



**Rotary District 5440**  
**May, 2009**  
**District Convention Month**

## THE COWBOY DIARIES



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Rotarian of the Year Mike Forney pictured with DG Stu Palmer at District Conference



Susie and Stu Palmer at District Conference

Greetings Fellow Rotarians and Welcome to May!

Reports are coming in from around the District that the Jackson Hole conference was well received. Right from the beginning with the inspirational flag ceremony and patriotic songs by exchange students Barbora Novotna of the Czech Republic and I-Ping Ou of Taiwan, the party never seemed to end. Thanks to our excellent speakers (President's Representative PRID Jack Forrest from Mexia, Texas, RRCM Greg Podd from Phoenix and Evergreen, CO, PDG Rosemary Aragon from Seattle and PDG Olimpio Ribeiro from Brazil) and brief appearances by Ambassadorial Scholars, Youth Exchange students, RYLA leaders, GSE teams and Interact students, who provided inspiring reviews of their successful Rotary programs. ...and then there was the foot-stomping fun at the Cowboy Bar while the exchange students en-

### From the Trail

By DG Stuart Palmer

joyed their own "prom." I had forgotten what fun a district conference can be!

Interact students raised \$620 for polio eradication through their Purple Pinkie pledge to fight the disease. Our auction raised over \$6,000 for the Mogra Star Academy for students and orphans from the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. Special thanks to the 80% of district clubs that provided items for the fundraiser.

We were treated to heartwarming stories of cultural and educational discovery by our three Ambassadorial Scholars, Ikumi Yoshida (here at CSU from Japan), Luci Storelli-Castro (went to Ghana) and Andrea Berezna (studied in Monterrey, Mexico). Consider having one of these young ladies make a presentation to your club.

Rotary continues to make important strides to address poverty and improve the related health issues to combat child mortality, provide clean water and improve education. I ask that we use these last two months of this 2008 – 2009 Rotary year to *Make Dreams Real* for youth, con-

tinue our leadership training while expanding cultural awareness for better understanding and peace by giving to The Rotary Foundation.

Over a year ago, every club made a per capita goal to support the programs of our Foundation through increased donations. Even with our challenging financial climate, we might find a further contribution for the international and community work of Rotary that we know will pay dividends time and time again. Please make your final annual donation so that it reaches Rotary headquarters before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

A special thanks goes out to the many Rotarians from the Jackson Hole area that made the district conference a success and to our guest MCs; President Mike Forney and AG Phil Murphy and especially to our Conference Chair Rob Weed.

We can hardly wait for a repeat in Casper in June of 2010! See you down the trail,

DG Stu and Susie

## District 5440 Jackson Conference ~ Thank You Report

By Rob Weed, Conference Chair



Howdy Rotarians,

Thank you for participating in our Rotary Rendezvous in Jackson Hole. I hope you all enjoyed sharing in this wonderful celebration of DG Stuart's Rotary Year: a time when, in President D K Lee's words – We can all Make Dreams Real.

As Conference Chair, I would like to thank the many people who contributed to this event, and in doing so, provide a report to the District. An obvious person to start with is our DG Stuart and his most lovely and supportive wife Susie. Stuart selected our many speakers who created the foundation around which we built the conference. Both Stu and Susie worked right along with our District Conference Planning Committee as we fleshed in the details from the early planning stages just 12 months ago right through Sunday morning clean up. This conference was a collaborative effort of the five clubs in the greater Jackson area. **Star Valley Club** President Dee Roberts put together our silent auction that raised \$7,000 to benefit the Mogra Star Academy in Nairobi, Kenya. Thank you to many Rotarians who purchased the 55 items donated by 32 Clubs. From **Teton Valley Club**, Maren Erickson matched up 125 visiting Rotarians with 19 local Rotarians for a delightful Home Hospitality evening Thursday. Pat Butts coordinated special activities for the 23 Youth Exchange kids including early breakfasts, fun time at the Rec Center and a special Prom night put on by JH Rotarian Jack Swann. John Hansen of the **JH Breakfast Club** arranged the bike ride tour in GTNP and the school service project, both of which many Rotarians enjoyed during their free time. **JH Lunch Club President** Joni Upsher was responsible for the look of this colorful conference including the personalized welcome baskets, the fun table decorations, and the May Day flower baskets many of you helped build and deliver to our seniors. Rick Hollingsworth provided the service project T-shirts and the much enjoyed western dance lessons at the Cowboy Bar Friday night. Yvonne Robertson helped at Registration, providing smooth check-in and other services. **JH Supper Club** members contributed greatly. Paul Perry and Rod Everett collected conference sponsorship funding from local Rotarians and businesses. Paul and John Hansen took charge of the many Rotary signs at Snow King and around town. Ellen Wilson and Richard Tambor, Dave and Helen Bishop tackled the important SAA duties. Kymber Everett helped at the registration desk and with merchandise. Scott Daily was our video guy, providing on-screen displays for the speaker's power point presentations and informational slides throughout the entire conference. Scott's video efforts combined with audio by Manny Muniz of Lander provided a conference experience second to none. And of course, Kellie Tovar, District secretary: without her constant attention to every conference detail, we would have had no idea where we were. Anyone who has worked with Kellie knows how fortunate we are to have her as the backbone of our District office. To all the Conference Committee members, please accept my sincere thanks for all your efforts in making this conference such a success.



