



GOLDEN NUGGETS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, September 13 – Susan Ulrich of the US Army and Bruce Hastings of the US Fish and Wildlife Service will describe the transformation of the area that used to be the Rocky Mountain Arsenal and is now a wildlife refuge.

September 13 – Bell Middle School mentoring program, kick off program, 2:05 pm. See News Items in this issue.

September 17 – Rotary Foundation Workshop, 8:00 to 3:00 pm., at Front Range Community College. See News Items in this issue for more detail.

September 20 – Jennifer Cook, the director of the Foothills Art Center in Golden will update us on the soon-to-open sculpture garden at the Center. Golden Rotary supported the development of this project.

September 27 – Club Assembly.

October 4 – Gary Fletcher and Carroll Steger of District 5450 Vocational Service Committee will kick off the October emphasis on Vocational Service with a talk about “Vocational Service – The Forgotten Avenue of Service”. As we all know this is an area in which Golden Rotary excels. We have not forgotten it.

October 7/8 – The Institute For Leadership, sponsored by District 5450. See the story in this issue for the details of this well attended program.

October 11 – Off Site Meeting, at Bandimere Speedway. John Bandimere, who will be our Vocational Service Awardee, will speak and give us a tour of his operation. More details in the next issue of Nuggets.

October 13 – Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 am. at Guaranty Bank. All members are welcome. Advise Prez Eileen if you plan to attend.

October 18 – Four Way Test Program. We will have an opportunity to analyze, as groups in the meeting, problems that have been submitted by

club members for the application of the Four Way Test. See the article in this issue for the details.

October 25 – Club Assembly.

PRESIDENT’S COLUMN – PEARLS FROM EILEEN

The summer is coming to an end and so is all the work of our two biggest fund raising events. We’ve had an exciting time with our golf tournament and peach sale, raising about \$35,000 between them. A special thanks goes to **Bob Short** and **Ron Hoskins** for their hard work in organizing and coordinating the peach sale, **Pat Madison** and his crew for collecting money and keeping track of all of those orders, and **George Mitchell** for his effort in coordinating all of the volunteers. As is usual for our club, we had a stellar member turn out at the peach sale. Everyone did a wonderful job loading all of those peaches into the cars and trucks of our anxious peach customers. And it certainly was a delicious crop of peaches!

We closed the month of August with our visit from District Governor **Norris Hermsmeyer** and his wife **Terri**. We had a wonderful dinner and meeting at Fike Manor, thanks to the continued hospitality of **Larry** and **Karen Fike**. The one issue that stands out in my mind from Norris’s visit is a question he asked our board. “After the past year during which you had all the work of supporting **Diane Kessel** in her year as DG, do you think your club will have lost momentum or energy?” The answer from our board was an emphatic “No”. If anything, the rigor of the past year has made us realize what this club can accomplish and what an enormous amount of energy we possess. Many years ago I had a boss tell me that the more you take on, the more you surprise yourself at what you can accomplish. How true that is in the case of the Rotary Club of Golden!

On a more somber note, I look to the south and the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and already see the results of Rotary at work. I have received emails from Presidents around the district, sharing what they have already done to raise funds for the relief effort. I know our club will step up to the plate and do a great job in helping our neighbors in need. We should be ever thankful that we belong to an organization that has the power and ability to reach out and help wherever necessary, and in such a big way.

Thank you all for knowing that the true spirit of giving is what Rotary is all about.

Yours in Rotary, Eileen

ROTARIANS RESPOND TO KATRINA

As is usually the case, Rotarians are in the forefront of response to natural disasters. We are all aware of the difficult situation in which many people in the Gulf Coast states of Louisiana and Mississippi find themselves as a result of the damage caused by the recent hurricane, Katrina.

Your Board of Directors discussed the situation at the board meeting on September 8th and has developed a two-prong approach. The Board recognizes that the recovery from the effects of the hurricane will be a long-term process, and that there has already been a significant outpouring of aid to the effected area. For these reasons the board decided to defer making a commitment of club funds until some of the longer-term needs are better defined. The Board also appreciated that some members may wish to respond with support in the near term. One of those avenues is to provide immediate support Rotarians on the ground. One such opportunity is described below.

The DG of our District 5450, **Norris Hermsmeyer** has advised club presidents of the program that is in place to help those suffering from the effects of this devastating storm. Rotarians who wish to respond as individual Rotarians can do so through Rotary District 6200, which covers the effected area. Norris has received an appeal from District 6200 DG **Don Chauvin**, who has advised that the principal current need is for cash contributions that can be sent to the District 6200 Foundation. These

funds will allow local Rotarians in the effected area to respond to the needs they see as a priority. Later there will likely be specific projects that clubs can support.

Mr. Chauvin writes that he had an initial meeting immediately after the storm to discuss the role Rotary will play in the effort to bring relief to the many thousands of people who are suddenly homeless, with their homes and livelihoods severely damaged or totally destroyed. Don noted that the District 6200 Foundation is a 501(c) 3 corporation and it will be used as the vehicle to manage funds contributed for Katrina relief. Contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible.

