



THE RHINO EXPRESS

Rotary District 5440

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE

By DG David H. Scriven

Welcome to the first edition of the *Rhino Express*. As we go through the year you will see many references to the Rhinoceros and will wonder what the connection is. About 30 some years ago, I read a series of three books, *Rhinoceros Success*, *Advanced Rhinocerotology* and *Rhinocerototic Relativity*. They were just fun motivational books written by Scott Alexander. In his first book he says there are two kinds of people in the world, the Rhinoceros charging through the jungle, getting things done and making things happen, and the cow standing in the pasture chewing on its cud. Well, given a choice, I naturally decided I wanted to be a Rhinoceros. Then he said to remind you that you are a Rhinoceros, surround yourself with Rhinoceros paraphernalia, which in my case include several dozen carvings, pictures and any other way a Rhinoceros can be portrayed. My friends and family over the years have kept the hobby of collecting these things going. So, when it came time to pick a theme for my year as District Governor, that theme was actually picked over 30 years ago.

More important than the Rhino theme, which is just for fun, we have a new Rotary theme which is our real inspiration. "*The Future of Rotary is in your Hands*". What a great way to start a new year with a clear message of what our responsibility is in order to keep this great organization great. It is up to each of us to make sure that happens.

With this first edition of the *Rhino Express*, I'd like to give you a preview of what to expect over the next year from the leadership of District 5440. First of all, the leadership's purpose is to be of assistance to the 51 Rotary clubs, seven Rotaract Clubs and the growing number of Interact clubs in our District.

You will be seeing a new website this year which we hope will improve our communication and ability to distribute important information. Things to look for in the website will be: a calendar for this year's events, club listings, news from around the clubs and a forum area where clubs can share good ideas for fundraisers, membership, etc.

Our GSE team will be going to Australia (New South Wales) in February so look for information coming out in the near future.

We are honoring the clubs this year in the Newsletter so we would like every club to submit articles for publication. We will review and publish the best ones. We will

also be honoring clubs at the District Conference. Record your projects this year with pictures or movies and put together presentations to be shown at District Conference. We will provide more information about this in upcoming newsletters.

Several clubs have undergone the Visioning process. Get in the cue and have the Visioning Team come to your club. It is designed for both struggling clubs and to make good clubs even better. You won't be sorry for going through this process. Contact the Visioning Team to set up a date for your club.

We will be starting a program with the Rotary Leadership Institute to help train Rotarians to serve beyond the club level. This program will start in the fall with the required three classes happening over the coming year. We will be putting on a north class and a south class to make it convenient for Rotarians in the District wanting to learn more about Rotary. Look for more information in future issues.

We have started our club visits, with 4 down and 47 to go, as of the writing of this article. Thank you to the clubs of Greeley Redeye, Ft Collins Foothills, Laramie Sunrise and Cheyenne for the warm receptions you have given Janice and me. Truly the number one joy in being District Governor is to visit the clubs and meet the wonderful Rotarians that make up this District.

We have much to look forward to this year and I am confident that we will all look back with pride and satisfaction at a job well done. We will have much to celebrate at the end of the year. Keep "charging" Rotarians and make things happen!!



DG Dave & Janice Scriven

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Greeley After Hours ~ An Amazing First Year! By President Karoline Woodruff

The first year of a new club is bound to be eventful. With many new Rotarians being led by a handful of “seasoned” Rotarians and every event, every emerging tradition, a “first,” it can feel like the club is caught in a whirlwind. This has certainly been true for the Rotary Club of Greeley – After Hours, the newest club in District 5440.

