



# The Peak

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Scotts Bluff National Monument  
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## District Governor's Message

By DG Mary McCambridge

As we observe **Rotary Foundation Month**, I would like to challenge each of us to think about where our money goes and the lives that are changed when we give to the Rotary International Foundation. Each club I visit is looking to create that balance between giving locally and giving internationally. If you are a Rotarian who has visited another country then you have seen first hand what can be accomplished, if you haven't had the chance to participate in an international project, ask your friends who have to tell you the miracles they have seen.

Having clean water is something we take very much for granted – until we visit a country where we have gotten sick because the produce we ate was rinsed in unclean water. Children and adults die each day from disease and unsafe water is often the cause. Please ponder what we could do if each of us gave a little to the Interna-

tional Foundation each year. It makes such a difference to so many.

Thanks to those of you Rotarians and Interactors that attended our District Assembly in Laramie on October 29<sup>th</sup>. There was



A man retrieves water from a community well. His home is being rebuilt with help from Rotary and Habitat for Humanity. Ambalangoda, Sri Lanka.

fun, fellowship and learning that went on and we were surrounded by Interact kids who also had their own sessions. I heard great excitement from the

adults who participated with the youth. I believe the kids raised over \$400.00 for Polio Plus with several different fund raising efforts, including of course – **very purple pinkies**. Interact is a great part of Rotary – I am pleased to welcome a new Interact Club that has just applied in Jackson Hole, WY at the Jackson Hole High School. Each new Interact club that begins has huge possibilities for our clubs and communities. If you need to get some excitement in your life – volunteer to help with our Interact kids – they are amazing!

May we all be thankful for what we have as we observe Thanksgiving in a few weeks and think of how we can help others that have so much less! We can “be the change we want to see in the world.”

In Rotary Service,  
DG Mary

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**Rotary Foundation Month**

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## FOUNDATION DINNER FEATURES RI PRESIDENT KALYAN BANERJEE



Kalyan and Binota Banerjee

Contributors to the Rotary Foundation will be recognized at the annual Foundation dinner to be held on Friday evening, January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Denver Marriott Tech Center. Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee and his wife Binota will be the honored guests. Mr. Banerjee will be the keynote speaker.

“This is one of my favorite Rotary events because it gives us all an opportunity to thank those in our district who have given their financial support to the Rotary Foundation,” District Governor Mary McCambridge said.

Festivities begin at 5:30 pm with a reception and cash bar, followed by dinner at 6:30.

“Hundreds of Rotarians

from districts 5440, 5450, 5470 and 5630 have been coming to this event every year,” McCambridge said. “A number of clubs in our district have brought a full contingent of their members to celebrate their participation in The Rotary Foundation,” she said. The individual cost for the dinner is \$55. A full table of ten can be purchased for \$550 which assures reserved seating.

Two Rotary Foundation half-day seminars are also scheduled on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott for Club Foundation Chairs, board members and new club members. The first seminar is designed for relatively new Rotarians who want to learn more about The Rotary Foundation. The second seminar is for club

and district foundation leaders. The seminars begin at 8:00 with a plated breakfast and adjourn at noon. The cost for the Saturday seminars is \$25.

To register for The Rotary Foundation Dinner or the Rotary Foundation Seminars go to [www.rotary5450.org/events/Foundation](http://www.rotary5450.org/events/Foundation). The Denver Marriott Tech Center is also offering discounted room rates for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of \$94 per night on a first come, first served basis. Lodging reservations should be made by calling Marriott at 800-266-9432. Ask for the Rotary dinner rate.



Mark & Janine Demple (center) along with PDG John and Jin Patton.

## Sheridan Rotary Club ‘s Gunpowder and Buckskin Event, Yields Deer for Hunters and Fellowship for All!

The Sheridan Rotary Club held its annual Gunpowder and Buckskin event October 13-16<sup>th</sup>, bringing out of state hunters to the area for an action packed weekend full of hunting, trap shooting, fishing and fellowship. Gunpowder and Buckskin began in 1954 when the club received specially issued hunting licenses allocated from the Wyoming State Legislature under a state statute. Hunters from Rotary Clubs across the nation have taken part in this yearly tradition.

