboys play and have dinner and finally in December we had the opportunity to have our Rotary family in attendance for our annual Christmas party. Our foreign exchange student, spouses of departed Rotarians, potential members and spouses are all invited. This year the festivities were held at the Clarion Western Plaza where we dined and enjoyed the musical sounds of the string section of the Powder River Symphony. A wonderful time to reflect on the past year.

## Ambassadorial Scholar, Ikumi Yoshida District 2740 Saga - Nagasaki, Japan



My name is Ikumi Yoshida, an ambassadorial scholar from the district 2740 Saga- Nagasaki, Japan. I arrived in Fort Collins on August 17<sup>th</sup>, and started my new life here. Now I'm studying at CSU majoring in Liberal Arts. I'm planning to finish my bachelor degree for International Cultures major at my university in Japan, so I'm taking courses focusing on ethnic studies and media.

Coming here, my dreams have come true. In the first place, coming to the US and studying here had been the biggest dream, so just spending every day here in America makes me feel very happy. I dreamed about meeting many wonderful people here, and I'm meeting more wonderful people than I expected in school and the Rotary clubs. The second dream that I granted here was to swim with dolphins. I've loved dolphins, but I could never swim in my life. I tried very hard in my swimming classes when I was in Japan, but I always got bad grades and teachers were so strict, so I really hated swimming. Last month, my counselor, Marji let me join her family trip to Mexico. I'd never expected that I could go to another country but America, so I was very excited. Oceans and skies are so blue and last forever, and Marji, Mike and Josie were so open and sweet that I felt very happy. Josie taught me how to swim in the pool, and she swam very well. Looking at her, I just thought, "maybe now I can swim.", and I did it. I could never float in the water in my entire life, but on that day, I don't know why, I just float in the water. It was amazing. Marji also took me to the dolphin watching in a small boat, and we found the pod of dolphins in the middle of the ocean. I wanted to dive in, but I was very scared. Then Marji encouraged me to try, and I did it. It was wonderful. I saw three dolphins swimming under me. I never expected this dream would come true in my life, but it did with the help of Trynann family and gentle dolphins and oceans.

I think this experience has the deep connection to what I've learned by far in America. I learned many things here, but the positive attitudes for challenging new things are what I like the most about people here. Here, people are not afraid of taking risks and making mistakes. People help each other, and know how to encourage each other. I attend every meeting for the breakfast club in Fort Collins, and every Thursday morning, I become very happy, because I can feel the positive attitudes and see strong smiles of wonderful people there. Even though they are facing some troubles and problems, they smile and they are ready for new solutions and adventures. Since I came here, I spent a lot of time with many Rotarians. I learned this attitude from them. Looking into the deep ocean from the small boat, I wanted to dive in, and I did. It is more than just swimming with dolphins. I feel a change in myself. I tried skiing this year with the help of Pat and Mark, and I enjoyed it a lot, too.

One of my biggest dreams is that to make a contribution to the worldwide intercultural understanding. I went to the Pine Ridge reservation for the volunteer for Native American People, and I'm tutoring some American students for Japanese and Japanese cultures. This semester, I want to challenge new things, and broaden my world more. I believe that this stay will be the strong base for making my next dream come true, and I will do my best.

I'm very thankful for this opportunity and all of your supports. I miss my home sometimes, but always Rotarians give me a home, and I really appreciate that I can be in a part of the wonderful rotary family. Thank you very much.



## District 5440 Clubs Host RI President D.K. Lee at Luncheon



RI President Dong Kurn "D.K." Lee addresses the 450+ Rotarians who gathered in Fort Collins, Colorado on January 16th for the all club luncheon.



RI President D.K. Lee presented Paul Harris awards to many Rotarians.



RI Trustee Lynn Hammond introduced RI President D.K. Lee



At left, RI President D.K. Lee honored Korean War Era Veterans.

