



GOLDEN NUGGETS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, July 12 – No Meeting, because we will have had our annual banquet last night.

However, there will be a Golf Committee meeting, 6:00p at Fossil Trace.

July 14 - Board Meeting, 7:30 am. at Guaranty Bank. All members are welcome. Do advise Prez Eileen if you plan to attend.

July 15 - The rain delay postponement of the **4th Annual Golden Rotary Golf Tourney** will take place on this Friday, at Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden. The event will be a morning tournament. See article below for details.

July 19 – Joe Rice, former mayor of Glendale, Colorado, will discuss his experiences in helping to form and to advise the Baghdad city council from March 2003 to April 2004.

July 26 – Tim Gablehouse, a member of the Colorado Emergency Planning Commission, will discuss emergency planning and response in Colorado, including aspects related to homeland security.

July 30 – Buffalo Bill Days – Plan to ride in the Parade!

August 2 – Jessica Beckwith will describe her experiences as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar

August 9 - No Meeting! Make up by attending the Annual Picnic

August 10 or 11- The ever-popular picnic event with Evergreen Rotary, and this year Conifer and Mountain Foothills will join in the fun at Sherm Wenger's Evergreen Fitness & Tennis Center. Watch for further details.

August 20 – Golden Peach Day!! We'll be delivering Western Slope Gold to our loyal customers

PRESIDENT EILEEN'S INAUGURAL REMARKS

When, more than two years ago, I was asked to be the President of our Golden Rotary Club in

2005, I thought, 'well, that's a long way off and I can probably get my life in order to accommodate presiding over the Club for a year.' Those two years have flown by and here we are, it's 2005 and I'm now the President....Wow! I've learned a lot about our Club in the past two years and basically what I've found is that we have a group of people who will do their best to make my year as president a fun-filled experience, and I really don't need to get my life in order because I will have the help I need from all of you, whenever I need it. We had a challenging year with the Centennial celebration and our wonderful Diane as District Governor. I watched **Sam Allen** run the Club with two teenage sons and two job changes and he managed to keep things going with skill and grace during one of our most demanding years, but it wasn't just his consummate charm, it is the wonderful support from all of our Club members and the Board that keeps our club ticking. I have two teenage sons, and luckily don't anticipate any career changes, and I know that you all will be there helping me along the way.

The theme for Rotary International this year is *Service Above Self*, and that tells me that our new RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar is looking for us to get back to the basics. After the busy last year I interpret that as a bit of rest for our Club. We will continue to support and be involved in all of the activities that we've taken on in the past and do them well. We will provide *Service Above Self* to each other, our families, our community and the world.

I look forward to an enjoyable and entertaining year, filled with good will and even better friendships. I love you all!

President Eileen

GOLF TOURNAMENT FRIDAY – PRAY FOR SUNSHINE!

The rain-delayed *Golden Rotary 4th Annual International Classic* will be played this Friday, July 15th at Fossil Trace. Great weather is guaranteed by Reverend Bleyle.

Most players have been notified of the new date/time; however, if you are in a foursome or recruited teams, it would be very helpful if you would contact the players to remind them of registration beginning at 6:30am and the shotgun start at 7:30am

Here, in brief, is the schedule:

Registration 6:30-7:30a

Auction Opens 7:00a

Shotgun Start 7:30a

Luncheon and Awards 1:00p

Auction closes 1:30p

As the tournament nears, we can still use your help with the various functions involved in making the event flow smoothly. If you haven't already signed up to volunteer for some aspect of the program, plan to do so in the next few days. Even if you are playing in the tournament you still can assist with the auction effort, either before teeing off or after the event is over.

Please keep in mind that this is one of our major fundraisers during the year. The income we derive from this year's tournament will go into our budget for next year and allow us to do the great things we do for the Golden community as well as to support our international projects.

Note: The Golf Committee will meet this evening, Tuesday, July 12th, 6:00pm at Fossil Trace, to finalize plans for Friday.

If you need further information, the contacts are **Tom Hughes**, the auction impresario, **Bob Short** for sponsorships, **George Mitchell** as volunteer coordinator and **Larry Hall** and **Bob Arnold** for signing up golfers. Plan to arise early on July 15th. See you there to have a great time!

Editorian's Opinion Column – GOLDEN IS AN ALL-AMERICA CITY

Alas, our City of Golden was not among the ten communities designated as All-America Cities.

But did you note the winning cities? Only two west of the Mississippi and one of those was Seward, Alaska. And have you ever been to Canoga Park, CA? Or Pompano Beach, FL? If so, you'll agree that none of them can hope to compare with Golden's beauty, history, style, and community spirit. We're proud that Golden was among the 30 finalists and that it is more All-American than any of them. Pat Mike Bestor on the back and thank him for leading a great team to Atlanta.

CHICAGO CENTENNIAL CONVENTION – A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

Conventioneers Diane Kessel and Judy and Pat Madison report that the Centennial Convention was an inspiring success. We share with you below excerpts from an article by Irina Bulkley-Hopkins of the Denver Rotary Club. As a newly-minted American, her comments are especially affective.

