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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, September 28 – Club Assembly Day, back at Rolling Hills CC. And we'll welcome some special guests...

October 5 – Jim Bumanlag, a project engineer with the T-Rex Highway project through Denver will up date us on the progress on this project

October 6 – Centennial Rotary Amphitheater Project on Clear Creek, Wednesday evening, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Chief Honcho Bob Neukirchner says he can always use some additional help to add to his faithful crew.

October 9 – Centennial Rotary Amphitheater Project on Clear Creek, Saturday morning, 8:00 to 12:00 noon.

And planning ahead, don't forget to put the District 5450 **Institute for Leadership** on your calendar for Friday and Saturday, October 8 & 9. See the article in the last issue of the Nuggets for more of the details.

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Normally, this issue of the Nuggets would commence with an insightful statement from President Sam. However, since he is heavily engaged in training at his new bank in Boulder, he begs permission to postpone his sermon. We understand that in this week's training, Sam is learning the fundamentals of foreclosing mortgages on little old ladies. Look for his update in the next issue.

BUT WE DO HAVE A MESSAGE FROM OUR DG DIANE

Last Tuesday was our day to welcome and celebrate our own District Governor Diane Kessel. In a fun meeting hosted by Mike Bestor and Fire Chief John Bales at the Golden Fire Station, DG Diane gave us a charming and truly inspirational presentation. We repeat here a few excerpts from her discussion. For the full text, you may contact your Substitute Editorian (dmoran1037@comcast.net).

Diane told us:

“As an organization, we have accomplished things that others thought were impossible. And we have truly come to demonstrate the words of our founder, Paul Harris, who said “the power of combined effort knows no limitation.”



But we are entering our second century of service, and we can't be successful without your help, so I'm here today to ask you for three things:

- First, that you find your personal passion in Rotary – the part of Rotary that lights **your** fire, so to speak
- Second, that you commit to offer the gift of Rotary to others
- And third, that you continue to share your financial resources so **we can continue** our critical work

Today, Rotary is stronger than ever because people like you and I have found strength in our common purpose. We know that together we can do more than we possibly ever could alone.

Rotary also connects people all over the world – people of different races, religions, ethnic backgrounds, political persuasions. And these Rotary connections become abundant resources for doing good in the world.

We are on the brink of eradicating polio – the largest private sector global health initiative in history. And it started it with one person who submitted a grant request to RI in 1979 to undertake a polio immunization project in the Philippines. Now we have national immunization days where we have immunized over 150 million children in *one day* in some developing countries. Since the beginning of the international campaign to eradicate polio began in 1985, Rotarians and their partner organizations have immunized over *two billion children* against the polio virus. Do you know that **civil wars have been** stopped to allow health care workers and Rotarian volunteers to administer the two drops of vaccine that have spared almost *four million children* from this terrible crippling disease? That's the power of Rotary.

How do we insure that our next century is full of promise? We have to continue to extend the hand of friendship to those people who are Rotarians in spirit, but just don't yet wear the Rotary pin. In fact, one of the easiest ways to get the word out about Rotary and what it does is to wear your pin all the time. How many of you are wearing it now? How many of you wear it outside of your Rotary meeting? Casual enquiries about our unusual pin can educate people who may be potential members. Once you wear a Rotary pin, you begin to see its power.

How many of you have sponsored someone into Rotary? It is because of people like you that our organization is the oldest, largest and best service organization in the world. It is because you have chosen to offer someone else the privilege of becoming a Rotarian. I ask for your support with finding good Rotarians because membership development and retention is not about more numbers, but rather about more service to meet more needs. It's about fueling the fire to keep Rotary's light burning long into the future.

Sometimes I need to remind myself why we need more members. Isn't 1.2 million people in over 31,000 clubs in 166 countries enough? It is then

I remember reading the words of Past RI President Richard L Evans who said "So long as there is one hungry child, one ignorant man, one discouraged youth, as long as there is misunderstanding or conflict anywhere, there is reason for Rotary".

That's why I'm asking Every Rotarian to give *something* to our Rotary International Foundation every year. Whatever is right for your personal circumstances. Maybe it's \$25 per quarter. That's just 27 cents a day. When I realized that all I had to do to give \$250 per year to the Rotary Foundation was to give up my two a week habit of buying "decaf, venti, sugar free vanilla, non-fat, two splenda extra hot lattes", I knew that I could make a bigger commitment. And maybe you believe enough in the Foundation to become a member of our Paul Harris Society – by making a commitment to give \$1,000 per year to the Rotary Foundation,

By your gift, it's clear that you know what I know – that our Rotary Foundation is an instrument for peace in a world where prospects of peace sometimes seem dim; it is a powerful force for doing good. It is truly what's *right* with our world.