At right, Fort Collins Mayor and Rotarian, Doug Hutchinson, presented the Key to the City to D.K. and Young Lee



## Gates Foundation Announces \$255 Million more for Polio Eradication

Dear Fellow Rotarians,



This is another historic day for Rotary. Our organization was honored today to host philanthropist Bill Gates, Jr. at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Speaking to 2009-2010 district governors-elect, Bill Gates, Jr. congratulated Rotarians on the success of the partnership between Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to raise funds for polio.

To date, Rotarians have already committed more than US\$60 million toward the original US\$100 million Gates challenge grant awarded in November 2007.

In recognizing Rotary's impressive fundraising success and steadfast commitment to polio eradication, Gates announced today that his foundation has decided to increase its challenge grant by US\$255 million – for a total of US\$355 million. By accepting the increase, Rotary also accepts the challenge to raise an additional US\$100 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012 and drives the combined Rotary and Gates Foundation partnership's commitment to a total of US\$555 million.

All of the resulting US\$555 million will be spent in support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in polio affected countries. The initiative is spearheaded by Rotary, the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF.

In another welcomed development today, the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) pledged £100 million (US\$150 million) and the German government is giving an additional €100 million (US\$130 million), both to the GPEI. Contributions from the U.K. and Germany are separate and will not count toward Rotary's match of the Gates Foundation challenge grant.

The infusion of funds is crucial if the world is to finally be rid of polio, a crippling, sometimes fatal disease that poses the highest risk to children.

Although the initiative has reduced the number of polio cases by 99 percent over the past two decades, the wild poliovirus still persists in four countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- and imported cases from these endemic countries threaten other developing nations.

Your continued participation in this effort is crucial to making it a success. The Rotary International Board of Directors and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have unanimously agreed to accept this challenge grant to ensure the success of the PolioPlus program. Rotary and the Gates Foundation intend for their funding partnership to set an example for the rest of the world. We feel confident that this extraordinary partnership will serve as a catalyst for further donations from others to help us realize the dream of a polio-free world.

When Rotary entered the fight against polio in 1985, we promised every child a world free from the threat of polio. We are almost there. This funding agreement between Rotary and the Gates Foundation is a huge step forward, bringing us even closer to our goal. Success is our only option. Together we can *End Polio Now*.

For more information, please visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).  
Dong-Kurn Lee  
Rotary International President 2008-09  
Jonathan B. Majiyagbe, Chairman  
The Rotary Foundation Trustees

We have confirmation that the Russian Folk Music Group, **Souvenir** (from Saratov) will be performing at the District Conference. I saw their concert last April in Russia and they are an exciting cultural experience.

Their costumes are fabulous, their music is fun and delightful. The group of 8 performers also hopes to perform in several D5440 communities prior to their visit in Jackson. We need your help. If you would like **Souvenir** to perform in your community, please call PDG George McIlvaine at (307) 631-0136. ....DG Stu



## District 5440 Leaders to TRF Posts



Past Rotary International Director, Lynn Hammond, was recently appointed by RI President Elect John Kenny to serve a four year term on the Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation. Lynn is a partner in the law firm of Hammond and Clark and has held various offices in the Larimer County and Colorado Bar Associations. His many civic affiliations have included the McKee Medical Center Foundation, Loveland United Fund and Thompson

R2J School Board.

A Rotarian since 1960, Lynn has served as District 5440 Governor, International Assembly Discussion/Training Leader, GSE Team Leader and Permanent Fund Advisor. Following his term as Rotary International Director, he was appointed to a six year term on the Audit and Operations Review Committee of Rotary International. He has served as that committee's chairman. Recently Lynn served on the Nominating Committee for RI President Elect. He and wife, Norma, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and are active supporters of programs to reduce illiteracy.




PDG Bill Pettus has been selected by Past RI President Glenn Estess to serve a three year term as Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for the newly formed Zone 27. He will be working with twelve to fifteen districts throughout the region providing training and presentations regarding The Rotary Foundation. He currently serves as the District Rotary Foundation Chair and has chaired numerous other District 5440 committees. Bill and his wife, PDG Nancy,

are both Major Donors and Bequest Society Members for The Rotary Foundation.