GAH began formation meetings almost two years ago with sponsorship from Greeley Centennial and President Tom Miller, as well as support from PDGs Mike Tormey and John Guyette. Finally, on May 27, 2008, we became a chartered club. From early in our organization through our first “official” year, we have benefited from the work and guidance of Club President Tim Fleming. At the end of almost 20 months of service, Tim recently was awarded his Past President’s pin at the club’s first transition dinner. As he addressed the club, he was able to recount many successful “firsts” for the club. Reflecting the club’s service focus on elders and their caregivers, our service projects included distributing peaches to retirement and nursing homes, garden refurbishment at Eldergarden and the new tradition of holiday baskets overflowing with useful and fun items for needy seniors. To help fund these projects, our first fundraiser, spearheaded by Marsi Liddell, was a Bowl-a-thon on May 30. With over 20 teams sponsored by club members and friends, as well as some generous donations from Rotarians in other Greeley clubs, Greeley - After Hours raised almost \$3800 to support future projects. In our first year, we have learned a lot about Rotary, had fun and grown in fellowship at several social events and work projects.



Basket Recipient
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GAH was the third club in the district to go through a visioning session. We came away from the session with new ideas, a renewed emphasis in our service focus and a refreshed excitement about what we can accomplish as a club. We are planning events and projects in the summer and fall and look forward to another eventful and effective year of Rotary. The club was proud to be honored at the 2009 District Conference, when it was awarded the prize for most members (by percentage and distance) in attendance and most new attendees.



GAH Members proudly accept Silver Bell Award at District Conference in April.

GAH is also proud of one of our charter members, Lt. Col. Bruce Rowe, recently returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan, flying supply missions to remote bases across the country. On his return, Bruce presented the club with an American flag which he had carried on each mission. The flag is a welcome addition to our club meetings and reminds us of a friend and fellow Rotarian and his selfless service to our country.

As we marked the end of our first year as a club and the beginning of a new Rotary year, we can proudly say that we have started growing new Rotarians and traditions that will support our club for many years to come.



DG Dave and Janice were welcomed in first class fashion to their first club visit to the Greeley Redeye Rotary Club!

Estes Valley Sunrise Presents the Labor Day Arts & Crafts Show

For 27 years the Labor Day Arts and Crafts Show was a fixture in Estes Park 's Bond Park. When the show needed a new sponsor, Estes Valley Sunrise Rotary stepped to the plate to make sure this popular event continued its fine tradition.

This three-day show on September 5-7, 2009 features fine handmade arts and crafts from more than 80 arti-



sans. They will offer everything from fine art, gourmet foods, jewelry and photography to pottery, handmade toys, textiles and quilts.

The show promises to bring Estes Valley Sunrise Rotary more than \$20,000 in registration fees that the club will spend on youth scholarships as well as local and international projects. **For more information, contact Jane Schoen jschoen321@hotmail.com**

Ranchester/Dayton Rotary Pancake Breakfast

Ranchester/Dayton Rotary, located at the base of the Big Horn Mountains, is gearing up for Dayton Days, July 25th. Our rotary club puts on a pancake breakfast as part of the celebration of Dayton Days each summer. Norm Anderson, long-time Rotarian and past president of the club, chairs the event. The club has it's own cook trailer and arrives onsite around 4:30am to begin preparation. Breakfast is served from 6:30-9:30, with over 60 dozen scrambled eggs, 75 pounds of pancake batter, and 72 pounds of sausage being served to nearly 300 hungry residents. Nearly every one of the club members participate in this annual event.

Proceeds from this event help pay for our annual Christmas Dinner provided free of charge to the senior citizens of Ranchester and Dayton, as well as support a scholarship each year for a graduate of Tongue River high school.

So, if your travels take you to northeast Wyoming in late July, plan on stopping by for a great breakfast and even greater fellowship.

USA, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands Rotary Clubs and Districts and the IRS

What follows is not tax advice, but general information, which may be useful. Questions regarding any tax matters need to be referred to local counsel, your tax adviser or to the IRS. (<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov> or 1-800-829-1040)

Starting in 2008, clubs or districts with gross receipts of \$25,000 or less were required to file Form 990-N, which is an electronic e-Postcard report. This report is required annually. Failure to meet the annual filing requirement for three consecutive years will result in **revocation of the tax-exempt status of the club or district** in question. To learn more about this requirement, and to obtain the necessary e-Postcard report form, visit the US Treasury website at: www.irs.gov/eo, or call the toll-free number: (877) 829-5500.

