



# The Peak

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## District Governor's Message

By DG Mary McCambridge

The holidays are fast approaching and there are many Rotary holiday and fund raising events occurring in our District. As we enjoy friends in our Rotary network I would ask all of you to think seriously about contributing to the **Rotary International Foundation** before year end, through your club or directly online. Of course the tax incentive helps all of us on April 15<sup>th</sup>, but more importantly it certainly feeds our hearts to give to the RI Foundation and know how many people our giving affects. We are privileged to support one of the largest and best non profits in the world and many of you have been on trips where you see first hand what Rotary can really accomplish through your donations!

I also have very exciting news and ask you to join me in officially welcoming our newest club in District 5440, the Rev-

eille Club in Casper, Wyoming! We are now 53 clubs strong in our district and they invite you to the chartering of their new club which will be held on January 30 in Casper. Details will be posted to the District Website – if you are interested in attending, please check it out! It is great new bunch of Rotarians!!

My heartfelt thanks to all of you committed Rotarians for all the work you do to make our clubs so great. We have a wonderful district and it is because of your dedication that we are so strong. I invite you all in the coming year to think about attending RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute), volunteer for a club committee you have never served on and be part of Club Visioning in the coming year to strengthen your relationship with your own club. Together we can accomplish so much.



Blessings to you and your families as we reflect on how much we have accomplished this year. If you have an opportunity, include one of our wonderful exchange students to do something special through the holidays.

In Rotary service,  
DG Mary

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DGND Phil Murphy, Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast

Assistant Governor and Past Club President Phillip J. Murphy has been selected by the District 5440 Nominating Committee to serve as 2014-15 district governor. Murphy joined the Fort Collins Breakfast Club in 1989. "Three weeks later I became the club treasurer. Little did I know it would be a 14-year assignment," Murphy said.

Murphy became club president in 2006-07 and was named Assistant Governor by DG Stuart Palmer in 2006. He currently serves the Rotary Clubs of Fort Collins, Fort Collins Foothills, Fort Collins After Work and the Rotary Club of Estes Park.

Murphy and Barbara Redder of Casper also took on responsibility as Co-District Trainers last fall. Murphy has helped lead the district's Rotary Leadership Institute program and participated actively as a facilitator for fifteen or more of the district's clubs in the visioning process.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting Rotarians from around the district and learning about their projects and programs," Murphy said. "Our strength as a district resides at the club level so whatever those of us in district leadership positions must do everything we can to sup-

port their efforts," he said. Murphy is in charge of the technical division of the Colorado State Forest Service at Colorado State University. He and his wife Sara have a son Matt who is also a member of the Fort Collins Breakfast Club and a daughter Libby who teaches first grade in Douglas, Wyoming. They have one grandson and two more grandchildren "on the way." Murphy joins the district governor leadership group which includes current District Governor Mary McCambridge, Governor Elect Mike Forney and Governor Nominee Julie Phares.

## PEACE AT ALL LEVELS OF LIFE EMPHASIZED BY INCOMING ROTARY LEADER



Rotary President Elect Sakuji Tanaka wears a Texas Stetson presented to him as his wife Kyoka stifles a smile during Rotary Governor Elect training in Rockwall, Texas.

"World peace is such a broad and inclusive term that only becomes more understandable when it starts within our own immediate area of influence," Sakuji, Tanaka told Rotary leaders recently in Dallas, Texas. Speaking through an interpreter, Tanaka told Rotary leaders in Zone 27 and 21 A and B including many from District 5440 that peace begins at the family level, and then moves toward the region before it can be achieved globally.

Tanaka, a Japanese businessman and long-time Rotarian, becomes president of the international Rotary organization in July, 2012. He met with incoming district governors from the American southwest and Central America at a week-long training program early in November. District Governor Mary McCambridge,

DGE Mike Forney, DGN Julie Phares and their spouses attended, along with District Trainers Phil Murphy and Barbara Redder, past president Billie Adleman and Past District Governors Dave Scriven and Bryan Cooke and their spouses Janice and Carolyn.

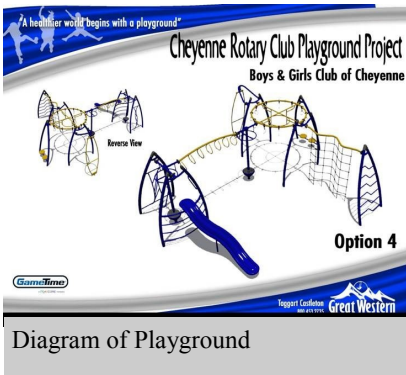
Tanaka said that unlike the Japanese culture which grants honor and regard to the more important, world peace and understanding must honor and respect people as human beings, rather than because of their status in life. "Our challenge as Rotarians is to understand the needs of people in their own cultural context and environment," he said.

