



# GOLDEN NUGGETS

Of the  
**ROTARY CLUB OF GOLDEN, COLORADO**

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Don't forget our upcoming Christmas events.

First, we **will not have** a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have the Christmas Party, mentioned in the next item, as the regular meeting for the week.

Second, we will gather for the **Christmas Party** on **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** at Chateau Schurmann in Arvada. See the article in this issue for the details on the gala event and for directions on how to get to the event site. Plan to attend that party with your spouse or S.O. Get it on your calendar now.

Third, the annual **Christmas Gift Exchange** will be held at our regular meeting on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**December 3** – South Golden Road Clean up Project, starting 9:00 am at Golden High School.

**Today, December 6** – Warren Spaulding and Jim McGuigan will update us on the programs of the RI Foundation and some of the opportunities we have for service.

**December 8** - Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 am. at Guaranty Bank. All members are welcome. Advise Prez Eileen if you plan to attend.

**December 13** – **DARK DAY**. We'll have our Christmas Party the next evening.

**December 14** – **Christmas Party**, 6:00 pm. See the article in this issue for all the exciting details.

**December 17** – Colorado Food Shares packing project at DDRC. See the article in this issue for the details on where and when.

**December 20** – **Christmas Gift Exchange**. Get your gifts for other club members on your shopping list now.

**December 27**- Club Assembly.

**January 3** – Geoff Noble will give us a presentation on the new member orientation that will also serve as a refresher program for those of us who have been longer-term members.

Planning ahead a bit further into the future. **The Rotary Night at the Stock Show** is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. More details forthcoming soon. The annual **Quad District Foundation Celebration** and workshop will be held on January 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> when we will host Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer. See the article in this issue of the Nuggets for the details. **The Ski Train** outing is set for Sunday, February 12, 2006. Plan to join the group and get these events on your calendar now. And really out into the future, the **2006 International Convention** will be held June 11-14, 2006, in Malmo, Sweden and Copenhagen, Denmark.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN – PROFOUND THOUGHTS FROM EILEEN

**Dearest Golden Rotarians** - Last night I watched a TV special about the life of Pope John Paul II. The presentation gave me some thoughts that I want to share with all of my special friends during this season of giving.

It's a busy time for all of us but we must always remember the reason for all the preparation. This is the season of Love, and we have all chosen to be Rotarians because we believe in Love. Love of our God, families, friends, communities, country and the world in which we live.

Because of the Love we feel we also believe in giving. The gifts that we give don't always have to be material things; they can be just a smile or a good wish. But we also understand that material things can be important, especially to

people in need. That is, of course, the reason we will do many of the things we do during the year. And it's the reason we will be collecting money with our ornament exchange and packing food baskets with our food shares, both of which help some of those people in need through the Christian Action Guild. Just this past Friday many of our fellow Rotarians were baking cookies at the Canyon Gate Apartments and helping to make things just a bit brighter for the residents.

Be sure to remember to show the people that you meet that you are a Rotarian with your smile, your good wishes and your prayers that the Love that we all share can be felt around this world in the season of Loving and Giving. Pope John Paul II loved in everything he did. This was his constant gift. My Best wishes, thanks and Love to you all this Holiday Season.

Yours in Rotary, Eileen

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY NEXT WEEK**

**The Event** - The famous Golden Rotary Christmas Party is scheduled for **Wednesday evening, December 14th** at Chateau Schurmann, the home of **Eileen and Tom Schurmann**. Hors d' oeuvres and refreshments begin at 6:00 p.m.

The food and beverage service will be potluck, with each member bringing a contribution to provide for the "heavy hors d' oeuvres" fare that we will enjoy. The sign up sheet has already making the rounds at recent meetings and potluck commitments appear to have been widespread among the members. The Club will also provide additional support, so there will be no further charge to Rotarians and their spouses.

If you aren't yet on the list and plan to attend, contact Social Chairman, **Tom Hughes** (home phone 303-278-2823) to get your name on the list and to make your potluck commitment.

We will have the traditional Christmas ornament exchange, with the proceeds going to support the Christian Action Guild. Don't forget to bring your ornament contribution that will be made available to the highest bidder. Please note that, as in prior years, ornamental frogs are most welcome.

**Directions** - Chateau Schurmann is located at 7958 Nile Court, in Arvada, at phone 303-420-2363. It has been some time since we had an event at the Schurmann's, so it seems prudent to describe the route. The following detailed instructions are offered to assist unwary travelers in getting to the appointed location, noting that you can, in fact, get there from here.

In general terms the location is to the northeast of North Table Mountain. From the intersection of Highway 58 and McIntyre Road (just to the north of Rolling Hills CC) go north on McIntyre to 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue, where there is a traffic light and a large shopping center. Turn left onto 64<sup>th</sup>, heading west, to Quaker St. Turn right on Quaker, heading north, to 79<sup>th</sup> Place. Turn right on 79<sup>th</sup> Place, heading east, to the 3<sup>rd</sup> cul de sac on your left, which is Nile Court. And presto, you are there and hopefully just in time to join the festivities. As **Tom Bodett**, of Motel 6 fame, always said: "We'll keep the lights on for you".

