



GOLDEN NUGGETS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, January 18 – Dana Arell of Friendship Bridge will describe the Micro Loan program for small business women in Guatemala.

January 20 – Golden Chamber of Commerce luncheon, 12:00 noon, Rolling Hills CC, with recognition of Golden Rotary community service.

January 25 – Cindy Stevenson, Jeffco Schools Superintendent will update us on developments with the school district and the effect of the recent tax and bond election.

January 28 – Quad District Rotary Foundation Dinner, 5:30 pm., at Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street, Denver (near Stapleton), with RI President Glenn Estess, Sr. See write-up in this issue for the details.

January 29 – Rotary Foundation Workshop, 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, Renaissance Hotel.

February 1 – Frosty Wooldridge will discuss the coming population crisis in the US, with an emphasis on immigration.

February 8 – Mark Heller, Executive Director of the Golden Urban Renewal Authority will describe the organizations programs and results.

February 10 - Board Meeting, 7:30 am. at Guaranty Bank. All members are welcome, but advise Prez Sam or VP Eileen if you plan to attend.

February 13 - Golden Rotary Ski Train outing will be held this Sunday, leaving Union Station at 7:15 am.

February 15 – Vicki Vargas-Madrid of the Colorado Division of Wildlife will tell us how to live the wild life that we missed out on from the cancelled meeting of December 7th.

February 22 – Off Site meeting. A dedication of the Golden Rotary Amphitheatre will take place during an **off site meeting at 12:00 noon** at the amphitheatre on Clear Creek in Golden.

February 26 - Rotary's 100th Birthday event will take place this Saturday at the downtown

Denver Adams Mark Hotel, 1500 Court Place, from 7:30 pm to midnight.

And Planning Ahead – Save the dates for upcoming Rotary events. Don't forget to block out two very important dates a bit further into the future. The **District 5450 Conference for 2005** will be hosted by Golden Rotary, April 29- May 1, 2005. The annual **Golden Rotary Golf Tourney** will take place on Friday, June 10th.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN – Reflections from Sam

Greetings Rotarians! As I reflect back on the most recent events of this past year, I am once again reminded and overwhelmed by the generosity of the members of the Rotary Club of Golden!!

At our traditional Christmas gift exchange breakfast meeting on December 21, approximately \$1,100 was raised to benefit the family of **Angela Ortiz Alvarado**. As you all know by now, Angela is our "adopted" 11-year-old girl from Honduras. It is our Club that made the non-medical arrangements to support the life transforming maxiofacial surgery performed by **Dr. Bob Christiansen** and his team of oral surgeons. To us, this sum of money may represent only a portion of our Christmas credit card debt – but to this sweet girl and her family, this sum represents over a year's income.

In fact, according to Angela's guardian, **Harriett Kelly**, this gift will allow her family to purchase some property in the area in which they live and will be a big help in paving the road to self-sufficiency. Because of the Rotary Club of Golden, not only has Angela's life been forever changed, but also her family's lifestyle has been substantially altered for years to come. As an aside, the \$1,100 is currently in a savings account, administered by **Eileen Schurmann**.

The funds will be held until Dr. Christiansen returns from visiting Angela and her family later this month and determines how we can best transfer the funds to ensure they are most effectively utilized.

There is another example of recent generosity within our Club. Many of you know of the efforts of our own member **Jim Smith** in supporting Habitat for Humanity. Jim donates a percentage of his commissions from the sale of each home he has arranged. These funds are donated to Habitat for Humanity in the name of the Rotary Club of Golden. Roughly \$3,000 has been placed in a special account awaiting future Habitat for Humanity projects. With the recent disaster in South East Asia, Jim has requested (and your board has enthusiastically accepted) that these funds be donated to the tsunami relief efforts in South East Asia. President George Bush has named Habitat for Humanity as an approved tsunami aid agency as this organization has the international connections and expertise to immediately begin to provide housing for the massive numbers of homeless victims.