“Shortly before I departed for the Rotary International 100th Anniversary Celebration, one of our fellow Club members told me that Chicago would be a truly American experience. Little did I know that this trip would turn out to be one of the most amazing and memorable adventures in my life!

I had my first introduction to the city of Chicago on a tour called the Windy City Experience that was followed by the not-to-miss Architectural River Cruise. The first skyscraper was built in Chicago (not New York) in 1885 and it was whopping 10 stories tall! The three tallest buildings today are 110, 100 and 80 floors.

The next day began with a breakfast at Chicago One Rotary Club. From there we proceeded to the Plenary Session dedicated to the First 100 Years of Rotary. To me this session was ever so special because it featured Ted Turner as a keynote speaker. Back in 1994 when Ted brought his Goodwill Games to my hometown of Saint Petersburg, Russia, I had the privilege of working with him on the Organizational Committee and some other, smaller projects.

Ted delivered a breathtaking speech and highly praised Rotary for numerous achievements over the past century. As always, he spoke from his heart. As always, he spoke with passion. As

always, he was sincere, open and direct. As always, he pledged his love and support for the greatest organization in the world - Rotary. He boldly suggested that if the US reversed its war budget and used it for the good of the mankind, it could end poverty, as only \$62 billion are needed for that purpose. When he finished, the entire audience jumped on their feet and roared their respectful approval and unwavering support.

[One of the most] engaging events was a touching ceremony that allowed us to meet the new Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, his wife Monica and their family, where President Carl spoke about his three priorities for the new Rotary year - women in Rotary, bringing China and Cuba back to Rotary, and youth matters. Then there was a Celebration at the Field Museum that hosted over 10,000 people and the Centennial Book signing, to name two more.

And yet, all of those memories fade in comparison with the most lasting impression I took away from those wonderful ten days in Chicago. This trip left me exceptionally proud and grateful for a once-in-a-lifetime chance to belong to the most unique union in the World: A union of happy people with generous hearts, who are always ready to extend a helping hand. A union of strong wills, unique minds and kind hearts. A union of those who share a universal philosophy of Service Above Self. A union that 100 years ago was named Rotary.”

AFRICA RALLIES TO PROTECT 77 MILLION CHILDREN AGAINST POLIO

Nigerian health officials and Rotarians are upbeat that a recent national immunization campaign marked a turning point in efforts to stop a resurgence of polio in the country and the rest of Africa. More than 25 million children under age five were targeted in the effort which involved 140,000 volunteers. The number of reported cases of polio in Nigeria has been dropping since several northern states ended a disastrous boycott of the oral polio vaccine in 2004. The yearlong boycott caused an outbreak that led to the reinfection of 16 polio-free countries in Africa and the Middle East and, most recently, of Indonesia.

A new grassroots effort by Rotarians and other participants is helping turn the tide. Even in Kano, epicenter of the outbreak that set back the global polio eradication campaign, things are looking up, according to health officials. "The important thing is just to debunk the rumors, the allegations that the polio vaccine has been laced with some antifertility drugs," said Kola Owoka, a member of the Rotary Club of Nassarawa-Kano, Kano State.

Nigeria was among more than a dozen countries across West, Central, and northeastern Africa that participated in the third of a series of joint National Immunization Days (NIDs). Targeting more than 77 million children, the latest round of an aggressive pan-African response to recent polio outbreaks was launched 13-14 May in most of those countries.

In Mali, the government has started cracking down on the spreading of rumors that cast doubt on the safety of the oral polio vaccine. On 10 May, three days before the launch of the NIDs, Malian courts slammed prison terms of up to two years on five men accused of sabotaging a polio immunization campaign in April.

NEWS ITEMS

PEACH SALE SCHEDULED – Don't forget that our Peach Sale Program is scheduled for **Saturday, August 20th**. As previously reported, our peach supplier, Noland Farms, has reported to **Bob Short** that the crop is an excellent one, despite some early worries about the weather in the spring.

Order forms are now available. Think of those persons who may not have taken advantage of these outstanding peaches and make sure they receive an information and order form. And of course, tap your regular customers immediately.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED – As many members know, Golden Rotary will be hosting another high school exchange student during the 2005-2006 academic year. The student will be a young man from Denmark. He will be arriving in August and will be attending Golden High School through May of 2006.

If you can be a host for this student or know of someone who might fill that role, please contact **Don Hogue** who handles such issues for the International Service Committee. The usual

practice is for the student to spend about one-third of the year with each of three families, or about three months in each household.

MITCHELLS HOMEWARD BOUND – A communiqué from Amsterdam confirms that Past President and Faithful Editarian **George Mitchell** and traveling partner Sue will be returning to Colorado this evening. We look forward to lengthy descriptions of their experiences in darkest Africa and in the coffeehouses/cafes of Central Amsterdam. We anticipate that, after a day of recovery, George will be available to assist you in volunteering for the Golf Tournament.

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