What really makes a conference great is the people who attend: thank you to the 235 Rotarians and 80 guests at our Rotary Rendezvous in Jackson Hole for participating. Special thank yous to our great inspirational speakers who came at Stu's invitation – PRID Lynn Hammond, RI President's Representative Jack Forrest, PDG Rosemary Aragon who addressed Generational Diversity, PDG Olimpio Ribeiro who thanked our District for the many humanitarian projects accomplished in Brazil, and our featured speaker Greg Podd on Club Membership - each spoke passionately about their considerable experiences as long-time Rotarians. Thank you to the 15 Past District Governors for attending this conference and for your past years of leadership in Rotary. Also attending were our next 3 District Governors: DGE Dave Scriven, DGN Bryan Cooke and DGND Mary McCambridge: thank you for your willingness to serve our District.



Ina Beth and Jack Forrest, RI President's Representative, pictured with DG Stu at the Cowboy Bar.

Thank you to our three Ambassadorial Scholars - Ikumi Yosida from Japan and currently a graduate student at CSU; and Andrea Bereznaek, AS to Mexico in 2006; Luciana Storelli-Castro, AS to Ghana in 2008 for participating in our Conference. Thank you also to the Inbound GSE team from District 4350 in Chile: team leader Héctor and team members Karin, Angélica and Francisca. We also appreciate the participation of the RYLA and Rotaract representatives. Finally, special thanks to Bobbie Fitzhugh, District Youth Exchange Chair, and her committee for their continued efforts. Once again, the Youth Exchange students were a highlight of this conference. From opening night at the PDG dinner to their closing song *Love in Any Language*, the YE kids from 23 different countries were a pleasure to be around.

Thank you to all of you for bringing your Rotary spirit to Jackson. The success of our Rotary Rendezvous in Jackson District Conference was because of you. Yours in Rotary, Rob Weed, 2009 Conference Chair



## Powell Rotary Club

By Lynn Richardson, Club President

The Powell Rotary Club just wrapped up two successful fundraisers in March. The first being our third annual "Rotary Art Fling" art show and sale, chaired by Cathy Marine, Past President. Everyone in the club worked hard to make event a true community effort. Lynn Richardson, Club President donated the photo "Mormon Row" for the raffle prize that was a big success. Similar Teton pictures were offered as silent auction items at the District Conference.

The second March fundraiser was the presentation of the Jay Owenhouse Magic Show that had been postponed from a February 15 scheduled performance due to the illness of Jay's wife, Susan. I am very sorry to announce that she passed away from her illness on April 13th. Please keep the Owenhouse family in your thoughts and prayers.

We had a short break in the weather and were able to get going on a community project



that we have been trying to get put together for nearly a year. A patient of Rotarian Kim McDowell,

O.D. Past President was very much in need of a wheelchair ramp into their home. The 92 year old father was having to carry his invalid daughter up and down a set of steps every weekend when she would come to their house for care. Working with the Wyoming Council For Independent Living we were able to get funding for the materials. Members of the Powell Rotary Club provided the design work and the building labor to construct a small deck and the 26 foot long ramp to make the family's life so much easier.

## Get to Know your Rotary Contact Center

The Rotary Foundation's Contact Center is your resource for grant reports, donor histories, contribution information and more.