For those individual members of our Club who have been waiting to do something to assist in this worldwide relief effort, there is now a very effective way to help! You can make a donation at any one of our next several meetings by making a check payable to Habitat for Humanity International. Your tax-deductible gift to this nonprofit organization will be sent to Habitat as a coordinated effort from the Rotary Club of Golden. Don't forget, if your check is dated and received prior to January 31, the President has authorized that it can be claimed as a donation on your 2004 taxes.

As the first month of the New Year is rapidly slipping away, our efforts need to focus on the **Centennial Birthday of Rotary International** on February 23, 2005. In our efforts to make the community aware of this significant milestone, a banner commemorating this event will be hung from the Golden arch on Washington Avenue during the Centennial week.

Because of the Centennial celebration, our Club **WILL NOT** meet at Rolling Hills for our normal breakfast meeting on Tuesday, February 22nd. We will instead meet at 12:00 noon on that day at the Golden Visitor's Center on Washington Avenue. We will meet for fellowship and for the special dedication

ceremonies of the **Rotary Club of Golden Amphitheater**, our permanent gift to the city of Golden commemorating Rotary's Centennial Year.

Don't forget to mark on your calendars the **Rotary Centennial Birthday party** for all District 5450 Rotarians on the evening of Saturday, February 26 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Denver. This should be a great evening for all of us!

On one final note, I would like all Golden Rotarians to reserve the weekend of April 29 to May 1, to attend the **District 5450 Conference** at the Antlers Hotel in Colorado Springs. As the host club of this year's District Governor, the awesome **Diane Kessel**, our Club is expected to be actively involved throughout the Conference in a multitude of tasks that are being orchestrated through the efforts of the Conference Planning Executive Committee headed by **Betsy Thorpe and Pat Madison**.

To register members need to complete the online registration process and submit their own credit card for the registration fee. As an added incentive for Golden Rotarians to be involved, **here's the good part!!** The Board of Directors of Golden Rotary has authorized a grant be made to District 5450 to help defray the costs incurred by Golden Rotarians in attending and working at the conference. More information on this opportunity later. Even though the Executive Committee has done a fantastic job of ensuring a great Conference at a great price, no one wants the cost to deter any member from participating! We need a great showing from the best club in the District, bar none!!

With all good wishes, Sam Allen, President

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

President **Sam Allen** has reported that Golden Rotary Club has recently received an application for membership from a prospective new member. The Board of Directors approved this application at the meeting of January 13th, pending the publication of the application in this issue of the Golden Nuggets and an email notice that was sent to all members. Sam has asked that any comments members may have on the application should be submitted to him not later than January 25th.

Laura Parrado is employed in bank operations with Firstbank in Golden. Laura lives in Lakewood. She has been active as a volunteer in a 3rd grade elementary school class and in the Junior Achievement organization. Laura is a recent college graduate and has attended several meetings of Golden Rotary. **Bob Short** sponsors her.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

As we all know Golden Rotary will be the host club for the District 5450 Annual Conference. The event will take place at the Antlers Hilton Hotel in Colorado Springs, from **April 29 thru May 1, 2005**.

One of the first steps in the process is to register for the conference. Each Golden Rotarian has received, at our January 11th meeting, or in the mail if you weren't at that meeting, a district conference information package. The information circular on the conference describes all the details you will need to complete your conference registration and make hotel reservations at the Antlers. Information on both of these is found on page two of the circular. The graphic art for the circular was, incidentally, designed by a class at the Art Institute of Colorado as a class project. The class did an excellent job as I think you will all agree.

Note that a key feature of registration is that it will be handled "on-line". In past years registration has taken place with hard copy forms. As noted in the previous issue of the Nuggets, it appears that penmanship has been a neglected art in the past 50 years or so. As a result the process of deciphering the information on the forms has rivaled, in complexity, that of decoding of the German and Japanese codes during WWII. The on-line registration it is hoped will facilitate the process on both ends.

Registrations can be made by going to the District 5450 Internet web site at www.rotary5450.org and to click on District Conference.

Note also that if you register by Rotary's 100th birthday (February 23rd) you will be eligible to win two nights conference lodging at the Antlers Hotel. The drawing will take place at the District 5450 Centennial Birthday party of

February 26th at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Denver and you must be present to win.