And so we light 100 candles this year to honor our past, and to celebrate the birthday of this great organization. And we look forward to a bright future made possible by the enduring spirit of Rotarians who know we can make this world a better place for our children and grandchildren.

So until we meet again, I wish for you

The pleasure of warm fellowship with friends who share a common vision
The passion from finding an aspect of Rotary that ignites you!

The power of the Rotary pin that connects us

The privilege of reaching out your hand into the darkness to pull another hand into the light

And the pride that comes from knowing that you belong to the best service organization on earth"

As **Diane** concluded her presentation, **President Sam** presented her a check to Rotary International for \$350, representing the savings in meal charges for the 'pot luck' breakfast. She observed that that would pay for 3500 meals for needy families in third world countries.

PAST PREZ SANDY KNEEDED KNEES

We're pleased to report that **Sandy Algermissen** is on the road to recovery after surgery to replace both knees. She will be in Lutheran Medical Center until early next week, spending much of her time being horizontally 'walked' by a massive exercise machine. She sends her thanks to the Club for the flowers that brighten her room and to our members for their prayers and good wishes.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THAILAND CLUB REVEALED

The International service Committee and our Board of Directors recently approved a Sister City Agreement with the Rotary Club of Pattaya, Thailand. Contact with this club in Thailand was initially made by Lieutenant Gavin Noble (**Geoff Noble's** son) when his ship, the USS Juneau pulled into port there. Gavin attended RYLA here in Denver, and later served as a junior counselor at RYLA camp for two years. He is a graduate of Notre Dame University and is currently serving on active duty in the United States Navy. Gavin will be attending our breakfast meeting on Tuesday morning, September 28th and will share more of his personal experiences in Thailand. This Sister Club Agreement is the first step in the process of working with this Rotary club in Thailand in World Community Service to sponsor a matching grant international project in Thailand.

--- **Geoff Noble**

BARB WARDEN JOINS THE FELLOWS

In a fitting conclusion to her morning with Golden Rotary last Tuesday, **District Governor Diane** presented **Barbara Warden** with her credentials as our newest Paul Harris Fellow. We congratulate Barb on her contributions and dedication to the principles of Rotary. Her Fellowship brings to total number of Paul Harris Fellows in Golden Rotary to 35.

We repeat the following notice, hoping to encourage your nominations for the Turkey Team....

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TO TURKEY

District 5450 has recently issued a call for participants in an upcoming Group Study

Exchange (GSE) team scheduled to visit Turkey during a month long trip from May 2 through June 2, 2005.

Rotary District 2430, which includes the capital city of Ankara, in west-central Turkey, will host the District 5450 team. The team will be made up of a team leader, who is a Rotarian, and five team members, who must not be Rotarians or ex-Rotarians. As those who are familiar with the GSE program know, this RI Foundation supported program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40. During the trip team members will experience the ways of life in Turkey, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas. The success of this exchange depends on outstanding team members and a dynamic Rotarian team leader. If you are interested in this opportunity or know of others who might be, you can obtain information on the program by going to the District 5450 website at www.rotary5450.org/gse, or by calling the GSE chair, **Linda Kay Nedved**, of Arvada Rotary, at (303) 640-6957. You can also talk to **Sandy Algermissen**, a member of the district GSE committee and herself a former team leader to Brazil (after she's home from hospital). Note that applications are requested by October 15th for team leaders and by the end of October for team members.

NEWS ITEMS

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND ELIANE'S WISH LIST – By now you've met our new exchange student, **Eliane Marquez**, from Brazil. As we mentioned previously, she has expressed interest in being able to meet with more Rotarians and to be involved with more activities. **Pat Madison** is circulating an activity list for sign ups for various events. Examples are that **Diane Kessel** will take her to the ballet, **Bob Arnold** to the Pearl Street Mall in Boulder, **Warren Spaulding** to the Molly Brown house and she will make Christmas cookies with **Eileen Schurmann**. Other opportunities on the list include such activities as going skiing (when the time comes), a ride up Pike's Peak, a visit to Ocean Journey, horseback riding, a trip to Glenwood Springs, and many others too numerous to mention. Contact Pat to get your name on the list to spend some time with this vivacious young woman.

AND YES, A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IS STILL AVAILABLE –

Larry Hall has reported that one of the two volunteer positions for the audio-visual team for the 2005 District 5450 Conference has been filled. He is continuing to look for one person to fill the role of camera operator. So if you have a secret desire to spend some time behind the TV camera, now is your chance. Contact **Larry Hall** at (303) 299-1272.

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