Contributions to the District 6200 Foundation can be sent to Rotary International District 6200, PO Box 44365, Lafayette, LA 70504. Checks should be made to Rotary International District 6200 Foundation, Inc.

As the situation develops the Board will review other opportunities to be of support and will advise our members as to how they can be of help.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SCHEDULED

Back by popular demand is the District 5450 Institute For Leadership. This event was first offered in October 2004 and then again in May 2005, the leadership training program has been very well received by District Rotarians. This third offering of the program is indicative of the popularity of the event. Now is the opportunity to take advantage of the Institute for those Rotarians who missed the earlier presentations.

President **Eileen Schurmann** has advised club members that the two-day event is being repeated on **Friday and Saturday, October 7 & 8, 2005**. The sessions will be held at the Rocky Mountain Employers' Council, at 1799 Pennsylvania Street, in downtown Denver.

Billed as "RYLA for Rotarians," the Institute mission statement emphasizes that it is designed to provide Rotarians with a powerful program that will further develop their leadership potential in a way that will benefit their community, family and business endeavors.

PDG Diane Kessel has urged all members to consider attending the event to develop leadership skills for the 21st Century. Diane emphasized that this will not be a typical workshop. It will be a practical, interactive journey designed to provide participants with the tools they need for personal and professional leadership transformation. It is aimed at both the head and the heart and moves beyond skills to character and beyond theory to action.

The program cost is only \$ 100. Information and an application are included in a flyer that has been distributed at recent club meetings, or you can get a copy from Heather Duncan or George Mitchell. You can also obtain further information about this exciting opportunity by calling **Liz Anderson** at the District office at (303) 477-0654, or call the Workshop Chairperson, **Stuart Thomas** at (303) 809-9713.

OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Our energetic Vocational Service Chair, **Judy Orr**, reminds us that the month of October is designated by Rotary International as a time to recognize this area of service. We will have several programs during the month that will provide emphasis to vocational activities.

We'll kick off on October 4th with a visit and discussion from **Gary Fletcher** of Smoky Hill Rotary about the Vocational Service process. Many of us know Gary from his work in heading the District Conference Resource Team that contributed so much to our successful district conference this past April. His associate, **Carroll Steger**, has also previously visited our club.

October 11th will find us at an Off Site Meeting at Bandimere Speedway for a visit with **John Bandimere** for a tour and perhaps a demonstration on how those Funny Cars actually stay on the track.

Special Note - Put your thinking caps on for the October 18th meeting. We will conduct the second session of the Four Way Test program. Many members will recall that earlier this year we had the opportunity to evaluate and discuss problems and issues in which we were able to apply the Four Way Test to arrive at an

appropriate resolution. It was an informative and stimulating meeting.

In the meantime, be thinking of those issues, which can be real or fictional, that you have encountered in your business, professional or personal life that can be used in these discussions. Please submit them to Judy at judy.orr@orrconsultinggroup.com. They can be submitted with your name or anonymously if you prefer. If you have questions, give Judy a call at (303) 526-2156.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW – PART III

In the two most recent issue of the Nuggets we published a review of the many activities and programs that have been organized and conducted by Golden Rotarians during the past year. The list was put together through the tireless efforts of our immediate past President, **Sam Allen**.

In this issue we complete that review. I think all of us will agree that it is an impressive list of the ways in which we have contributed to our community and the world.

Thanks, Sam, for all your efforts in putting this list together.

International Service:

- We sponsored and supported Exchange Student, **Eliane Marques** of Brazil with a monthly allowance, host family reimbursements, a Christmas gift, high school fees and exchange student meetings. (Total of approx \$2,500).
- We provided a Club sponsorship for **Amanda Valenzuela**, Rotary Exchange Student from Golden to Japan (\$350 in membership cash contributions).
- We helped fund the Group Study Exchange Leader/Group (Turkey) stay in Golden (\$300).
- We continued support and involvement with a second RI Matching Grant in Pisco, Peru (\$2,500).
- We organized the shipment of donated fire department apparel to Pisco.
- We achieved RI Sister City status with Taksin Pattaya, Thailand.
- We funded and arranged an RI Matching grant for hydroponics garden

project in conjunction with Rotary Club of Taksin Pattaya/Thailand (\$2,250).

- The club supported an RI Matching grant for medical equipment for a local hospital in Santa Adelia, Brazil (approx. \$600)
- The Hunger Plus donation was presented to **DG Diane Kessel** (\$300).
- We organized and hosted the District 5450 Exchange Student Orientation in Golden in September (\$1,060)
- We contributed to Habitat for Humanity for “Tsunami Relief”. The donation in Golden Rotary’s name came from real estate commissions earned by club member **Jim Smith** (\$ 3,000).

Membership

- We continued support for the New Member “Yellow Ribbon” Orientation Program.
- We inducted six new members including one Honorary Member.
- The total membership at the end of the 2004-2005 Rotary Year is 59, with 56 active members and three Honorary Members.