If you are not already a member of Golden Rotary's District Conference committee, think about those ways in which you might like to become involved. There will be a need for every member of the club to be involved in some way in the conference effort. The Nuggets will continue to keep all our members posted on how the process is coming and where help is needed.

COMMITTEE CORNER - International Service

The first half of our Rotary Year has passed quickly during which many interesting and rewarding projects were completed. There is a lot more to come as we all get ready to host the District Conference for District 5450 on April 29 – May 1, 2005.

Exchange Student - From all reports our exchange student **Eliane Marques** has adjusted well to Golden High School and to her second host family, the Santi family. The **Santis, Paul and Michele**, were very generous in offering to take Eliane with them to Texas for the Christmas holidays. I'm sure she enjoyed herself and will report to the Club about her trip. Special thanks go to **Judy Orr** for finding and wrapping the great looking parka/winter jacket, the present that was given to her at our recent Christmas Party. I'm not sure Eliane needed it in Texas; but she will now..... We would also like to extend our thanks to Eliane's first host family, **Carl & Judy Ekberg**, for the wonderful job in welcoming her to Golden.

At the December Board of Directors meeting it was decided that the Club would again host a Rotary Youth Exchange Student for 2005-06 academic year. We presently don't have a student or country in mind, so any suggestions are welcome and can be passed on to **Don Hogue, Pat Madison** or me. We'd also like to know if you or someone you know would like to be a host family.

Humanitarian Program - The generosity of the Rotary Club of Golden and the Denver Metro community during the humanitarian effort to help deal with the jaw injury suffered by **Angela Ortiz Alvarado** has been well documented by

Bob Short and George Mitchell. We'd like to extend special thanks to **Bob, Frank "Abuelo" Darrow, Heather Duncan, Ana "Abuela" Morrow and John Henry** for their time and generosity making sure all the non medical needs of Angela and **Harriet Kelly**, her guardian, were met. We hope some time during February, International Service Month, to be able to have available the CD of Angela's surgery and recovery as produced by **Dr. Bob Christensen**, through his organization, TMJ Implants, Inc.

In order to maintain contact with them, plus to learn more about the needs of people on Isla de Bahia, Honduras, we plan to contact the nearest Rotary Club located in San Pedro Sula and request their involvement. We'll keep you updated.

Exchange Student to Japan - Congratulations to **Amanda Valenzuela**, our candidate from Golden High, for being selected by District 5450 to be a Rotary Exchange Student. Amanda will be leaving for Japan next August for a wonderful cultural and educational experience. Currently she is studying Japanese at Mines plus keeping a straight "A" record in all her other class work.

GSE Program - Speaking of hosting, your Club along with others in Zone 3 (Evergreen Mtn. Foothills, Conifer and others) will be hosting the Inbound Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team from Turkey. The six members of the team will be with us from Monday April 18th through Friday April 22nd, just one week before the District Conference.

Please consider being a host for one or more team members these four nights. The first District 5450 GSE Team Organizing Committee Meeting was held on January 8th. We expect to be able to provide you with additional details on the program a bit later in the month. The Turkish Team is scheduled to attend the April 19th meeting of Golden Rotary to present an interesting program on their country and culture.

Matching Grant Applications - Finally, two quick updates on our Grant Applications.

1) **Pisco, Peru** – The second application has been signed off by all parties and submitted to the RI Foundation for final approval and funds. We hope to have confirmation this month.

2) **Pattaya, Thailand** - The Golden Board of Directors approved **Geoff Noble's** request for \$2,000 to fund the next Matching Grant, with our Sister City Club in Pattaya, Thailand. He has completed the application and submitted it to Pattaya for their work. We also have **Good News**. Geoff received a communication from Pattaya informing us that neither Pattaya nor the Gulf of Siam were adversely affected by the tsunami that hit the west coast of Thailand and other areas in Southeast Asia.

Here's wishing all the Committee and Club members the very best for 2005.

Cheers! Jim McGuigan, Chairman

NEWS ITEMS

LAST CHANCE FOR THE STOCK SHOW – Tomorrow night, **Wednesday, January 19th** is Rotary Night.

