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Rotary Connects the World

By Chris Woodruff, DG 2019-2020



I am so excited and humbled by the prospect of becoming the District Governor on July 1. The 2019-2020 Rotary theme, "Rotary Connects the World," seems the perfect successor to this year's theme, "Be the Inspiration".

So, what are the challenges we face in 2019-2020? Of course, a major issue in Rotary is membership. Our district has steadily lost members over the last five years.

I think the solution may be found in our Vision Statement for Rotary:

"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

The key elements that I see as critical for our members and our clubs are:

- 1. Together
2. People unite
3. Take action
4. Create lasting change
5. Across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves

Rotary is all about people. We work together to identify and solve problems. We connect with each other in our clubs and form relationships and friendships.

Out of our personal connections, we take action to connect with our communities and make positive changes. Those changes can reach across the world because of Rotary.

These are the reasons why more people should join us in Rotary.

Throughout the coming year we will be discussing ways to help you change the trend in membership, including adopting different models for club meetings and new types of membership, or even chartering new clubs.



Karoline and I are looking forward to visiting your club. We will be reaching out in the next few weeks to set our visit schedule. We don't want this to be the meeting every member wants to miss.

We will continue to have training opportunities for Membership, Foundation Giving, Leadership and our Brand Experience. These sessions will take place in person or remotely using the Zoom platform.

I hope that we can connect to do good in the world, continue to inspire each other, and strengthen Rotary in District 5440. I promise to do my part.

Chris Woodruff
Greeley Centennial Rotary

# Foundation Dinner—April 6, 2019



## DISTRICT 5440 ROTARY FOUNDATON DINNER

3:45-7:30 p.m. Saturday  
April 6, 2019  
Laramie County  
Community College

Register now at  
[www.rotary5440.org](http://www.rotary5440.org)



- \*Registration cost is \$27 per person. (Separate registration cost from District Training Assembly)
- \*Buffet Dinner provided
- \*Rotarians, Rotaract & guests invited

### What to Expect:

Recognition of  
Members &  
Recognition of  
Clubs



-Keynote by Retired Adjutant General  
Luke Reiner  
Musical entertainment by Fiddles on  
the Range  
Schedule:  
3:45-4:30 p.m. Reception  
5:00-7:30 p.m. Dinner and Program

# Friendship Exchange

Hi Fellow Rotarians

Have you ever considered another benefit that Rotary International has? The ability to do a friendship exchange, where you stay in the homes of Rotarians in another country. The adventures includes getting to meet great people, see their area, their projects and do a little shopping (if you are a shopper).

## Rotary International Friendship Exchange



Our next trip is to District 1200, which serves the Southern UK English County of Somerset and equally attractive parts of the adjoining counties of Dorset & Wiltshire. The county towns, Taunton, Dorchester and Trowbridge respectively, are all located in the district which enjoys a fairly temperate climate year-round compared to some other UK regions.

The district comprises small cities, towns, picturesque villages and coastal areas to the north and south. There are many historic sites including the Roman city of Bath, Glastonbury - known not only for its huge, and now internationally famous, music festival, but probably more importantly for the Glastonbury Tor and Abbey, surrounded by history and legend,

The world famous Jurassic Coast is found in the south of the district and Bradford on Avon, a town in west Wiltshire, boasts historic buildings and bridges over the its central canal. Stonehenge lies just across the district's boundary to the east and the city of Bristol, with its regional international airport providing useful links with many European cities, is close to the limits in the north.

Claiming to be the UK's smallest city, Wells, with its outstanding cathedral, is here as are a number of Castles, Abbeys, Specialist Museums, Classic English Houses and Gardens.

Across the district there are, natural features, not least of which are the hill ranges, Mendip, Blackdown and Quantock, and a whole myriad of other interesting and fascinating places to visit.

The entire area is well recognized for its charm, its natural beauty and for being home to extremely friendly people which describes only too well the local Rotary Families.

Ready to learn more? Let us know, by filling out the form at [click here](#).

This is a small group, so please let me know you are interested and I will hold your spot.

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D5440 RFE Chair

# Estes Valley Sunrise Rotary Club

## AUTUMN GOLD FESTIVAL FEATURES SIX ESTEEMED BANDS FOR 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Estes Valley Sunrise Rotary Club's Autumn Gold Festival will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. As part of the festivities, six first-rate bands will be featured:

Saturday, September 21, 2019:

11:00-1:00 - Wendy Woo Band

1:30-3:30 - Amplified Souls

4:00-6:00 - Last Men on Earth

Sunday, September 22, 2019:

11:00-1:00 - Brad Fitch

1:30-3:30 - Cody Bryan Band

4:00-6:00 - The Long Run, "Colorado's Tribute to The Eagles"

This family-oriented festival has FREE admission and will draw large crowds of avid band followers from all over the state and across the country. So make your plans, now, and come celebrate this milestone with us in September.