Tanaka spoke of the "thankfulness standard. "For many, a thankful heart may mean two meals a day. For others is to have clean water. And to many, it is thankful

to simply be alive." "President elect Tanaka's time with us in Dallas was a true inspiration, "District Governor Elect Mike Forney said. Tanaka spoke to Forney's class at some length during the governor training seminars. The program began on Tuesday evening at the Hilton Bella Harbor in Rockwall, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. After two intense days of training for incoming governors the second half of the program for current and future Rotary leaders commenced featuring noted guest speakers and seminars on Rotary initiatives and leadership training. (District 5440 has offered partial scholarships for those Rotarians in the district wishing to take advantage of this program. Next year's zone institute will be held in September in Kansas City.)



District 5440 attendees gather in Texas following the presentation of District Governor Elect Mike Forney and his wife Janet Finley at a gala dinner. (l-r ; Bryan and Carolyn Cooke, Phil Murphy, Charles and Julie Phares, David and Janice Scriven, Janet Finley, Mike Forney, Barb and Don Redder, Mary McCambridge, Brandi and Billie Adleman.



## Rotary helps kids have fun-The Cheyenne Rotary Club will donate \$36,000 to buy an entire playground for the new Boys and Girls Club

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CHEYENNE -- Children will enjoy new playground equipment at the new Boys and Girls Club facility, thanks to the Cheyenne Rotary Club.

The Cheyenne Rotary Club will donate \$36,000 for a playground for the Boys and Girls Club's new facility at 515 W. Jefferson Road.

"I think that is a wonderful contribution," said Rolinda Sample, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club. "The Rotarians want to give back to the community, and this is a nice way."

Cheyenne Rotary Club members also will install the playground's surface next spring, she said. A 3-inch-thick cushion of interlocking tiles will replace the need for wood chips or gravel.

The playground will be a good addition to the prop-

erty," Sample said. "Our kids currently don't have access to playground structures like that."

The Boys and Girls Club helps young people from ages 6 to 18 reach their potential and become responsible citizens. Children and teens learn personal responsibility. The club serves young people from 20 schools in the community.

The youth club has outgrown its current facility on Snyder Avenue.

The Cheyenne Rotary Club's work with the playground follows its strategic plan, said Ron Hammel, the Rotary club's president-elect. The plan called for taking on a multi-year large project, he said.

"We're behind the program that the Boys and Girls Club is doing," Hammel said.

"We're quite excited," said Kimberley Withers of Cheyenne Rotary. "It (the

Boys and Girls Club) is such a great organization."

The playground is one way that the Cheyenne Rotary supports the community's youth. It also sponsors recognition for students and teachers.

Construction is under way on the first phase of the new Boys and Girls Club facility on a 12-acre site in south Cheyenne.

This phase involves building athletic fields, picnic shelters, restrooms, the playground and other outdoor areas.

Boys and Girls Club supporters raised \$2 million needed for this phase.

The second phase will involve building a 19,000-square-foot structure. The entire project will cost about \$5.3 million. Money to build the second phase will come from a capital campaign.

## Rotary After Work Celebrates Operation Christmas Child

By PP Judy TeSelle



Ft. Collins Rotary After Work celebrated their third year as participants of Operation Christmas Child on November 15. The club stuffed 40 shoeboxes with small toys, toiletries, school supplies, mittens and games destined for shipment to children in impoverished countries. The shoeboxes are often the only Christmas gifts many children receive.

## Major online contributions

Rotarians generously made online contributions of more than US\$2.6 million to The Challenge during the week of 18-24 October, in observance of World Polio Day on 24 October. The Rotary Foundation offered double Paul Harris Fellow recognition for online contributions of \$100 or more.

Rotarians were re-

quired to be registered on the [Member Access Portal](#) before making a contribution. Changes to the Foundation's online contribution system enabled donors for the first time to contribute in 12 different currencies. Contributions were received from Rotarians in 105 countries; the top five giving countries were the United States, Brazil, Canada,

Mexico, and the Philippines.

Rotarians who registered on Member Access between 14 September and 14 October were eligible to win 1,000 extra Foundation recognition points through a special drawing. The winner was a Rotarian in Nepal who has chosen to remain anonymous.