Some of the services the Contact Center provides include:

- Confirming contribution and recognition information
- Explaining contribution transfer request forms and Paul Harris Fellow recognition points
- Sending club and district Paul Harris Fellow recognition summaries and Sustaining Member, monthly contribution, humanitarian grants, and Every Rotarian, Every Year activity reports to officers via e-mail or fax.
- Forwarding requests for Benefactor reports.
- Sending donor histories via e-mail or fax (to individual donors only)
- Requesting expedited shipment of Paul Harris Fellow recognition materials, when appropriate
- Researching and resolving contribution and Paul Harris Fellow recognition discrepancies
- Answering general inquiries about The Rotary Foundation
- Assisting with the navigation of Rotary.org

The Contact Center provides services in English and Spanish and can be reached at [contact.center@rotary.org](mailto:contact.center@rotary.org) or toll-free (within North America) at 866-9-ROTARY (866-976-8279). Operational hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00-17:00 Central Time.

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>

## Rock Springs Rotary Club~Celebrating a Busy and Productive Year

By Bonnie Cannon, Club Treasurer

As the Rock Springs Rotary Club gets ready to celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009, we recently took time to reflect on all that we accomplished in the past year.



Kick-out Party

Beginning last June, we had our annual “kick-out” party. Other clubs probably refer to this as their installation ceremony for incoming officers, but the Rock Springs club has a tradition of “roasting” the outgoing president and “kicking-out” the officers. We honored our past president and Star Wars devotee Roy Lloyd with a skit making him an honorary Jedi knight. A good time was had by all, especially Roy, who went home with his very own plastic laser sword.

The Rock Springs Club also participated in several other long-standing fundraising activities last summer. The first was the American Cancer Society’s annual “Relay for Life.” Rotary for many years has cooked burgers and hot dogs for hungry Relay participants. We are always grease-soaked afterwards, but we usually raise about \$800, all of which goes to the Relay for Life. In addition, we held our Pancake Breakfast the last Saturday in July to coincide with the beginning of the Sweetwater County Fair. We flip hundreds of pancakes (made with our secret ingredient – flat beer) and raised about \$700, which we contributed to our local Senior Center to help the elderly defray the cost of prescription medications. And we would be remiss if we did not mention that the Club regularly volunteers for Rock Springs city-wide cleanup and in a “Bite-Nite” event where local chefs offer culinary delights (ours is a delectable chocolate fountain).

We have several other important programs which benefit the local community, especially young people. For the past several years, we have given dictionaries to every third grader in town. We also sponsor a high school “Interact” group and have a “Student of the Month” program at Rock Springs high school. Each month, two seniors are selected for this honor, which is based on scholastic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities and volunteer work. Those students attend a Rotary meeting to receive their award, and club members are all too happy to good-naturedly grill them about their prospective college plans and whether they belong to the school’s “Calc Club,” which as best as we can tell, somehow helps students with calculus through the use of polka dancing. Only in Rock Springs.

Our most important fundraising activity and our major source of revenue is our flag program. On ten national holidays, Rotary members put out about 250 flags around town. Local businesses purchase this service for the nominal fee of \$50 a year. We also sponsor the “Giant American Flag.” This flag, said to be one of the largest flown west of the Mississippi, is proudly flown on the corner of Dewar Drive and Gateway Boulevard in west Rock Springs. If you find yourself in Rock Springs, chances are you will see it.

We invite all Rotarians, especially those from District 5440, to join us any Tuesday at noon they might find themselves in Rock Springs.



Club President Heather Hager raising giant flag

## Loveland Rotary Club Four Way Test Program Helps Students Make Decisions

By Fran Bostwick, Loveland Rotary Club

The Loveland Rotary Club has taken the Four Way Test and developed it into an opportunity for Rotarians to take the concept into local middle schools. By helping eighth grade students base decisions on a code of ethics, Rotary members help model honor, success, goodwill and sincerity. Through classroom table discussions these Rotarians help the students apply the Four Way Test to relevant situations middle school students face each day. The students practice making healthy decisions while learning the ethics that our organization promotes at our weekly meeting.

The Four Way Test Program was expanded this spring with one session at Front Range Community College for high school students taking classes in health care fields. Over the course of the year, 96 Rotarians from all three of Loveland's Rotary Clubs worked with more than 615 students at four schools in 22 classroom sessions putting in over 188 classroom hours.

