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Checking in from the Road – Part 1

As we began our club visits in the Rotary-mobile, that serves as a traveling billboard for our annual theme, **Rotary Connects the World**, we found Rotary connections all around us.

The first two weeks of circuit governor visits were a lot of fun for Karoline and me. We enjoyed our first time at RYLA, visiting students, as well as junior and senior counselors. We even got adopted into **Team 15**. We were impressed by the leadership of the junior counselors and the enthusiasm and energy of the RYLA students. It is a reminder that the future is bright and that the connections made by these Rylarians will change the world.

Our first week of club visits went very



Team 15 - RYLA

well. We enjoyed the hospitality and welcome from president Jackie and the Riverton Club, President Tyler in Powell, and President Luke in Cody. These clubs are working hard to do good in their communities and to make the kind of difference that only Rotary can make. We learned about the projects in their towns, including strong involvement in Youth Exchange, serving meals for Little Leaguers and reunion participants, and providing dictionaries and shoes to youth. We also discussed the challenges and opportunities each club faces this year, and

their strategies and plans for success. We are very grateful for their support of the Dig Deep DG Partner's Project in Navajo Land. They really opened their hearts to the needs of our neighbors to the south. We found each club wrestling with the issues Rotary faces worldwide in the areas of membership - growth, Rotary brand experience, and member engagement. Each club is working hard to develop solutions to these questions that make sense in their communities. We wish them all success.



Riverton Little League Lunch



District Governor's Message (continued)



Visiting the Powell Rotary Club



Cody Accessible Playground

lasting change – around the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. He really nailed it. Great job Hasan!

Week two found us again in Estes Park, visiting RYLA week two. We were very impressed with the RYLA students and Junior Counselors. We enjoyed watching them work through some group exercises, including the “Helium Stick.” We want to give a special shout out to JC Hasan for his excellent JC Presentation on culture. His comments echoed Rotary’s Vision Statement – Together we see a world where people come together to create

After a beautiful drive over Trail Ridge Road in RMNP, we enjoyed our day traveling to Evanston, Wyoming. Very special thanks to President Brent in Evanston and President Adriene in Kemmerer for making us feel so welcome. We were again impressed with the projects and involvement of these clubs

in their communities. We loved the community garden in Evanston. What a great way to showcase what Rotary can do in a local community. Very special thank you to Rotarians Kathleen and Brenda, who joined President Adriene in showing us their projects in Kemmerer, including the dog park, pedestrian bridge and amazing Rotary signage around the town. We appreciate the extra time they spent with us and know the town would be poorer without the presence of the Kemmerer Rotary Club. Thanks also for the generous Dig Deep donation from Evanston and the special contribution to Polio Plus from Kemmerer.



Evanston Rotary Community Garden



Kemmerer Rotary Polio Plus Donation



Kemmerer Rotary Branding

It is very evident that the Rotarians in these five clubs understand the spirit of our Rotary theme this year – Rotary Connects the World. They are making the connections.



Chris Woodruff, District Governor (2019-2020)

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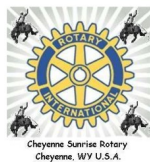
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Greeley Centennial Rotary

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District 5440



Cheyenne Sunrise Rotary Club



"Come Par-Tee with a Purpose"



CHEYENNE SUNRISE ROTARY ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, August 16, 2019

Cheyenne Country Club

11am to 12:30pm - Registration / 12pm - Lunch

1 pm - Shot Gun Start (4 Person SCRAMBLE)

Benefiting the Foster Grandparent Program,
The Unaccompanied Students Initiative and
Rotary Foundation

The Foster Grandparent Program allows seniors in our community to reach out to children and youth (usually with disabilities or special needs) by helping in school classrooms, Stride, Head Start, after school programs like the Boys and Girls Club and the Safe House. This program is only for low income senior citizens. The Foster Grandparents receive a non-taxable stipend, transportation assistance, a meal during their service day and an annual physical exam as part of their benefits.

The Unaccompanied Students Initiative's mission is to provide a safe, stable home for high school students, ages 14-20, experiencing homelessness. The program helps students stay in school and graduate. "USI" provides resources to assist the students resolve issues and ultimately develop a plan for their future so they can become a productive and contributing member of the community. Their goal is to have a residence in each of the Cheyenne triads.