### WENDY WOO BAND:

This 6 piece band with sweet vocal harmonies and shuddering grooves pulls the fans to their feet, dancing and singing to the poly-ethnic, power pop, song-rock music. With hit songs from albums "Ecolalia," "Walking the Skyline," "Angels Laughing" and "Gonna Wear Red," The Wendy Woo Band is a Colorado favorite. Wendy's dedication and competence has won her band many accolades - too many to mention. Check out the website, and you'll see why Sunrise Rotary is excited to celebrate 25 years with the Wendy Woo Band! [www.wendywoo.com](http://www.wendywoo.com)



### AMPLIFIED SOULS:



If you like to rock, then get ready for Amplified Souls - Northern Colorado's powerhouse rock band. This band never disappoints when it comes to high-energy performances that draw large crowds at every venue. If you like Aerosmith, Heart, Rolling Stones, Sting, the Clash, 3 Doors Down, One Republic, Adele, Cheryl Crow, Bruno Mars, Lady Gaga and the like, then you'll want to be at Autumn Gold's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festival. Amplified Souls will provide the perfect celebratory experience that will ignite the fans, erupting them onto the grass dance floor. This year, Amplified Souls will present a surprise, special guest to the stage. Check out the band's rockin' website, and you'll see why Amplified Souls is an Autumn Gold Festival fan favorite! [www.amplifiedsouls.com](http://www.amplifiedsouls.com)

### LAST MEN ON EARTH

Last Men on Earth is one of Northern Colorado's newest, most popular live rock bands. This up-tempo rock band has an incredibly diverse set-list, featuring classic cuts from the 70's, 80's, 90's and beyond. You'll hear the sweet harmonizing in "Seven Bridges Road," as well as such guitar ripping hits from Bon Jovi, Guns & Roses, Boston, Rush and many others. If you like Queen, Journey, The Eagles, Jimmy Buffett, Nickelback, Aerosmith, Cheap Trick and Bryan Adams, then you'll love this band. So, in September, get the family to the festival, and get ready to rock out. To learn more about Last Men on Earth, check out the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/lastmenonearth/>



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# Estes Valley Sunrise Rotary Club (Continued)

## AUTUMN GOLD FESTIVAL FEATURES SIX ESTEEMED BANDS FOR 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### BRAD FITCH:

Brad Fitch is a highly accomplished song writer and specializes in original folk and western music. His performances include romantic ballads, songs of the sea, musical stories about life in the mountains and more. You'll hear music that spans the talent of such greats as Gordon Lightfoot, Marty Robbins, Woody Guthrie, Steve Goodman, John Prine, John Denver, Jim Connors, Bob Dylan, Pete Seeger, Doug Fitch, Bob Bufford, and many others. Check out the website, and see why Brad Fitch's following flocks to the festival:

[www.cowboybrad.com](http://www.cowboybrad.com)



### CODY BRYAN BAND



Since entering the scene in 2013, the Cody Bryan Band has drawn a wealth of praise from fans and critics alike for their fresh take on Texas country. With songs like "Wreck Me," you'll hear a driving kick drum and chugging guitars followed by Bryan's syrupy Texas drawl and swirling organs. The Cody Bryan Band is country at its core but embraces a lot of influences. The band has brought on an impressive and talented team to help get their music out across the state of Texas and beyond. Now, the Cody Bryan Band is drawing big crowds in Northern Colorado. Check out the website to learn more: <http://www.codybryanmusic.com/>

### THE LONG RUN

This year marks the 10 year anniversary for The Long Run, "Colorado's Tribute to The Eagles." What better way for Autumn Gold Festival to celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary than by acclaiming this band's success over the past decade?! The Long Run is a group of professional Colorado-based musicians dedicated to the faithful reproduction of the music of America's most iconic band, the Eagles. It is one of Colorado's most successful tribute acts, playing the Eagles' catalog with haunting accuracy, as five multi-instrumentalists and singers faithfully and respectfully recreate the harmonies of the Eagles' songs. The Long Run also features something no other Eagles tribute act has – a lead-singing drummer in the spirit of Don Henley. Check out the website:

<http://www.thelongrunband.com/>



To learn more about this year's Autumn Gold Festival, go to <http://www.estesparkautumngold.com> or [www.facebook.com/AutumnGold.EstesPark/](http://www.facebook.com/AutumnGold.EstesPark/)

# Fort Collins Foothills Rotary Club

## 1st Annual Cornhole Classic



PRESENTED BY:  
YOUR COMPANY HERE



### Sponsorship Levels

The inaugural Fort Collins Foothills Rotary Cornhole Tournament, presented by **TBD**, will take place at the indoor tennis facility at the Fort Collins Country Club on **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. There are a variety of sponsorship opportunities available. Proceeds from this event will go towards programs for youth and the local community. We thank in advance for your support of this one of a kind of event here in Fort Collins! For more information or to secure a tournament sponsorship, please contact Curtis Carlson at [cjcarlson1120@gmail.com](mailto:cjcarlson1120@gmail.com) or call 970-691-1324.