Since the program began in 2006, Rotarians have worked with 2,150 children, held 106 sessions and logged approximately 13,138 total "people" hours.

Rotarians who volunteer for the Four Way Test program receive a thorough orientation and training before going into the classroom. The program has the support of the Thompson School District administration and middle school principals as well as the administration at Front Range Community College.

The volunteer commitment Rotarians make to this program is to attend one orientation meeting and then facilitate two classroom sessions of 90 minutes each during the school day sometime between October and April.

Some of the comments heard from the students include:

"I learned a lot about the Four Way Test."

"Thank you for coming to my school and spending time with us."

"I think I'll be a Rotarian."

*(Loveland's Four Way Test Program was promoted in a breakout session at the recent Rotary District Conference held in Jackson Hole for interested clubs in the district. For more information and how your club can develop such a program, contact R.C. of Loveland's PE Dick Lubinski at [dlubi@q.com](mailto:dlubi@q.com))*

## Changes at The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

In light of the current financial situation, our Rotary Foundation of RI has just announced budget reductions to several of our programs for the upcoming 2009-2010 year, including:

- A. Volunteer Service Grants will be discontinued, effective in July.
- B. 3-H Grants will only be approved to support water and sanitation projects in Ghana, the Philippines and the Dominican Republic as part of the RI/USAID International H2O Alliance.
- C. The budget for Matching Grants will be slashed by 70% to US\$ 9.5 million. It is anticipated that the available Matching Grant budget will be committed very early in the Rotary year, so sponsors are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible after July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- D. Beginning in 2010-2011, to meet budget shortfalls, Districts that use the World Fund as their funding for GSE teams will send a team in alternate years, with their partner traveling the other year.
- E. Ambassadorial Scholarships will be limited to a one year term, eliminating multi-year programs.
- F. University Teacher Awards will be phased out with the 2010-2011 program year.

For further information, go to our District website for further details on changes at The Foundation at [www.rotary5440.org](http://www.rotary5440.org)

### [Is your club interested in doing an international project using a matching grant?](#)

These changes will require clubs that want to participate in Matching Grants to work quickly to apply this coming year. I have prepared four new projects for interested clubs who wish to partner with District 4470 in Brazil. Many of you are aware that we have done two dozen projects in this district over the past ten years. Their PDG Olimpio Ribeiro came to our District Conference to speak about how our projects have helped his people. I recommend and encourage your club's co-sponsorship with and of the following projects from District 4470:

1) Rotary Club of Tres Lagoas, Brazil. Purchase computers and related equipment for a non-profit school for needy children. The community is experiencing an industrial boom. Computer classes will help the students and parents to be better prepared to acquire meaningful employment. Sponsoring club or clubs needed to provide up to \$3500 with a match from our District Designated funds.

2) Rotary Club of Amambai, Brazil. Project to purchase a vehicle for a non-profit community senior center. Vehicle will be used to transport seniors to health facilities, picking up donations, food shopping and for maintenance and other support for the institution. Sponsor club(s) needed to provide up to \$3000 in funding with a match from our district designated funds.

3) Project in Navirai, Brazil to purchase a mini-bus (cost = \$42,000) for a school that will accommodate 200 low income students with an emphasis on social integration; teaching youngsters and their parents of poor families to recognize their full potential, despite their lack of good, formative educational skills from the poor part of town. Co-sponsors needed to provide up to \$5000 in funding combined with district matching funds.

4) Provide a mobile orthodontic clinic for the handicap that will provide services in a large regional area surrounding Aracatuba (a community of 180,000 people) in Brazil. Van and equipment will cost \$40,000. Club sponsors needed to fund approximately \$5500 combined with additional matching funds from our district designated funds.

These projects are written and ready for immediate sponsorship. Time is of the essence as it can be expected that matching funds from The Rotary Foundation could be exhausted as early as mid-August, 2009. These applications must be completed and submitted as soon after July 1<sup>st</sup> as possible. Funding payment would be expected as early as October or November. Please contact DG Stu Palmer at his new e-mail address of [stupalmer\\_wyo@yahoo.com](mailto:stupalmer_wyo@yahoo.com) with your questions and interest. We've already accomplished significant humanitarian assistance in this district in rural Brazil as an extension of the 1998 GSE visit led by DG Stu Palmer. We are most effective working in one particular Rotary district within the concept of a "Build a Village." D4470 Rotarians are of the highest integrity and can be counted on to fulfill their partner obligations. There is always room to do more as we continue our efforts to meet the needs of the poor and develop solid friendships and understanding for better peace in the world.