While it is too late to guarantee that you can sit with the Rotary group at the rodeo, you can still get tickets to the show and to join the group for dinner at the National Western Club. You can make arrangements by calling Julie at the National Western Box Office, (303) 295-3959. The evening will begin with a buffet dinner at the National Western Club from 5:00 pm. through 7:00 pm. The Pro Rodeo will follow at 7:30 pm.

QUAD DISTRICT DINNER SET - RI
President **Glenn E. Estess, Sr.** will be the featured speaker at the annual Quad District Foundation dinner event to be held on **Friday evening, January 28, 2005**. The dinner will be followed by the Foundation Seminar on Saturday morning, January 29th. Both events will be held at a different location than in recent years, this year at the Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street in Denver, near the site of the former Stapleton Airport.

District 5450 Governor **Diane Kessel** has asked all Rotarians to consider attending this significant event to help welcome **Glenn Estess** to Colorado. The Friday evening event will begin at 5:30 pm with a reception and cash bar in the House of Friendship, followed by dinner at 7:00pm.

It should be noted that **registrations for this event are to be done on-line** from the District 5450 Internet web site. To register all that is required is to go to www.rotary5450.org and to click on Register for Foundation Events.

THE LATEST ON ANGELA – A very nicely done publication has just been issued by TMJ Implants, Inc., describing the situation and the procedures used by the surgical team that recently handled the operation that restored jaw function to **Angela Alvarado**, our Honduran “adoptee”. TMJ is **Dr. Bob Christiansen’s** firm that has provided the prosthesis and surgical models for the operation on Angela. Golden Rotary received a good deal of recognition for its efforts in helping organize the program and to making many of the non-medical arrangements for the project. See President Sam for more information on the publication.

THE SKI TRAIN IS LEAVING - Larry Hall, our Ski Train director, has advised that Golden Rotary’s 2005 outing is scheduled for **Sunday, February 13, 2005**. You might not be able, at this late date, to be in the same car as Rotarians, but you might be able to get a seat. As in the past the train leaves Denver Union Station promptly at 7:15 am, and arrives back in Denver at about 6:30 pm. The Ski Train tickets are \$ 39 each, round trip

You don’t have to think of only downhill skiing to join the rest of the Golden Rotary group on the Ski Train outing. Contact **Larry Hall** (home phone (303) 988-4668) for more information.

GOLDEN INFORMER ERRS – The City of Golden publishes a monthly periodical to keep the citizens of our fair city informed about happenings and activities in Golden. A careful reading of the January issue revealed, on page 11, that Golden Lions Club had built the recently completed amphitheatre on Clear Creek. Golden Lions is an energetic and very committed group that does many good works for Golden. They did not, however, do this particular project. It was, as we all know, designed and built by Golden Rotarians, headed by project director **Bob Neukirchner**.

We trust a correction to this erroneous information will be shortly forthcoming. The suggestion that the editor of the Informer be publicly flogged at high noon in front of the City Hall struck some as a bit harsh and perhaps not

entirely in keeping with the Four Way Test so that approach was rejected. But it seems reasonable that some appropriate penance be undertaken so that Golden Rotary receives proper recognition for all the hard work and skill that went into the project. Perhaps that could be done prior to the formal dedication of the amphitheatre that will take place at noon on Tuesday, February 22nd.

GOLF TOURNEY SET – If you haven’t already done so, be sure to block out the date for the 2005 edition of the Golden Rotary Golf Tournament that will take place at Fossil Trace Club on **Friday, June 10, 2005**. Golf team director will be **Eileen Schurmann**. It’s not too early to begin to recruit participants and to decide what role you would like to play in this important fund raising (and fun raising) event.

GSE TEAM VISIT SCHEDULED – International Service chairman, **Jim McGuigan**, has announced that the incoming Group Student Exchange (GSE) team from Turkey will be in our zone on April 18 through 22, 2005. Jim indicates that his committee will need the help of many members of the club in hosting the team members, and in showing them the many businesses and attractions in the Golden area.

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