This year Rotarians from

Florida and New Jersey traveled to Sheridan for the event. Sheridan Rotarians heading up this year’s Gunpowder & Buckskin included Ron Mischke, P.J. Kane, and Corey Jost. Local landowners generously permitted hunters to stalk their property looking for the perfect buck. Each hunter, led by experienced Rotarian guides, shot a nice deer winning awards and prize money for a variety of criteria including earliest shot, last shot, biggest deer, and smallest deer. On the last day the hunters enjoyed a beautiful

day floating and catching fish on the Big Horn River, located in Montana, and well recognized for its premier Trout fishing.

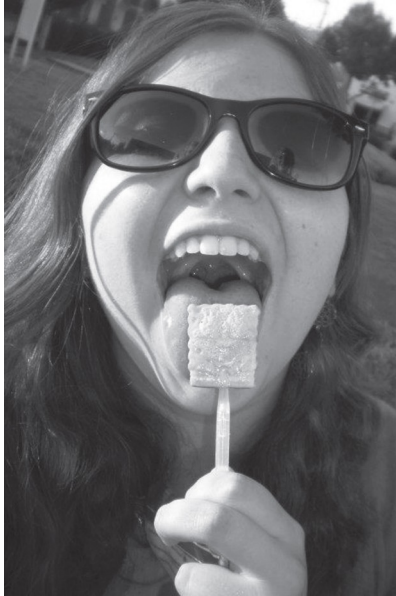
In return for an excellent adventure-filled weekend two of the hunters donated \$1,000 back to the Sheridan Club!

The Sheridan Rotary Club meets every Friday at noon at the Sheridan Inn. If you would like more information on Gunpowder and Buckskin, the local club or any of its initiatives go to [sheridanrotary.org](http://sheridanrotary.org).





## Sheridan HS Rotary exchange junior reports from Toluca, Mexico by *Madeline Clift*, Foreign Correspondent



Junior Madeline Clift enjoys a “Bob Esponja” (Sponge Bob) sucker in Toluca, Mexico. Clift is on a one year exchange through Rotary International.

### SHS junior Madeline Clift arrived in Mexico City last July 30. She will live with several host families through June of 2012

Let me begin by saying that I have not encountered any drug lords, drug rings, gangs, or even associates of all of the above, nor have I been kidnapped in the two months I’ve resided in Mexico.

In fact, I’ve been stationed at a safe distance from anything frightening, aside from the first day of school in another language.

My memory of the first class on the first day will likely never leave my psyche. My Ethicsteacher marched punctually into class at 7:15 a.m. without the “bring it on” face I am so accustomed to seeing on the first day at SHS. I’m still convinced his teaching style is designed to scare sense into his students with uncomfortable silence.

For me, the fear was delivered without the sense. It as a teacherly attitude I had never been exposed to, even though his intentions were good, and his style was just so different.

But, after two months, the actual messages being lectured in my classes are becoming clearer, and any of my fear that existed after the first week has dissolved with the growth of my curiosity.

As for the differences in school life, between Sheri-

dan, Wyoming, and Metepec, Mexico, they only make me miss SHS. Now, try to close your mouth from your surprised face and let me explain.

I miss choosing my classes. I miss the teachers and their daily drive to teach and appreciate individual students. I miss the library! And above all, -- and I never dreamt I would ever even think this-- I miss the organizational structure.

My schedule, which is the same as about 35 other students, has changed too many times to count since school started. Not only does my schedule change, but my teachers change too, sometimes even in the middle of the day. Substitute teachers don’t exist here. So, when a teacher is gone, there is no class, no order, and an incredible volume of chatting, singing, and screaming voices emanating from the classroom (SHS Staff, I have lived your worst nightmare). Again, it’s just so different.

School, yes, can be stressful, and very loud, but there is nothing like the experience I am having this year. In two months, my Spanish has improved exponentially, along with the clarity of my ideas for my future.

Thankfully, school doesn’t consume all of my time. I have made so many friends from all over the world, which only further expands my mind and curiosity about how colossal the world of culture and language is.