Bill has been a Rotarian over twenty-five years and served as president of two different clubs and as a club board member for over twenty-two consecutive years. He has served as International Assembly Discussion/Training Leader and Rotary Foundation Strategic Advisor. Bill is a professional educator who served as Superintendent of Schools in Mariposa, California. He is a life member of the University of Wyoming Alumni Association and currently serves on the College of Education Development Board. He was recently appointed board member of the Teton Literacy Project.

Hammond and Pettus will be in Chicago in March for detailed training regarding The Rotary Foundation and both will assume their responsibilities effective July 1, 2009.



**THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS**

Last month, District Governor-Elect, Dave Scriven and wife Janice were in San Diego attending the Rotary International Assembly where they received their official Rotary International training before they assume the leadership of District 5440 in July. On the first day of the Assembly, the 2009-10 theme was revealed to be "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands." Visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) for more information.

### Celebrate the Birthday of Rotary

On February 23, we celebrate the 105<sup>th</sup> birthday of Rotary. Every club is encouraged to promote the good work of our organization that week. Last year, clubs and districts successfully publicized their community service projects which helped build public awareness of Rotary overall. This year new Public Relations (PR) resources are available to help you promote your events. We'll hear more next month about our own District PR program and proposed use of our PR Grant funds for the remainder of the year. It is most important that your PR plan keeps service as the focus—because it helps communicate what Rotary is and does around the world. Visit the RI Public Image Resource Group for more information to use in your club at <http://www.rotary.org/en/members/runningclub/InformingTheCommunity/>

## Club Attendance and Membership - December, 2008

Let us work hard to maintain positive growth in membership!

| ROTARY CLUB            | Dec - 08<br>Attendance | Dec - 08<br>Members | July - 08<br>Members | Change<br>YTD | Change<br>Per Mth | ROTARY CLUB        | Dec - 08<br>Attendance | Dec - 08<br>Members | July - 08<br>Members | Change<br>YTD | Change<br>Per Mth |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Buffalo                | 59.375                 | 32                  | 34                   | -2            | -1                | Lander             | 51.38                  | 65                  | 69                   | -4            | 0                 |
| Casper                 | 40.22                  | 194                 | 196                  | -2            | +2                | Laramie            | 62.41                  | 104                 | 106                  | -2            | 0                 |
| Casper 5 Trails        | 32.30                  | 68                  | 64                   | +4            | -1                | Laramie Sunrise    | 63.00                  | 28                  | 24                   | +4            | +1                |
| Cheyenne               | 54.00                  | 211                 | 213                  | -2            | -1                | Loveland           | 84.00                  | 189                 | 183                  | +6            | +6                |
| Cheyenne Sunrise       | 74.00                  | 31                  | 30                   | +1            | 0                 | Loveland Mtn View  | 69.39                  | 44                  | 47                   | -3            | -5                |
| Cody                   | 64.00                  | 68                  | 70                   | -2            | +1                | Loveland TV        | 46.83                  | 39                  | 44                   | -5            | -1                |
| Craig                  | 62.00                  | 21                  | 19                   | +2            | 0                 | Morrill            | Not Rep'd              | 18                  | 16                   | +2            | 0                 |
| Douglas                | 67.00                  | 38                  | 43                   | -5            | 0                 | Powell             | 63.00                  | 28                  | 29                   | -1            | 0                 |
| Estes Park             | 76.20                  | 144                 | 143                  | +1            | +1                | Ranchester/Dayton  | 73.00                  | 21                  | 20                   | +1            | 0                 |
| Estes Valley Sunrise   | 96.92                  | 66                  | 61                   | +5            | 0                 | Rawlins            | 41.72                  | 31                  | 28                   | +3            | -1                |
| Evanston               | 67.00                  | 41                  | 42                   | -1            | +2                | Riverton           | 54.56                  | 49                  | 49                   | 0             | 0                 |
| Ft. Collins            | Not Rep'd              | 187                 | 187                  | 0             | 0                 | Rock Springs       | 48.72                  | 29                  | 27                   | +2            | +2                |
| Ft. Collins After Work | 50.39                  | 24                  | 23                   | +1            | +1                | Scottsbluff/Gering | Not Rep'd              | 115                 | 117                  | -2            | 0                 |
| Ft. Collins Breakfast  | 71.97                  | 70                  | 68                   | +2            | +1                | Sedgwick County    | 71.00                  | 23                  | 23                   | 0             | -1                |
| Ft. Collins Foothills  | 62.25                  | 111                 | 115                  | -4            | -1                | Sheridan           | 48.65                  | 132                 | 134                  | -2            | 0                 |
| Gillette               | 33.33                  | 69                  | 62                   | +7            | +1                | Ski Town, USA      | 90.83                  | 30                  | 30                   | 0             | 0                 |
| Gillette-Energy        | 60.00                  | 54                  | 54                   | 0             | 0                 | Star Valley        | 48.00                  | 16                  | 16                   | 0             | 0                 |
| Greeley                | 40.76                  | 158                 | 153                  | +5            | +3                | Steamboat Springs  | 63.92                  | 85                  | 89                   | -4            | -1                |
| Greeley After Hours    | 65.22                  | 23                  | 24                   | -1            | 0                 | Sterling           | 44.59                  | 40                  | 40                   | 0             | -1                |
| Greeley Centennial     | 69.87                  | 107                 | 112                  | -5            | -1                | Teton Valley       | 58.00                  | 34                  | 37                   | -3            | -2                |
| Greeley Redeye         | 71.30                  | 30                  | 30                   | 0             | 0                 | Thermopolis        | 63.00                  | 29                  | 29                   | 0             | 0                 |
| High Plains (Eaton)    | Not Rep'd              | 28                  | 30                   | -2            | 0                 | Torrington         | 61.00                  | 67                  | 67                   | 0             | -2                |
| Jackson Hole           | 50.00                  | 197                 | 196                  | +1            | +1                | Windsor            | 66.00                  | 35                  | 35                   | 0             | -1                |
| Jackson Breakfast      | 69.00                  | 13                  | 13                   | 0             | 0                 | Worland            | Not Rep'd              | 39                  | 39                   | 0             | 0                 |
| Jackson Supper         | 63.72                  | 35                  | 32                   | +3            | -2                |                    |                        |                     |                      |               |                   |
| Johnstown/Milliken     | 67.00                  | 17                  | 19                   | -2            | 0                 |                    |                        |                     |                      |               |                   |
| Kemmerer               | 70.00                  | 26                  | 25                   | +1            | 0                 | TOTALS             |                        | 3353                | 3356                 | -3            | 0                 |