The Rotary Foundation provides support to many local, state and international projects.

COST: \$100 per Golfer (Includes Golf, Cart and Lunch)

\$200 Hole Sponsorship / \$300 Quarter Lunch Sponsorship / \$500 Half Lunch Sponsorship



**PLEASE JOIN IN THE EVENT BY GOLFING
OR SPONSORING A HOLE or LUNCH**

For information about the tournament—

Contact Brenda Laird at 307-214-0378 or Kathy Claywell at 307-631-2265

www.cheyennesunriserotary.com

Cheyenne Rotary Club Transition Dinner



*July 3, 2019,
left to right:
front District
Governor Chris
Woodruff, As-
sistant District
Governor
Brenda Laird
listens with
guest Tom Gar-
rison to the
oath of office
for President
Sims*

Rotary Satellite Club of Berthoud

The new Rotary Satellite Club of Berthoud now has a facebook page. Please like our page by clicking on this link. <https://www.facebook.com/BerthoudSatellite/> Thank you for supporting the new satellite sponsored by the Loveland Rotary Club.

Rotary



Satellite Club of Berthoud

A Satellite of the Loveland Rotary Club

The Rotary Foundation - Giving and Funding

Summary of 2018-19 TRF Giving & Funding

By: Jim Epstein, Past DRFC

District 5440 had a very successful year in both giving to the Rotary Foundation as well as funding of grants and scholarships.

Grants

- 11 global grants are in paid, funded and reported status for a total of \$342,619 in grant funds
- 39 district and centennial projects were funded for a total of \$82,720 in grant funds
- Total grant funds awarded was \$425,339

Fundraising

- \$346,043 (\$118/capita) to the annual fund
- \$138,868 to the Polio Plus fund
- \$160,000 to the endowment fund

Scholarship

- \$30,000 global grant scholarship awarded to Rebecca Hermann to study for a master of science degree at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in the field of infectious diseases

Peace Fellowship

A Rotary peace fellowship was awarded to Jordan Matthews to study at the Uppsala University in Sweden. A Rotary Peace Fellowship Masters degree program takes from 15 to 22 months and is valued at \$75,000.

Foundation Dinner

An amazing celebration dinner was held at the Laramie County Community College on April 6.

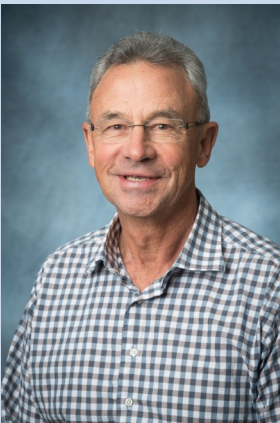
This was all done by the Rotarians and clubs in district 5440 and I want to thank all of the club Rotary Foundation Chairs, Foundation Mentors and Rotarians in the district for your participation in making 2018-19 a very successful year.

WHY I'M HONOLULU-BOUND



I am really looking forward to attending my first Rotary International Convention in Honolulu next June. After experiencing many aspects of Rotary with fantastic Rotarians from the Fort Collins clubs as well as from across our district, I am very excited to experience the true international impact and flavor of Rotary International at the 2020 Convention. And how can you beat an excuse to visit Hawaii!!

*Tim Cochran
Fort Collins Breakfast President Elect*



I am attending the RI Convention to learn more about the world of Rotary to improve my local club involvement. Looking for good content and methods toward better ideas to motivate our members into action.

*Del Benson
Fort Collins Rotary Club Vice President*

District 5440 joins in Navajo Water Project

The Rotary Foundation approved a water project on the Navajo Nation for a global grant. The project is a partnership between multiple Rotary districts in the western US and Digdeep, a non-profit focused on clean water projects in the US. Digdeep CEO George McGraw, told the story of water need in Navajo Nation in an op-ed for the New York Times, the following is an excerpt...

Most Americans take safe water for granted: Turn the tap, and there it is. But, nearly 24,000 Native American and Alaska Native households somehow manage without access to running water or basic sanitation, according to 2015 figures from the Indian Health Service, living in what my organization calls “water poverty.” About 188,000 such households were in need of some form of water and sanitation facilities improvement. Perhaps the worst case is on the sprawling Navajo reservation in the Southwest, home to about 170,000 people.