The more I learn, not only about Spanish, but German, French, Portu-

guese, Czech, and even Estonian, the more I understand about my own language. The time I’ve spent here has made me come to believe that you cannot truly understand or appreciate your culture without experiencing another. I would like to make a promise in exchange for asking a favor: I promise to keep you informed of my adventure here, through the beloved

“Ocksheperida,” Facebook, e-mail, or even snail mail. But, I ask of you, Sheridan, to reconsider whatever American stereotypes of this country and its people you may have. It is not consistently dangerous in every region, neighborhood, or street. The language is beautiful, the people are friendly and generous, the art is everywhere, and the cuisine is exquisite.

It’s difficult for me to describe how important it has been for me to open my mind to the idea that there are other ways of living than what I have been used to. In the words of the great Eddie Vedder, “I am a patriot, because my country is all I know.”

I will say “Adiós,” with a shout out to the teachers and staff of Sheridan High School. I will forever be grateful for your teaching, helping, and organizing. If anyone in Sheridan is interested in exchange, please don’t hesitate to contact me and/or the Sheridan Rotary Club with questions.

All the best, Sheridan, and for now, ¡Saludables!

Madeline Clift email: maddyart17@yahoo.

## LVHS Interact Club received \$16K recycling grant

The Lander Valley High School Interact Club's desire to start a school-wide recycling program received a huge boost in September with receipt of a \$16,464 grant from EnCana Oil and Gas for a recycling trailer.

The 10-cubic yard capacity 24 foot-long trailer will be used to collect recyclables from the high school to reduce the amount of trash going to the Lander landfill, said 2010-11 Interact Club President Mara Gans. Gans and Interact Club member

Kara Colovich accepted the check this past week from EnCana's Riverton Manager John Schmidt.

While Gans, Colovich and the Interactors from last school year wrote the grant request, the program this school year will be conducted by club member Caitlyn Brown. "We're very excited to get this recycling project started and we can hardly wait until the new trailer arrives," she said. The trailer is being built by Dempster Industries, LLC of

Beatrice, Nebraska, and is scheduled to arrive in Lander in late September.

EnCana's Community Investment Advisor Joyce Witte in Denver said the energy company was pleased "for the opportunity to support the recycling project."

The LVHS Interact Club is a youth leadership program supported by the Rotary Club of Lander.



Lander Interact Club members Mara Gans, left, and Kara Colovich accepted a check from EnCana Oil and Gas Riverton area manager John Schmidt for a recycling trailer.

## District Receives 2011-12 PR Grant to Boost Club Visibility

By Ernie Over, Rotary Club of Lander, District PR Committee Chairman

The District's application for a 2011-12 Public Relations grant from RI was approved this month and will be formally announced at the Mid-Winter Assembly in Laramie on Saturday, October 29th. In a nutshell, the grant allows District 5440 to focus on membership recruitment and public awareness of the End Polio Now campaign. The grant provides matching funds for the purchase of quarter-page ads in 11 participating Northern Colorado newspapers and in 17 participating Wyoming newspapers that serve communities with a Rotary Club. The newspapers have agreed to provide up to three-quarters

of a page of Rotary-themed editorial content, including at least one story from local Rotary clubs. We plan to launch this campaign using RI's Humanity In Motion print ad layouts, combined with supporting editorial copy on Rotary. Each club with a participating newspaper will be invited to provide a local story about their club. More details will be announced at the Laramie Assembly. It is expected the campaign will reach over 310,000 readers in the two states. The campaign is modeled after a similar and successful effort last year in Iowa.

Participating newspapers in Colorado are located in: Craig, Estes

Park, Fort Collins, Greeley (and North/Central Weld Co.), Johnstown, Loveland, Julesburg, Steamboat Springs, Sterling and Windsor. Wyoming communities represented include: Buffalo, Casper, Douglas, Evanston, Jackson, Kemmerer, Lander, Powell, Rawlins, Riverton, Sheridan, Star Valley, Thermopolis, Torrington and Worland.