### Presenting Sponsor - \$5,000

- Exclusive listing in event name and on all marketing & advertising materials
- Company logo will be added to all bean bags at event and will be included in any set that is auctioned off
- Company name mentioned in all announcements by the MC the day of the event
- Large company banner at event
- Company logo on Rotary website for the month of April & May and 6 mentions on our various social media accounts
- Logo with link in four E-Blasts reaching over 2,500 email addresses
- Four team entries in the tournament
- Complimentary Board Set with Company logo

### Gold Sponsor - \$2,000

- Company name on all marketing & advertising materials
- Large company banner at event
- Company logo on Rotary website for the month of April & May and 4 mentions on our various social media accounts
- Logo with link in four E-Blasts reaching over 2,500 email addresses
- Three team entries in the tournament
- Complimentary Board Set with Company logo

### Silver Sponsor - \$1,000

- Large company banner at event
- Company logo on Rotary website for the month of April & May and 2 mentions on our various social media accounts
- Logo with link in four E-Blasts reaching over 2,500 email addresses
- Two team entries in the tournament
- Complimentary Board Set with Company logo

### Board Sponsor - \$300

- Medium company banner at event
- One team entry in the tournament
- Complimentary Board Set with Company logo

## Fort Collins Foothills Rotary Club

At Project Self-Sufficiency, we have the bold vision that every low-income, single parent in Larimer County is **selfpowered** to become self-sufficient. We cannot accomplish this vision alone, and we rely on the expertise and resources of our community partners to leverage our impact. We have many partners, including donors, nonprofit organizations, government, educational institutions, investors, businesses, and volunteers. Each year, we honor a key community partner with the Project Self-Sufficiency Vision Maker Award. Past winners of this award include:

2011	Janene Dellenbach
2012	Linda Clark
2013	Mary Fuller
2014	Tom Tonoli
2015	Friends of Project Self-Sufficiency
2016	Loveland Housing Authority
2017	Cindy Bragdon
2018	United Way of Larimer County WomenGive

We are thrilled to let you know that our team has chosen the Rotary Club of Fort Collins Foothills as the honoree for our 2019 Project Self-Sufficiency Vision Maker Award. Your club's ongoing commitment of providing scholarships to our participants over the last 20 years has had remarkable impact on our single parents' ability to successfully complete school and launch into their careers. Your vision of funding participants for multiple semesters, demonstrates a high level of understanding of the unique challenges faced by single-parent students. You walk alongside them until they reach the finish line, and this speaks to your "all-in" dedication to their success. We have greatly appreciated your partnership and impact in our work, and we look forward to celebrating your club this year at our 2019 Community Luncheon on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at Embassy Suites.

## Laramie Sunrise Rotary Club

### Why I attended Rotary Leadership Institute

by Jim Thompson



I joined Sunrise Rotary in Laramie last summer at the invitation of a neighbor. I had no idea what a large, complex and community supportive organization I was joining. I just finished the Rotary Leadership Institute training in Cheyenne and am so glad I was able to attend. I have a much greater understanding and appreciation of Rotary now. I think the name should be changed from "Leadership Institute" to "Orientation to the Complexity and Richness of Rotary: an extremely beneficial program for new and older members of Rotary".

# Greeley After Hours Rotary Club

**Rotary Club of Greeley After-Hours  
2019 Bowl-A-Thon  
Team Registration Form**  
Sunday, March 31, 2019  
Highland Park Lanes  
Bowling from 3-5pm Awards from 5-6pm  
**\$250 per team**

**Sponsorship  
opportunities**

**PRIZES**



## Team Information

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to:**

**Rotary**  
Club of Greeley  
After-Hours



PO Box 1175  
Greeley, CO 80632

## Team Members

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**To Be Completed by  
Greeley After-Hours Rotary**

**Total Payment Collected:**

**Payment Method & Date:**

**Received By:**



# Upcoming District Events

- [Leadership Symposium](#)  
Laramie County Community College  
Apr 06, 2019  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- [District 5440 3rd Annual Foundation Dinner](#)  
Laramie County Community College  
Apr 06, 2019  
3:45 PM - 7:30 PM
- [Rotary District 5440 Conference - 2019](#)  
Gering Civic Center  
May 16, 2019 – May 18, 2019
- [Rotary International Convention](#)  
June 1-5, 2019 Hamburg, Germany
- [Rotary Zone Institute](#)  
Sep 05, 2019 8:00 AM – Sep 08, 2019 12:00 PM  
Denver Marriott Tech Center Hotel
- [Rotary District 5440 Conference - 2020](#)  
May 28, 2020 – May 30, 2020
- [Rotary District 5440 Conference - 2021](#)  
May 20, 2021 5:00 PM – May 22, 2021 9:00 PM



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<https://rotary5440.org/>

District Governor—Chuck  
Rutenberg