## 2009 – DISTRICT 5440 AWARDS

### Jackson Hole, WY

#### DISTRICT AWARDS

**Ted Almquist Award** (largest percentage of membership growth)

- 1-32: R.C. of Jackson Hole Breakfast with 35.72% growth (went from 14 to 19 members)  
 33-65: R.C. of Jackson Hole Supper with 12.50% growth (went from 26 to 32 members)  
 66+: R.C. of Gillette with 9.68% growth (went from 62 to 68 members)

**Club Attendance Award** (best average attendance)

- 1-32: R.C. of Ski Town with average attendance of 90.56%  
 33-65: R.C. of Estes Valley Sunrise with average attendance of 90.65%  
 66+: R.C. of Loveland with average attendance of 84.25%

**Cecil Staver Award (Best Club Communication efforts)**

R.C. of Steamboat Springs

**District Community Service Award(s) Best Community Service Project(s))**

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|------------|-------------------------------|
| Small Club | R.C. of Windsor               |
| Large Club | R.C. of Ft. Collins Breakfast |

**District Vocational Service Award(s) (Best Vocational Service Project(s))**

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|------------|-------------------------------|
| Small Club | R.C. of Ft. Collins Breakfast |
| Large Club | R.C. of Ft. Collins           |

**District World Community Service Awards**

WCS/International Service involving a matching grant

R.C. of Ft. Collins

WCS/International Service not involving a matching grant

R.C. of Star Valley

WCS/International Service involving a District Simplified Grant

R.C. of Ft. Collins Breakfast

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE AWARDS

**Silver Bell Award (Best Conference Attendance)**

R.C. of Greeley After Hours

**First Timer's Award (Best Club Conference Attendance by First Time Attendees)**

R.C. of Greeley After Hours

**Sam Portner "Hang On And Row Like Hell" Award (Oar)**

(The Club That Best Overcame Adversity During The Past Rotary Year)

R.C. of Johnstown – Milliken



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S AWARDS**

**Rotarian Of The Year Award (Outstanding Rotarian during the year or years, as determined be the District Governor)**

Mike Forney, R.C. of Steamboat Springs

**District Interact Award (Club award for most active Interact club)**

Interact Club of Jackson Hole for their trip to Cambodia

**District Rotaract Award (Club award for most active Rotaract Club)**

Rotaract Club of Casper for their community service projects.

**Special Recognition Award (For Service to Rotary)**

- 1) Alan Ashbaugh, R.C. of Ft. Collins for work on 3-H Grant
- 2) Phil Murphy, AG, R.C. of Fort Collins Breakfast for contributions to Rotary and his community
- 3) Scott Daily, R.C. of Jackson Hole Supper for leadership of the District Conference Event Resource Team (computer graphics and mastery of information technology).

**Special Paul Harris Fellow Award to Kellie Tovar**

**RI Significant Achievement Award**

R.C. of Steamboat Springs for their \$800,000 school playground equipment project.

**RI Service Above Self Award**

Claude Piché (one of only 150 Rotarians recognized with this award each year in the Rotary World)

**RI Best Cooperative Project Award**

R.C. of Ft. Collins teamed with the Better Business Bureau of eastern Colorado and eastern Wyoming

**District Governor’s Citations**

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| R.C. of Estes Park             | R.C. of Greeley Centennial  |
| R.C. of Ft. Collins            | R.C. of Jackson Hole Supper |
| R.C. of Ft. Collins Foothills  | R.C. of Laramie Sunrise     |
| R.C. of Ft. Collins Breakfast  | R.C. of Star Valley         |
| R.C. of Ft. Collins After Work | R.C. of Steamboat Springs   |
| R.C. of Gillette               | R.C. of Torrington          |
|                                | R.C. of Windsor             |

**Presidential Club Citations (as determined by the Rotary International President)**

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| R.C. of Estes Park             | R.C. of Jackson Hole Supper |
| R.C. of Ft. Collins            | R.C. of Laramie             |
| R.C. of Ft. Collins After Work | R.C. of Loveland            |
| R.C. of Ft. Collins Breakfast  | R.C. of Sheridan            |
| R.C. of Ft. Collins Foothills  | R.C. of Star Valley         |
| R.C. of Greeley Centennial     | R.C. of Steamboat Springs   |
| R.C. of Jackson Hole Breakfast | R.C. of Torrington          |
|                                | R.C. of Windsor             |