The Colorado Press Service, Inc. and the Wyoming Press Association were of great help in assisting the PR Committee line up the participating newspapers.

**PR Committee Mission**

To increase the public visibility of Rotary in the District and provide individual Rotary clubs with the tools and guidance they can use to develop strong community recognition and support.

Have you visited the District's Public Relations website?  
<http://www.5440pr.com/>



## Service, Art and Rotary – Perfect Together!

Loveland Rotarian Richard Schilling displayed his distinct watercolors at a juried show for the first time in 1946! “I started painting watercolors when I was a 12-year-old boy attending artist’s workshops at the University of Nebraska,” Schilling said.

Today his beautiful landscapes can be found all over the world and many are featured in two books he has authored – “*Portraits of the Prairie*,” and “*Water Color Journeys*.”

A lucky Rotarian will win one of Dick Schilling’s original watercolors valued at \$2,700 at next June’s District Conference in Estes Park. “I really wanted to do something to support DG Mary McCambridge’s effort to raise money to fund literacy projects in the district,” he said. “Mary saw one of my paintings that she loved, but it had already been sold, so I painted a new one, just for her.” The 27 by 33-inch painting is titled “*Springtime in the Rockies*.”

Tickets will be distributed by the assistant governors to their club presidents at the Club



Loveland Rotarian Richard Schilling posing with his original watercolor “Springtime in the Rockies,” valued at \$2,700 which he has donated to Rotary. It will be given to the lucky winner of a drawing at the 2012 District Conference June 6-9 in Estes Park, Colorado. Tickets can be obtained from your club president or during the district conference. Proceeds will fund literacy projects in the district.

Within months joining Rotary, Schilling was

off to a Rotary service project at a remote mission hospital in Kenya. “Even though the Assembly in Laramie October 29<sup>th</sup>, and later on during their individual club visits. While any contribution will be acceptable, the suggested donation is \$10 for one; \$25 for three or \$05 for 7. See your club president for tickets, or plan on getting them during the district conference. Checks should be made out to Rotary International District 5440.

After years as a practicing dentist and well-known watercolorist, Dick Schilling joined the Rotary Club of Loveland in 1993 and launched an entirely new career as a dedicated volunteer and activist in international service projects.

“Lynn Hammond (former RI Director and current Rotary Foundation Trustee) was my sponsor. He had been in the Loveland club since 1960,” Schilling said.

Within months joining Rotary, Schilling was off to a Rotary service project at a remote mission hospital in Kenya. “Even though the

Kenyan village was quite small, more than 300,000 people lived in the surrounding rural area,” he said. Schilling was the only dentist there.

His trips to Kenya (three in all) influenced his art which now includes wonderful scenes of the African landscape. “I would be up very early to work on painting then spend long days providing dental services to residents. It was the richest time of my life,” Schilling said.

Schilling has worked on Rotary projects in Mexico, Nicaragua, and three trips to Siberia. Through his association with “Smiles Without Borders,” Schilling has also been instrumental in creating traveling dental clinics and perfecting a method to create dentures for indigent patients virtually overnight.

“We all have talents that we can use in Rotary,” he said. I’m not an organizer or committee leader but I try to help in other ways.” Truly an understatement from a dedicated Rotarian and philanthropist. For more about Schilling’s water colors and volunteer work go to [www.worldwatercolorist.com](http://www.worldwatercolorist.com) or [www.smileswithoutborders.com](http://www.smileswithoutborders.com)

The Jackson Hole Rotary Supper Club presents

## TEXAS HOLD’EM

Saturday, November 19, 2011, 6:30 pm at the historic **Wort Hotel** in downtown Jackson, Wyoming!

Registration Fee: \$100

Buy-In: \$150

Rebuys are allowed during the first two rounds. Cost of rebuys are \$150. Rebuys allowed only up to the value of chips purchased on initial buy-in.

Prizes are awarded on **100 percent** of the total money collected and **80 percent** of the total money collected on the rebuys as follows: **1st Place 50%, 2nd Place 30%, 3rd Place 20%.**

Prize money does not include the \$100 registration fees collected on-line or at the door. Your registration fee helps to support the programs of the Jackson Hole Rotary Supper Club.

