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Rotary Family

Here we are in the second month of the new Rotary Year. I am so pleased and excited about all of the creative ways our clubs and Rotarians are coming together, staying connected and doing good in their communities and the world.

Our district is large enough and diverse enough that the experience of the pandemic is very different depending on where you are. There are many clubs who are choosing to return to in person meetings, with appropriate precautions. Other clubs are staying in the virtual environment, using this as an opportunity to re-imagine how their members can stay connected and continue to be safe. Still others are working out the technical and logistical questions that come up in a “hybrid” meeting setting, where members are able to meet in person while others join on a virtual platform.

There is no one superior format. It is up to the clubs and their governing boards to evaluate their own specific circumstances and the status of their communities. One thing I do know, one size does not fit all.

The guidance we can give is to research and follow the specific health guidelines and directives in your particular state and community. Be aware of changing conditions and be ready to modify your plans if conditions warrant it.

As Rotarians we must use the 4 Way Test as our guide in making these decisions. It seems to me, and I am advocating this for my own club here in Greeley, that we as clubs need to take the needs of our most vulnerable members into account as we make decisions going forward. For me that means that each of our members is important and not one of them deserves criticism or shame for the decisions that they make.

Rotary survived the Spanish flu of 1918-1920, when many of the same issues around quarantining and masking up were being discussed. That pandemic lasted two years and came in multiple waves. Millions around the worlds died, at a time when medical care was not nearly as powerful as it is today.

Rotarians got through that pandemic by being kind, compassionate and resilient. We will get through this one in the same way. This disease will not last forever and we must prepare to come back stronger than ever when it is over.

In the meantime, take pride as a Rotarian that we continue to help people around the world by working our projects, continuing the fight against polio (Nigeria is now verified polio free!) and by helping those who need it in our communities.

Our biggest task this year is to continue to look for opportunities to give help where it is needed, reach out to those who share our values but are not yet club members and to look for ways to intentionally reach out to our members who may feel alone, isolated or overwhelmed.

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It is a big job for people with big hearts. I know you are those people and I know your resilience. Together we will Open Opportunities and continue to build Rotary in Wyoming, Northern Colorado, Western Nebraska, and Idaho. I am honored and excited to be in this with you.

Chris Woodruff, District Governor (2019-2020, 1920-1921)

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Upcoming Changes From The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is making some significant policy revisions that will affect your grant applications, in some cases, beginning July 1, 2020. Below is a summary of the changes that all Rotarians in the District should be aware of:

- Rotary has a new area of focus — supporting the environment — after a unanimous vote by The Rotary Foundation Trustees and the RI Board of Directors. The Foundation is developing the eligibility criteria for grants in this area of focus and will have more information beginning in October. It will start accepting global grant applications focused on the environment on 1 July 2021.
- The success of Rotary's global grants means that the demand for the grants is expected to dramatically exceed the resources of the World Fund. Because of this, the Foundation Trustees decided to stop matching cash contributions made directly to specific grants. **This change took effect 1 July.** Grants that had already been approved are not affected. And cash can still be contributed without a match from TRF. World Fund resources will still be used to match District Designated Fund (DDF) contributions at 100 percent.
- Effective July 1st, there is no World Fund match for Global Grants. Global Grants are now defined as having a minimum budget of \$30,000 and a maximum World Fund award of \$400,000. Global Grants are no longer constrained by the necessity of securing at least \$15,000 in World Fund matching.
- International sponsors of global grants now need to contribute only 15 percent of the project budget, not 30 percent.
- Disaster response grants may no longer be used for COVID-19 activities. Clubs and districts may continue to use district and global grants to help communities through the pandemic.
- The Trustees decided not to continue using global grants to fund the construction of low-cost shelters and simple schools. Based on the pilot that allowed these activities, the Trustees concluded that these grants were not widely used and were difficult to administer. District grants and disaster response grants may still be used for low-cost shelters and simple schools.
- Beginning in July 2022, Rotaract clubs can be the primary sponsors of global grants. You will hear more about this in the coming months.

Please direct any questions you may have to me at chuck.rotary5440@outlook.com.

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District 5440 Rotary Foundation Chair

Lander Rotary Club

LANDER ROTARY SHARES BISON MEAT WITH LOCAL FOOD BANKS

The Corona Virus outbreak was responsible for the cancelation of this year's annual Lander Rotary Fourth of July Buffalo BBQ. This Buffalo BBQ is the major fundraiser for Lander Rotary's local and International service projects including the world wide eradication of Polio, local scholarships and youth programs, support for the Lander Community Food Bank and the Lander weekly free Community meal.