To view complete posting of this information, please visit our website www.rotary5440.org.

Rubber Ducks Raise Bucks for Dictionaries

The Loveland Rotary Club has dumped several thousand rubber ducks in the Big Thompson River over the past ten years to raise money to purchase every 3rd grader in the Berthoud/Loveland Colorado school district a hard-bound dictionary. All public, parochial, home-schooled and Charter School 3rd graders are eligible to receive a dictionary they can take home for their personal library.

Loveland Rotary raised over \$30,000 (after expenses) in 2008 from the Rubber Duck Race to purchase over 1,200 dictionaries and have funds left over help provide arts & academic scholarships for high school seniors.

The Loveland Rotary Club Rubber Duck Race has several approaches for raising money. Rotarians solicit \$5.00 donations for duck race tickets from friends, relatives and local residences. Prizes for the winning ducks this year are \$1,000, a Nintendo Wii®, an Apple iPod® Touch, \$250 and other fabulous prizes donated by local merchants.

Other local non-profit organizations are given the opportunity to solicit donations for duck race tickets to raise money for their organization. Participating non-profit organizations keep 65% of the donations to benefit their organization and return 35% to Rotary. The non-profit approach allows Rotary to broaden the public awareness of the 3rd Grade Literacy program while benefiting local organizations.

Businesses and individuals have the opportunity to sponsor and decorate large rubber ducks to win trophies for the “Best Dressed”, “Best Named” or “Fastest Sponsor Duck”. A \$100 donation will sponsor dictionaries for eight 3rd graders and the sponsor receives one large rubber duck to decorate. If a donor sponsors an entire class of 3rd graders for \$250, the donor receives three large ducks. An entire school of 3rd graders can be sponsored for \$1,000 and the sponsor receives twelve large ducks to decorate.



Best Dressed sponsored ducks from the Loveland Rotary Club 2008 Rubber Duck race: "Down" Hill Ducky; "Peacock Duck"; "Spiderduck" and "Captain Jack Duck".



Decorated ducks from the Loveland Rotary Club 2008 Rubber Duck race.

The Loveland Rotary Club has cooperated with the Saint Vrain Rotary Club in Longmont to purchase the large rubber ducks to save shipping costs and to exchange large and small ducks if one club is running short of duck inventory.

Best Dressed sponsored ducks from the Loveland Rotary Club 2008 Rubber Duck race. 1st place Johnson’s Corner “Down” Hill Ducky; 2nd place Jorgensen Labs Inc. "Peacock Duck"; 3rd place Reporter-Herald Newspaper "Spiderduck" and 4th place William G. Kaufman, Law Office "Captain Jack Duck."