**Rotary District 5440 Conference**  
Jackson Hole Wyoming @ Snow King Resort  
April 30 - May 2

**Join us in Jackson for a Rotary Rendezvous  
&  
Some Good Old Fashioned Western Hospitality**

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Rotary Club of Jackson Hole, Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Supper,  
Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Breakfast  
Rotary Club of Teton Valley, Rotary Club of Star Valley



**Registration information is  
located on our website at  
[www.rotary5440.org](http://www.rotary5440.org).  
See you in Jackson!**



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

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## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### 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 - 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
- 3 - Ambassadorial Scholarship, Rotary Grants for University Teachers and Rotary World Peace Scholarship Application Deadline
- 25 - Ambassadorial Scholarship, Rotary Grants for University Teachers and Rotary World Peace Scholarship Interviews in Greeley/Fort Collins area.
- 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.

## New country added to Rotary map

Members of the first Rotary club in the island nation of Kiribati spent a week in August celebrating its charter.

On 11 August, RI General Secretary Ed Futa, on behalf of the RI Board, approved a charter for the Rotary Club of Kiritimati, Line Islands, Republic of Kiribati, adding another nation to the more than 200 countries and geographical areas on the Rotary map.

"Rotary will have an important and positive impact on improving the lives of people in Kiritimati (formerly Christmas Island)," says club president Ruta Uatiao. "Rotary represents leadership, something we are excited to adopt here."

The 35-member club, along with guest Rotarians from District 9920 and the United States, held its first official club meeting on 23 August, the kickoff to the weeklong festivities. As part of the week's programming, Kiritimati club members visited schools and hospitals to assess potential projects.

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