## When Recruiting the Rotarians, Don't Overlook the "Grayhairs"

From the district newsletter of DG Don LaBarge, D5510 Mesa, AZ

If you are looking for new Rotarians for your Rotary Club, don't overlook a very talented group. "The retired Gray Hairs" who are often considered as being too "mature" for consideration. United States men and women generally look at "Retirement Age" as sixty five years of age, which means they may have at least fifteen years of high productivity ahead of them. We sometimes tend to forget that these are often women and men who have been leaders in their career fields and in their communities. What great talent is being overlooked that we should be tapping into? Where else can you find such solid citizens with time on their hands, and oftentimes the funding that is necessary to be a strong Rotarian? Not only that, but also many retirees who a group that is often overlooked. When this club was formed there was quite strong opposition to it because it was said "it would just be a club with old people in it who would just get together for lunch. Some time back, one of those persons who strongly opposed forming this club of 'old timers' said, "You have certainly made me eat my words. You have shown that mature Rotarians have put together one of the strong clubs in our District!" Ask yourself, the next time you meet to discuss the recruitment of new members whether or not you are fully capitalizing on this very talented group of women and men, who could make your clubs really hum. But remember, you must give them some real challenging participation, even to the point of organizing new programs from scratch, because most of them have been strong achievers during their careers. Why not bring this talent into your Rotary Club and capitalize on this talent?

Dwight Grotewold Sun Lakes Rotary Club February 4, 2009 looked forward to 'playing golf' every day find that wears out pretty rapidly after about six months. They then find themselves with time on their hands that they would love to fill with programs and projects that 'allows them to give back' for all of the good things they have received in their lives in this wonderful country of ours. If you do look at this group, especially the recent retirees, you must be certain to give them some challenging projects to take on. Rotary International stresses that it is an organization that prepares young people for future roles in leadership. What an outstanding group of role models you can offer them in the mature persons you may recruit. Many Rotary Clubs are missing out on emphasizing in their clubs programs the young people enrolled in the local elementary, junior high, and high school programs.

Assign programs to your "gray hairs" that will give them an opportunity to meet, greet, and work with these young persons, and you will have a great mix that can give your club greater vitality than it may have had for years. Can't you just picture the "gray hairs" doing mentoring in the local schools? Or taking on the project of setting up scholarship programs for students who place "Service Above Self" in their lives. Or instituting the program that gives dictionaries 'free of charge' to third grade students in your area. Many of them could take on the project of getting publicity for your club, which is so important. Or, another wonderful project is to set up a "Teacher of the Month" program for your Rotary Club that will almost certainly guarantee your club favorable publicity and recognition in your local papers. The Rotary Youth Exchange program, one of the most vital high school exchange programs in the world, is always looking for talented persons to go into the local high schools to seek out prospects for this outstanding educational opportunity. RYLA, in many clubs, is somewhat overlooked, but need not be if you turn it over to a talented mature person to recruit and even participate in this program. Obviously, from the above suggestions, you can see that there is an ocean of talent just waiting to be tapped for these programs. One of the most vital clubs in our District, that has a very strong educational outreach, averages over 74 years of age! That club capitalizes on the talents of a group that is often overlooked. When this club was formed there was quite strong opposition to it because it was said "it would just be a club with old people in it who would just get together for lunch. Some time back, one of those persons who strongly opposed forming this club of 'old timers' said, "You have certainly made me eat my words. You have shown that mature Rotarians have put together one of the strong clubs in our District!"

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Dwight Grotewold  
Sun Lakes Rotary Club  
February 4, 2009

**VOICES ON THE WIND**

Comments from various Rotarians:

"Congratulations on a great District Conference. If you weren't inspired, you didn't have a pulse."

"I was very impressed with the short reports from RYLA, GSE, YE and the Ambassadorial Scholar that kicked off the morning."

"I left with more Rotary friends and motivation to strive for 'service above self'."

"...one of the most inspiring, stimulating, educational District Conferences we have ever attended."

"We know that those Rotarians and guests who had never been to a District Conference came away with a new understanding of all that Rotary has to offer."