Vocational Service

- We arranged and facilitated Rotary’s 4-Way Test Program at Bell Middle School.
- We supported the Young Ameritowne via scholarships at Shelton School and Fairmont Elementary (\$300 total).
- We selected and funded four recipients for RYLA scholarships (\$1,500) and four Young RYLA scholarship (\$1,000).
- We continued sponsorship and active support for the Interact Club at Golden High School.
- We attended an offsite meeting at Colorado School of Mines during Rotary’s Vocational Month in October.
- We continued the Student of the Month program at Golden High School, recognizing outstanding students.
- We interviewed and selected three Golden High School graduating seniors for the annual Golden Rotary scholarships (\$3,000).

- The club awarded plaques and certificates for the Golden Rotary Student Athlete award (outstanding boy and girl athlete in each of the three athletic seasons) at Golden High School.
- We funded and awarded a wristwatch to the Golden High valedictorian (\$135).
- We funded art purchases from deserving Golden High art students and presented the Outstanding Artist Award to graduating Golden High School seniors.

NEWS ITEMS

UPLIFT INTERNATIONAL FUND RAISER SET

– Golden Rotarians have several opportunities to help support the community service efforts of neighboring clubs. One such program is the Uplift International organization, in which Wheatridge Rotary plays an important part. Uplift provides surgery to correct cleft lips and palates for children in the Philippines. **Dr. Jaime Yrastorza** of Wheatridge visited our club on August 16th to provide an update of the program and to call the Operation Taghoy Dinner and Auction to our attention. The event will be held Saturday, September 24th at the Red Lion Hotel, 4040 Quebec Street, Denver. More information on the event is available from Uplift at (303) 707-1361.

LAKWOOD ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND GOLF OUTING

– Another of our neighbors is holding a golf tournament to raise funds to support their college scholarship fund that helps local area high school graduates in their college programs. Lakewood Rotary will hold the event at Fox Hollow Golf Course on Monday, September 26th, with check in at 7:30 am. **Mike Jackson** is the Event Chairman and Tournament Director and can be reached at (303) 969-0808 or rmichaeljackson@hotmail.com

JACK GALLAND’S STATUS– A recent status report on Jack’ condition indicates that he is making slow, but good progress on his recovery. He is at home from the hospital and doing some walking. He is no longer using oxygen, but is not yet ready to receive visitors. We will keep you posted on his recovery. In the meantime, please keep Jack and Anna in your thoughts and prayers.

OOPS – SORRY GEOFF – Your Editarian reported on the recent Evergreen Annual Picnic in the August 23rd issue of the Nuggets. Unfortunately the rainfall that washed out a good deal of the event also washed away a good deal of my powers of observation. In reporting the attendance at the event, I failed to include **Geoff** and **Annelly Noble**, who were very much in evidence. The oversight was certainly not intended to compromise Geoff’s outstanding record of 16 years of perfect Rotary attendance. It was merely the failings of a temporarily soggy mind.

MENTORING PROGRAM KICKS OFF – As previously reported in the August 23rd issue of the Nuggets, the Vocational Service program at Bell Middle School in Golden kicked off on September 6th. The program is intended to help students who are considered to be “at risk” in developing relationship with adults. Golden Rotarians who are currently involved in the program include **Judy Orr, Tom Hughes, Bob Neukirchner, Les Jones** and **George Mitchell**. Additional participants are welcome and can obtain more information from Vocational Service Chair **Judy Orr**.

DINNERS FOR EIGHT STARTING – Club Service Chair **Tom Hughes** reports that response to the Dinner for Eight program has resulted in a cast of thousands signing up for these events. Well, maybe not quite that many, but an outstanding response in any event. It’s not too late to join in, if you haven’t already gotten your name on a list. See Tom for that opportunity. Tom is encouraging all the hosts to arrange their event prior to the end of the year so that a second round can begin shortly after New Years.

COLORADO FLAG PRESENTED – A Colorado state flag and a state citation were presented recently to Golden Rotary at the request of State Senator **Moe Keller**. The flag, which flew at the State Capitol Building on August 3, 2005, is in recognition and support of the Sister Club agreement between Golden and the Rotary Club of Taksin-Pattaya that has been spearheaded by **Geoff Noble**. Golden Rotarian **Stan Dempsey, Jr.** was principally responsible for requesting the flag and citation from Senator Keller.

FOUNDATION WORKSHOP SET - An event covering a number of issues relative to the RI Foundation, its support and its programs will be

held on Saturday, September 17th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at Front Range Community College, 3645 West 112th Avenue, Westminster (the same location as recent District Assembly events).

DG Norris Hermsmeyer encourages Rotarians who are involved in supporting the RI Foundation, in World Community Service projects, and in Water Projects to attend this important program. The cost is only \$ 20.00, including all materials, a light breakfast and lunch. Information and registration can be obtained at rid5450@mho.net.

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