Club Attendance and Membership - May, 2009

| ROTARY CLUB | May - 09 Attendance | May - 09 Members | July - 08 Members | Change YTD | Change Per Mth | ROTARY CLUB | May- 09 Attendance | May - 09 Members | July - 08 Members | Change YTD | Change Per Mth |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| Buffalo | 52.86 | 35 | 34 | +1 | 0 | Lander | 66.40 | 64 | 69 | -5 | 0 |
| Casper | 58.32 | 178 | 192 | -14 | -2 | Laramie | 60.05 | 101 | 106 | -5 | +2 |
| Casper 5 Trails | 48.00 | 65 | 64 | +1 | 0 | Laramie Sunrise | 84.00 | 27 | 24 | +3 | 0 |
| Cheyenne | 51.00 | 202 | 213 | -11 | -3 | Loveland | 86.00 | 188 | 183 | +5 | -2 |
| Cheyenne Sunrise | 77.34 | 35 | 30 | +5 | 0 | Loveland Mtn View | 70.05 | 46 | 47 | -1 | -1 |
| Cody | 63.00 | 74 | 70 | +4 | +2 | Loveland TV | 65.97 | 38 | 44 | -8 | 0 |
| Craig | Not Rep'd | 21 | 19 | +2 | 0 | Morrill | 74.00 | 18 | 16 | +2 | 0 |
| Douglas | Not Rep'd | 37 | 43 | -6 | 0 | Powell | 67.00 | 29 | 29 | 0 | 0 |
| Estes Park | 79.20 | 148 | 143 | +5 | +1 | Ranchester/Dayton | 63.00 | 22 | 20 | +2 | 0 |
| Estes Valley Sunrise | 76.25 | 65 | 61 | +4 | +1 | Rawlins | 51.49 | 34 | 28 | +6 | 0 |
| Evanston | 79.00 | 43 | 42 | +1 | 0 | Riverton | Not Rep'd | 50 | 49 | +1 | 0 |
| Ft. Collins | Not Rep'd | 194 | 187 | +7 | 0 | Rock Springs | Not Rep'd | 29 | 27 | +2 | 0 |
| Ft. Collins After Work | 57.14 | 21 | 23 | -2 | -3 | Scottsbluff/Gering | Not Rep'd | 121 | 117 | +4 | 0 |
| Ft. Collins Breakfast | 80.08 | 73 | 68 | +5 | +1 | Sedgwick County | 79.20 | 24 | 23 | +1 | +1 |
| Ft. Collins Foothills | 66.96 | 112 | 115 | -3 | 0 | Sheridan | 52.72 | 129 | 134 | -5 | -2 |
| Gillette | 38.72 | 68 | 62 | +6 | 0 | Ski Town, USA | 84.68 | 31 | 30 | +1 | 0 |
| Gillette-Energy | 46.00 | 54 | 54 | 0 | -1 | Star Valley | 40.00 | 20 | 16 | +4 | 0 |
| Greeley | 50.08 | 153 | 155 | -2 | 0 | Steamboat Springs | 73.50 | 85 | 89 | -4 | +1 |
| Greeley After Hours | 65.22 | 23 | 24 | -1 | 0 | Sterling | 49.32 | 36 | 40 | -4 | -2 |
| Greeley Centennial | 70.00 | 109 | 112 | -3 | +1 | Teton Valley | 60.00 | 40 | 37 | +3 | 0 |
| Greeley Redeye | 75.67 | 31 | 30 | +1 | 0 | Thermopolis | 60.00 | 29 | 29 | 0 | 0 |
| High Plains (Eaton) | 80.50 | 27 | 30 | -3 | 0 | Torrington | 69.00 | 69 | 67 | +2 | 0 |
| Jackson Hole | 54.00 | 196 | 196 | 0 | -2 | Windsor | 57.00 | 33 | 35 | -2 | -1 |
| Jackson Breakfast | 68.00 | 18 | 13 | +5 | -1 | Worland | Not Rep'd | 39 | 39 | 0 | 0 |
| Jackson Supper | 69.08 | 40 | 32 | +8 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Johnstown/Milliken | 82.00 | 13 | 19 | -6 | 0 | TOTALS | | 3363 | 3352 | +11 | -9 |
| Kemmerer | 70.00 | 26 | 25 | +1 | 0 | | | | | | |

The Sheridan Rotary Club Supports The Rotary Foundation

The Sheridan Rotary Club met the evening of June 19th to recognize those who have donated to the Rotary International Foundation. The major effort of the Foundation presently is to eradicate polio by raising \$200 million to match a contribution of \$355 million by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Rotarians who give \$1000 or more earn the title of Paul Harris Fellow in honor of Rotary's founder. Sheridan Rotary Club members presented with their first Paul Harris award were: Susan Brayton, Vanessa Buyok, John Cochran, Jenny Craft, Scott Davis, Mark Demple, Everett Mohatt,



PDG John Patton, Sheridan Club President Karen Miller, Dr. Sy Thickman, and PDG Mike Tormey.

A couple of days later, Dr. Thickman sent the Club a nice thank-you note and \$1000 for the Sheridan Rotary Foundation.