Loveland Mountain View Rotarians presenting a check to ThinkHumanity, a local organization that is doing great works in the Congo region of Africa. The \$7,000 contribution will provide up to 1,400 treated mosquito nets for the refugees living in the camp to fight off malaria. For more information visit <http://www.thinkhumanity.org/index.html>

**Club Attendance and Membership - March, 2009**

Let us work hard to maintain positive growth in membership!

ROTARY CLUB	Mar - 09 Attendance	Mar - 09 Members	July - 08 Members	Change YTD	Change Per Mth	ROTARY CLUB	Mar - 09 Attendance	Mar - 09 Members	July - 08 Members	Change YTD	Change Per Mth
Buffalo	57.86	35	34	+1	+1	Lander	56.43	66	69	-3	0
Casper	45.50	185	192	-7	+1	Laramie	53.41	99	106	-7	-4
Casper 5 Trails	47.25	65	64	+1	-1	Laramie Sunrise	82.00	26	24	+2	0
Cheyenne	53.00	206	213	-7	0	Loveland	87.00	189	183	+6	+1
Cheyenne Sunrise	66.00	34	30	+4	+2	Loveland Mtn View	73.91	47	47	0	+1
Cody	79.00	72	70	+2	+3	Loveland TV	55.56	36	44	-8	+2
Craig	Not Rep'd	21	19	+2	0	Morrill	61.00	18	16	+2	0
Douglas	65.00	37	43	-6	0	Powell	76.00	28	29	-1	0
Estes Park	73.80	147	143	+4	+3	Ranchester/Dayton	75.00	23	20	+3	0
Estes Valley Sunrise	82.81	64	61	+3	-1	Rawlins	48.49	33	28	+5	+1
Evanston	85.00	42	42	0	+1	Riverton	Not Rep'd	50	49	+1	0
Ft. Collins	60.00	194	187	+7	0	Rock Springs	57.86	29	27	+2	0
Ft. Collins After Work	51.09	23	23	0	0	Scottsbluff/Gering	55.53	119	117	+2	+2
Ft. Collins Breakfast	75.26	70	68	+2	0	Sedgwick County	77.00	23	23	0	0
Ft. Collins Foothills	67.05	115	115	0	+7	Sheridan	54.45	132	134	-2	+2
Gillette	40.81	68	62	+6	+1	Ski Town, USA	80.00	30	30	0	0
Gillette-Energy	51.00	55	54	+1	0	Star Valley	65.00	21	16	+5	+5
Greeley	50.08	151	155	-2	+1	Steamboat Springs	72.21	82	89	-7	-2
Greeley After Hours	66.09	23	24	-1	0	Sterling	49.02	38	40	-2	-1
Greeley Centennial	52.75	106	112	-6	0	Teton Valley	66.00	40	37	+3	+2
Greeley Redeye	66.20	31	30	+1	-1	Thermopolis	63.00	29	29	0	0
High Plains (Eaton)	61.10	27	30	-3	0	Torrington	62.00	69	67	+2	0
Jackson Hole	54.00	198	196	+2	+1	Windsor	64.00	37	35	+2	+1
Jackson Breakfast	74.00	19	13	+6	+3	Worland	Not Rep'd	39	39	0	0
Jackson Supper	49.44	36	32	+4	0						
Johnstown/Milliken	93.20	13	19	-6	0						
Kemmerer	72.00	26	25	+1	0	TOTALS		3366	3352	+14	+31

## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### May - District Convention Month

15 - Memo of club visits due from Assistant Governors

### June - Rotary Fellowships Month

5 - Deadline for final copy of *Cowboy Diaries* newsletter

6 - Installation Dinner for incoming District Governor David Scriven, Casper, WY

15 - Nominations for Citation of Meritorious Service due

21-24 - RI International Convention, Birmingham, England (41 District 5440

Rotarians are currently registered to attend)

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, please contact Stuart Palmer or Kellie Tovar.

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## District Youth Exchange Fashion Show at District Conference



Pictured above: The five people who have served as Chair of the Long-Term Youth Exchange Committee since inception of District 5440. For the first time, all were in attendance at a District Conference (Jackson Hole) together. Left to right: PP Bill Moellenhoff - Ft. Collins, PDG Dave Bostrom - Worland, PP Bobbe Fitzhugh - Douglas, PE Martin Pedersen - Rawlins and PP Joe Bluemel - Kemmerer

Pictured above: YE students at the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson Hole, WY.