Through the generosity of the Reynolds family, Lander Rotary had hundreds of pounds of bison meat that had been cut, processed, wrapped, and frozen in preparation of serving the meat at the BBQ on July Fourth. With no place to use it, the club decided to sell the meat to the public and asked that the public consider donating a portion of their purchase to local food banks. The Funds raised through the sale were earmarked for the Lander Rotary service projects noted above.

The public demand for the bison meat was overwhelming; nearly all of the meat was spoken for within days of it being offered. As a result of the donation of meat by the public, Lander Rotary was able to donate 48 brats and 100 burger patties plus a \$400 check to the Care and Share Food Bank in Lander and 44 brats and 300 burger patties to the Shoshone Food Distribution program in Fort Washakie.

Making the presentation was John Brown, President of the Lander Rotary Club. Accepting the donation for the Shoshone Food Distribution Program were Dory Green, Jr. and Jan Pogoree of the Food Program. Accepting the donations for the Lander Care and Share Food Bank was Audrey Krise Director of the Food Bank.



Powell Rotary Club

By Carla Iseman, President Powell Rotary Club

This is Rotary Club of Powell writing with some new and exciting changes that our club is initiating this year. Those changes include some new and exciting fundraisers and a new approach to drive up membership.

One of those fundraisers is a small pumpkin patch! This is an entirely new endeavor for our club and we are so excited to see the plants grow and flourish in our little agriculture community. We are working with the local boy scouts troop as well and considering having a pumpkin launching contest or pumpkin catapult as an extra fun activity once the sales begin. The growing space has been donated by our own President Elect Nominee and he consistently sends updates with lots of photos. The photos below are from the planting day where we had a wide variety of Rotarians and their family volunteers helping out from age 7 to 75! Even our exchange student from Sweden got to help out during her last weekend in town before traveling home. We dug over 900 holes that day and planted over 2500 seeds by hand. There's also an updated picture of the pumpkin patch growing strong after only one month of being in the ground. We are very excited about the growth and continue to hope that we get a good yield so we can have a fun "Fall Fest" style week or two of sales for the community this October.



Our other large fundraiser is going to be an extended version of a pet project from our Rotarian of the Year for 2019-2020. Mr. Chris Pelletier decided to open one of his homes to the public as a way of generating food donations for our local food banks. He decorated every single room and wall with various Christmas items and called it the "Kringle House-" complete with Mrs. Claus, Santa, and several elves walking through at various times to surprise the visitors. He set up the entrance "fee" as either a food donation or cash donation per family and

ended up raising over 6000 pounds of food for the holiday season. We were so proud and excited at his own initiative with that project that our club was more than ready and willing to take it on as an official Rotary Club of Powell project this Winter. We have secured space at our local fairgrounds (indoors) where we will construct walls and various themed Christmas/Winter celebration rooms and run the same entrance fee as before. We look to expand the project with several contests as well including wreath making, gingerbread house decorating, and more.

Aside from our fundraisers this year we have revamped our membership dues and are on a drive to create more awareness and transparency in our community as to what Rotary is and what we do. We have had a great response so far in just a short time frame and are looking to double our membership by the end of the year! We love our community and are very grateful that the COVID virus has not had such an impact that we haven't been able to resume our in-person meetings after a short hiatus. I've included a photo as well of our past president Dr. Tyler McDowell handing over the gavel for the new year to the incoming president- his wife, myself - Dr. Carla Iseman.

Included in our proper PPE attire are from right to left, Chris Pelletier- President Elect Nominee, and board members Terry Collins, Cindy Rose, and treasurer Stan Lundberg. Also is a photo of our Rotarian of the Year Chris Pelletier receiving an honorary plaque from the outgoing president Dr. Tyler McDowell.



We are excited for this year and continue to be proud to be a part of Rotary both locally and internationally.

Upcoming District Events

Unfortunately, this page has lots of blank spaces. We look forward to the days when we can fill this page again with lots of great Rotary District events. Until then, stay safe and healthy!

Kick that virus!



District 5440 is using Zoom for our video conference meetings. They are offering a 100 participant meeting for free right now. Visit <https://zoom.us/pricing> for more information. If you need help navigating Zoom we have people who can help. Email Kellie at rotary5440@yahoo.com.

- [Fall District Virtual 5440 Assembly](#)

Oct. 10, 2020, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

- [Rotary Institute - 2020](#)

Omni Hotel San Diego, Nov. 12, 2020 - Nov. 15, 2020

The Institute is virtual, not in person, at the Omni Hotel. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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

What should have been in 2020. Stay tuned for details.

<https://rotary5440.org/>

District Governor—Chris Woodruff



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