Dr. Tracy Coe, Donna Kinskey, and Mike McCafferty. Those earning their second award were: Alan Bourne, John Buyok, Bill Huppert, Everett Mohatt, Dave Oakes, Shirley Yager, Tim Belton, Dr. Tracy Coe, Dave Ferries, Tom Hurst, and Garrett Lindemann. Dr. George Ewan also earned his second award; he is the longest serving member in the Sheridan Club and also the longest serving Paul Harris Fellow in the Club. Those receiving their third award were: Ron Mischke) and Dave Alden. Those receiving their fourth award were: Steve Will and Dave Kinskey. Two members received their eighth award: Club Secretary Jim Weber and Del Acker.

Mike Tormey (visiting Past District Governor and featured speaker for the evening) recognized John Patton as a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation. He then helped in a surprise recognition of Dr. "Sy" Thickman as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Master of Ceremony Anthony Spiegelberg shared a few comments to recognize one of our true community leaders, Dr. Sy Thickman. Many

have known Dr. Thickman for many years, and as a new board member of the hospital I quickly recognized Dr. Thickman as a dedicated and experienced Board member for the Foundation who over the years has helped in more ways than we can count.

Dr. Thickman has been "involved" as an active community participant. Since 1953, Dr. Thickman has been involved with the Sheridan Senior Center, Sheridan Memorial Hospital and Foundation, Sheridan Civic Theater, Center for a Vital Community, Wyoming Humanities Council, Sheridan College, Green House Living for Sheridan, and more. It is told that he perhaps even has a "green thumb," as he has been known to lend a hand to the Community Garden Project.

Sheridan Past Rotary President Mike McCafferty noted that, "Dr. Thickman is a man of many talents and passions. The contributions he has made to the Sheridan Community since 1953 have not only set him apart as a physician, but also as a visionary man and philanthropist." Well stated, but perhaps an understatement of his contribution to our community.

Dr. Thickman's most recent project, The Free Clinic of Sheridan was established in March of 2005 to provide medical care to the underserved in Sheridan County and he is still actively involved as the Medical Director, a Physician, and Board Member.

Thickman has been in the medical profession for 60 years and has been in Sheridan since 1954. He was in private practice for 36 years and then continued work with the Sheridan VA. John Patton presented Dr. Thickman with the special award from The Rotary Club of Sheridan, stating "Dr. Thickman exemplifies the motto of Rotary International "Service above Self".."

Congratulations Dr. Thickman, and THANK YOU!

DISTRICT CALENDAR

For a complete listing of DG Club Visits go to www.rotary5440.org

July

1-December 31, 2009 - Early registration contest for District Conference
(see website for full details)

August, 2009 - Membership & Extension Month

September, 2009 - New Generations Month

October, 2009 - Vocational Service Month

24 - End Polio Now Public Campaign

November, 2009 - Rotary Foundation Month

13 - Executive Committee Meeting, Laramie, WY

14 - Mid-yr Assembly at Hilton Garden Inn, Laramie, WY
(visit website to register)

December, 2009 - Family Month

January, 2010 - Rotary Awareness Month

17-24 - Rotary International Assembly, San Diego, CA

February, 2010 - World Understanding Month

23 - Rotary's Anniversary

25 - Executive Committee Meeting, Cheyenne, WY

26-28 - Multi-District PETS, Denver Marriott Tech Center, Denver, CO

March, 2010 - Literacy Month

April, 2010 - Magazine Month

1 - Presidential Citation Forms due to DG David Scriven

15 - Deadline for clubs to submit nomination forms to DG David Scriven for the RI Recognition of Membership
Development Initiatives (MDI Award)

25-30 - Council on Legislation, Chicago, IL

30 - Executive Committee Meeting via conference call

May, 2010

June, 2010 - Rotary Fellowships Month

2 - Executive Committee Meeting, Casper, WY

3-5 - District 5440 Conference, Casper, WY

20-23 - RI Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (tentative)

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