## Rotary Club of Cody Sponsors Guatemalan Water Project

By David Donley

In 2009, the Rotary Club of Cody was searching for an international project on the heels of their successful wheelchair project the year before. With the assistance of the First Presbyterian Church of Cody and Living Waters for the World, the club selected the tiny, isolated Central American town of Arenal to develop its own clean water supply.

Arenal straddles the border between Belize and Guatemala. The Belize side of town enjoys a clean source of water which has not been available to the Guatemalan population. They have been dependent on the contaminated Mopan River for a variety of uses including cooking, bathing and drinking water.

Members of the club and the church made their first trip to Guatemala in April of 2010. They met with residents and leaders of surrounding

villages to assess feasibility and interest in the project. Among options discussed were drilling a well on the Guatemalan side of Arenal since it was thought that the well water would need minimal treatment, making it more affordable. If drilling was not successful, water would be pumped from the river and treated accordingly. The local population enthusiastically endorsed the plan.

A second trip in December of 2010 was made to arrange the details. Rotary clubs in Flores, Guatemala and San Ignacio, Belize coordinated access across the border. Cody Rotary agreed to supervise by donating funds to drill the well, design the pump house and buy construction materials. Rotary Club of Worland and a DSG from the District contributed to successful funding.

The critical timeline be-

tween March to April was expedited by the onset of the rainy season. Local craftsmen constructed the building and were trained by Living Waters of the World to operate the pump and purification systems. Drilling concluded on May 4, 2011, the water purification system was installed and training completed.

The well currently produces 15 gpm and is capable of 30 gpm. 1,000 gallons of clean water were sold in the first month.

In an interesting twist, the pump on the Belize side of Arenal has been reported as inoperable. Managers of the new well now have a source of revenue to insure the sustainability of a clean water source will into the future.

For additional details and photos, please visit: [www.codyrotary.com/2011WaterProject.cfm](http://www.codyrotary.com/2011WaterProject.cfm) or [www.codyrotary.com/](http://www.codyrotary.com/)



Arenal girls doing laundry-Mopan River



Typical construction of Arenal house



Cody Rotarian Roger Kearns with Ingrid Can



## One life at a time

Shawn Bassham, Charter President Reveille Rotary Casper Wyoming



The Rotary Club of Casper Reville will celebrate their charter with a dinner on January 20, 2012.

Small but mighty certainly describes Reveille Rotary in Casper Wyoming. Since Fall of 2010 the numbers have been growing and finally 28 early morning souls stepped in the Rotary International world as of 11-10-11. During that time we made choices about how we would implement "Service Above Self". Reveille Rotary members determined they wanted to focus on seniors in our community. Our weekly meeting at the Senior Center provided some of the low hanging fruit for service and soon we had a gentleman who had numerous needs.

Our friend's needs ranged from minutes to be added to his track phone, a new toaster oven, a good cleaning of his house and some firewood to be cut for the winter. Small in size but great in heart the Reveille team stepped up and

helped fulfill his needs. Minutes were gifted by a member, a toaster oven was purchased and delivered and a crew of four women and two men arrived at his house with cleaning supplies in hand as well as a spirit of fellowship. The ladies quickly surmised what needed to be done and began cleaning. The guys found themselves outside with a load of uncut logs. Our friend sat and provided conversation while the two cut firewood. It was so sweet to see the guy bonding going on with an old power saw. All this was done to touch the life of a wonderful veteran.

We have just started on our journey to help seniors in Natrona County. More lives helped and stories to be told in the future. What a pleasure it is to serve.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ANNOUNCED!

Business and professional organizations can lock in sponsorship support of District Governor Mary McCambridge's 2012 District Conference in the current fiscal year thanks to the work of Rotarians Chuck Rutenberg and Phil Murphy.

"We have our sponsorship brochure ready for distribution now," Murphy said. It will be sent out to the Assistant Governors and club presidents early in December so advertisers can use this year's marketing budgets if they wish," he said.

Conference sponsorships are not only a great way to advertise products and services, but the proceeds will help fund conference attendance for Interact and Rotaract members and keep gen-

eral registration costs low.

"There are a number of different sponsorship opportunities," committee co-chair Chuck Rutenberg said. "They include the Friday night barbeque, evening entertainers like musician Brad Fitch or motivational speaker Mike Rayburn, receptions and conference breakout sessions."

The top sponsorship level is "Gold," at \$2,000. "Silver" sponsorships will sell for \$1,000 and "Bronze" for \$500. "Friends of the Conference" sponsors pay \$100. Each level offers different recognition benefits to the sponsor.