Payment is required to confirm registration and reserve your spot. **LIMITED TO ONLY 40 PLAYERS, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.**

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

Club Name	Not Rep'd	July 2011	Sept. 2011	Gain/Loss September	YTD Gain/Loss	September Attendance %
Buffalo	NR	31	31	0	0	0.00
Casper		182	183	0	1	51.65
Casper-Five Trails		52	48	0	-4	48.75
Cheyenne		213	209	-3	-4	58.00
Cheyenne Sunrise		36	38	3	+2	68.53
Cody		82	83	0	+1	66.00
Craig (Moffat County)		21	20	0	-1	75.00
Douglas	NR	33	30	0	-3	0.00
Estes Park		118	108	+1	-10	81.30
Estes Park-Longs Peak		30	30	0	0	70.00
Estes Valley Sunrise	NR	69	69	0	0	0.00
Evanston		47	47	+1	0	65.00
Fort Collins	NR	163	163	0	0	0.00
Fort Collins (Foothills)		108	109	0	+1	65.00
Fort Collins After Work	NR	22	22	0	0	0.00
Fort Collins Breakfast		79	80	+2	+1	77.04
Gillette		63	63	-1	0	24.21
Gillette Energy Rotary	NR	60	60	0	0	0.00
Greeley	NR	138	138	0	0	0.00
Greeley Centennial	NR	106	106	0	0	0.00
Greeley Redeye		30	28	0	-2	82.00
Greeley-After Hours		20	20	-1	0	63.75
High Plains-Eaton		18	16	-2	-2	73.86
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	25	0	-2	84.00
Kemmerer		26	26	0	0	66.00
Lander		70	70	+1	0	40.00
Laramie	NR	101	103	0	+1	0.00
Laramie Sunrise		26	25	0	-1	70.00
Loveland		160	161	+2	+1	78.45
Loveland Mountain View		35	36	+1	+1	56.03
Morrill	NR	20	20	0	0	0.00
Powell		22	22	0	0	66.00
Ranchester-Dayton	NR	25	25	0	0	0.00
Rawlins		27	28	0	+1	57.41
Riverton		47	44	-3	-3	48.30
Rock Springs		31	31	0	0	71.00
Scottsbluff/Gering		107	104	0	-3	54.57
Sedgwick County		30	30	0	0	61.70
Sheridan	NR	129	128	0	-1	0.00
Ski Town-USA		28	28	0	0	86.61
Star Valley	NR	18	18	0	0	0.00
Steamboat Springs		83	78	-1	-5	109.26
Sterling		36	36	0	0	45.14
Teton Valley		27	27	+1	0	50.00
Thermopolis		30	28	-1	-2	62.00
Thompson Valley, Loveland		35	35	-1	0	65.14
Torrington		66	65	-1	-1	67.18
Windsor		33	32	0	-1	60.00
Worland	NR	35	35	0	0	0.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3248</b>	<b>3215</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-34</b>	



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# Membership \*CPR\*

by Lori Millin, District Membership Co-Chair



This month **Membership \*CPR\*** will focus on recruiting members to join your Rotary Club. One problem is many people do not even know about our service group. You can help recruit members to join your Rotary Club by trying these ideas.

Wear your Rotary pins, shirts, ties, etc...daily. When asked about the Rotary symbol please explain the object of Rotary or give out "What's Rotary" cards, your own club cards, or "Be my Guest" cards or coupons.

To reach more potential new members use the many media options available. Advertise in your local newspaper, ask to put club posters or pamphlets in your communities businesses and at your

local Chamber of Commerce, and use social media sites such as Facebook.

Have your membership committee chair use that media to find members. They must Ask, Ask, Ask, people to join. Make calls or send texts, emails or letters to your business contacts inviting them to attend a club meeting.

If your community has a Chamber of Commerce leadership class, contact those graduates. In Wyoming, get the list of Leadership Wyoming graduates and invite those graduates in your area to attend a club meeting.

Remember: When you start with Rotary, good things happen.