I drove the 10 hours from my Los Angeles home to Thoreau, N.M., part of the Navajo Nation. The reservation is the country’s largest, covering parts of Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. There, I was greeted by Darlene Arviso, a Navajo known as “[the water lady](#).” I rode with her in a 3,500-gallon tank truck, and we delivered water free to 10 households across the arid high-desert plateau.

The first home we visited belonged to Lindsay Johnson. The house had no running water or electricity; a car battery powered the TV. Ms. Arviso took out a hose and everyone grabbed cups, bowls, buckets and barrels to store the water.

There’s not much water in the high desert — and much of what’s there is bad. Large parts of the reservation lack any water-supply equipment. The low population density makes building a water distribution system economically unfeasible. Tribal members rely on surface water and shallow aquifers, many of which have been poisoned by uranium mining.

Ms. Arviso explained that because of high demand for her service and the remoteness of the Johnson home, she is able to deliver only 400 gallons of water to the family each month. That amounts to less than three gallons of water per person, per day. (The typical American [uses about 100.](#)) The Johnsons use the same water to wash dishes and their hair, and finally pour what’s left into the toilet tank. They invariably run out of water before Ms. Arviso’s next visit.

In Thoreau, the project dug a 1,500-foot-deep well close to the Johnsons’ house, expanding water delivery to more homes, outfitted a second water truck and hired a new driver, doubling the delivery capacity. They then installed cisterns and electric pumps for 204 homes. The result: hot water will flow from taps and showers at a cost of about \$4500 per household.

District 5440 is participating in the third phase of the Navajo Water Project, through the DG Partner Project. As Chris and Karoline Woodruff visit clubs, they are asking each club to contribute at least \$100 to the project and then pass the “hat” in the club meeting. If club and Rotarian contributions total at least \$5000, the district will match that amount. So far, Rotarians and clubs have been generous and we have raised over \$1000. More to come - We will continue to update you each month – with stories and fund-raising updates.



Evanston Rotary Club President Brent Hatch and Karoline Woodruff. The Evanston RC made a generous donation to the Digdeep project.



Delivering water in Navajo Nation

Upcoming District Events

- [Rotary Zone Institute](#)

Sept. 5, 2019, 8:00 AM – Sept. 8, 2019, 12:00 PM
Denver Marriott Tech Center Hotel

- [Rotaract registration-District 5440 Assembly](#)

Oct. 5, 2019, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Laramie County Community College

- [Rotarian registration-District 5440 Assembly](#)

Oct. 5, 2019, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
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- [Rotary High Country PETS](#)

Feb. 28 - Mar. 1, 2020
Denver Renaissance Stapleton Hotel

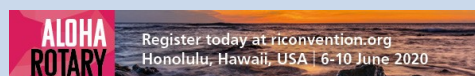
- [Rotary District 5440 Conference - 2020](#)

A Rotary Unexpected Blast on May 29-30, 2020

This will be one day conference at the new Doubletree Conference Hotel at Lincoln Park in Greeley. Plans include national speakers, fun, preconference activities awards, and an exchange student reunion. Much more to come!

May 28, 2020 : Rotary Foundation Recognition Dinner at the Poudre Learning Center in Greeley. This will be held in conjunction with, but is separate from the District Conference. More to follow.

- [RI Convention - June 6-10, 2020](#)



Aloha, Rotary! Discover the true spirit of aloha and Rotary with your family, friends, and fellow Rotarians in Honolulu. It's the perfect setting for the entire family of Rotary to celebrate, collaborate, and connect while experiencing the warmth and welcome of Honolulu. The convention is one of the only times when people of action from around the world gather in one place to celebrate Rotary. Our engaging speakers will boost your passion for service and provide new perspectives on our work in the world. Make new friends and connect with old ones while you explore all that Honolulu and the convention has to offer. You'll return from our convention refreshed and inspired to continue your service and community leadership. Don't miss your chance to find and share aloha at the 2020 Rotary Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 6-10 June. Register now and save To take advantage of early registration savings, register before 15 December at riconvention.org.

- [Rotary District 5440 Conference - 2021](#)

May 20, 2021 5:00 PM – May 22, 2021 9:00 PM

<https://rotary5440.org/>

District Governor—Chris Woodruff



Service Above Self