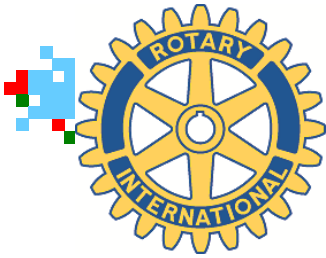
The conference will be held at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado June 7-9, 2012. A wide vari-

ety of special events, internationally known speakers, breakout sessions and family fun events are planned. One of the highlights will be a keynote speech from Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee.

For more information about conference sponsorships contact Phil Murphy at 970-217-8589 ([pjmurphy51@gmail.com](mailto:pjmurphy51@gmail.com)) or Chuck Rutenberg at 970-223-1922 ([chuck\\_rotary@hotmail.com](mailto:chuck_rotary@hotmail.com)).

# Rotary International District 5440, Inc. Membership & Attendance Report ~ October, 2011

Club Name	Not Rep'd	July 2011	Oct. 2011	Gain/Loss October	YTD Gain/Loss	October Attendance %
Buffalo	NR	31	31	0	0	0.00
Casper		182	181	-1	-1	48.32
Casper-Five Trails		52	47	-1	-5	47.09
Cheyenne		213	213	+4	0	60.00
Cheyenne Sunrise		36	39	+1	+3	76.07
Cody		82	82	-1	0	64.00
Craig (Moffat County)		21	19	-1	-2	80.00
Douglas	NR	33	30	0	-3	0.00
Estes Park		118	110	+2	-8	83.10
Estes Park-Longs Peak		30	30	0	0	75.00
Estes Valley Sunrise		69	68	-1	-1	80.88
Evanston		47	46	-1	-1	68.00
Fort Collins		163	163	0	0	66.30
Fort Collins (Foothills)		108	107	-2	-1	75.00
Fort Collins After Work		22	22	0	0	65.46
Fort Collins Breakfast		79	79	-1	0	81.41
Gillette		63	63	0	0	33.73
Gillette Energy Rotary	NR	60	60	0	0	0.00
Greeley		138	133	0	-5	47.97
Greeley Centennial		106	99	-4	-7	61.07
Greeley Redeye		30	27	-1	-3	76.25
Greeley-After Hours		20	20	-1	0	73.75
High Plains-Eaton		18	14	-2	-4	90.32
Jackson Hole	NR	198	201	0	3	0.00
Jackson Hole Supper	NR	41	40	0	-1	0.00
Jackson-Breakfast	NR	14	13	0	-1	0.00
Johnstown-Milliken		27	24	-1	-3	80.61
Kemmerer		26	26	0	0	55.00
Lander		70	69	-1	-1	39.93
Laramie		101	105	0	+4	50.00
Laramie Sunrise		26	25	0	-1	57.00
Loveland		160	154	-3	-6	78.41
Loveland Mountain View		35	36	0	+1	56.86
Morrill	NR	20	20	0	0	0.00
Powell		22	21	-1	-1	74.00
Ranchester-Dayton	NR	25	25	0	0	0.00
Rawlins		27	29	+1	+2	40.74
Riverton		47	48	+4	+1	53.89
Rock Springs		31	31	0	0	65.00
Scottsbluff/Gering		107	104	0	-3	55.05
Sedgwick County	NR	30	30	0	0	0.00
Sheridan		129	126	-3	-3	50.99
Ski Town-USA		28	29	+1	+1	78.11
Star Valley	NR	18	18	0	0	0.00
Steamboat Springs		83	81	+3	-2	62.75
Sterling		36	36	0	0	40.97
Teton Valley		27	27	0	0	58.33
Thermopolis		30	28	0	-2	64.00
Thompson Valley, Loveland		35	38	+3	+3	60.53
Torrington		66	67	+2	+1	62.61
Windsor		33	32	0	-1	55.00
Worland	NR	35	35	0	0	0.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3248</b>	<b>3201</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-47</b>	



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The District Membership Committee had lots of fun at the District Mid-Winter Assembly in Laramie. They presented a skit on Membership CPR. Pictured above is PP Billie Addleman & Lori Millin both of the Cheyenne RC, PP Pat Butts of the Teton Valley RC & their patient DGND Phil Murphy of the Fort Collins Breakfast RC.



# Membership \*CPR\*

by Pat Butts, District Membership Co-Chair



Prescription for the Rotary holidays:

- Honor your Rotary family
- Through a holiday party
- Through meeting announcements
- Through communications
- Through meeting treats
- Create a time of *JOY* for all
- Remember those less fortunate
- Celebrate successes and find inspiration in the success of others

And have FUN! FUN! FUN!



*Happy Holidays*