## **COLORADO SHARES PROJECT UNDERWAY**

The Colorado Shares project, which provides low-income families in this area with additional food items during the Christmas season, is currently underway. This Community Service Committee project, headed up by **Heather Duncan**, involves the purchase of food items from the Colorado Shares organization and then packaging and distributing through various local agencies. The food items are provided at low cost by grocery companies in the area.

A number of charitable organizations are involved in the project. Golden Rotary Club distributes its contributions through both the Christian Action Guild and the Canyon Gate Apartments.

Golden Rotary Club has purchased a record setting quantity of 230 shares, using funds from the Community Service budget. A number of individual Rotarians have added 56 shares as their own personal contributions to the total. It is now too late to contribute to this years project, because the contributions had to be made by November 29<sup>th</sup>. However, keep the project in mind for next year and plan to make your contribution in early November.

The packaging and distribution portion of the project will take place on **Saturday, December 17, 2005, beginning at 10:00 am.** Past President **Bob Arnold** has generously arranged for his organization, the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center (DDRC), to make their warehouse facility available to us for this project. If you haven't already signed up to participate, plan to do so. In the past several members have brought other family members to participate in what is always a fun project.

The facility is located at 140 South Union Blvd. in Lakewood, which is on the east side of Union Blvd, about 3 blocks north of the Alameda Avenue intersection. The project will take about 1 ½ to 2 hours to complete. Light trucks are needed for distribution of the packages to the various agencies, so bring such a vehicle if you can do so. Given the substantial number of shares involved this year we will need as many vehicles as possible.

## OH NO, NOT AGAIN

Despite your Editarians best efforts to re-organize the election process in Rotary International, the election of officers to be held today will properly be for a President and a Secretary. It seems that your Editarian continues to have a problem getting the details straight.

In the November 22<sup>nd</sup> issue of the Nuggets our secretary, **Larry Fike**, had issued a notice that Golden Rotary Club will have an annual meeting and election on Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at the regular Tuesday morning meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect a President, not a President Elect as previously reported, and a Secretary for the Club for the 2006-2007 Rotary year. Nominees for these two positions are **Bob Short** for President and **Larry Fike** for Secretary.

This is now the second year in a row that I have gotten this deal wrong, having made the same mistake in 2004. As a result, with this article I am throwing myself on my journalistic sword to provide this correction to the election notice that was included in the November 22<sup>nd</sup> issue of the Nuggets.

The balance of the officers and board members for the upcoming Rotary year will be elected at a later date in the spring of 2006. Sorry about that,

gang, it seems there is always that 10% that doesn't get the word.

## QUAD DISTRICT FOUNDATION EVENTS SCHEDULED

The annual Quad District Foundation Celebration event will be held on **Friday evening, January 20, 2006**, followed by the Foundation Seminar on Saturday morning, January 21<sup>ST</sup>. Both events will be held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, at I-25 and Hampden Avenue.

Our District 5450 will join three other adjacent Rotary districts, numbers 5440, 5470 and 5630, in welcoming Special Guest Speaker, **Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar**, the current President of Rotary International. The event was formerly known as the Paul Harris and later the President's Dinner.

District 5450 Governor **Norris Hermsmeyer** has asked all Rotarians to consider attending this significant event to help welcome President Stenhammar 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.

The Friday event will be followed on Saturday morning, January 21<sup>st</sup> by **The Rotary Regional Foundation Seminar**, also at the Sheraton Hotel. The sessions will include Q&A time with President Stenhammar. A session for **new members** (and for curious and interested longer term members) will bring you real stories from people who have either benefited from the programs of the Foundation or who have traveled to help others benefit. You will learn exactly how your dollars work to serve people in your community and around the world. A session for **more experienced Rotarians** will focus on current issues and the changes in how the Foundation operates and exactly what you can do to insure that your club optimizes the funds available for your projects.

It should be noted that **registrations for this event are to be done on-line** from the District 5450 Internet web site. To register go to [www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org) and click on Register for Foundation Events. If you are computer challenged like your Editarian, it's easy to have a "registration buddy" download a manual form

from the site, fill it out and then have the “buddy” enter the information on line.

Questions? Call Prez **Eileen Shurmann**, (303) 420-2363, or Editarian **George Mitchell**, (303) 278-0487. These two can probably confuse things as effectively as anyone else. The real authoritative source is, however, **Steve Cantrell** (Smoky Hill), the long time organizer of such programs and who can be reached at (303) 796-1219.

Tickets to the Friday dinner event are \$ 45.00 if purchased by January 9<sup>th</sup> and \$ 55.00 thereafter. If you register by January 9<sup>th</sup>, you will have your name entered in a raffle to receive a Paul Harris Fellowship of \$ 1,000 made to the Foundation in your name.

The cost for the Saturday morning seminar event is \$ 15.00. The seminar event begins at 8:00 am.

Contact Eileen or George at home or see them at a forthcoming meeting for questions you may have. The event is very popular and is usually a sell out, so make your plans right away.

## **COMMITTEE CORNER – Club Service**

**Program Survey** – The results are in from the recent survey of club members regarding our weekly programs. The Club Service committee found the results very useful. Members expressed a preference for educational and humorous programs. These were followed closely by programs that were business-related, dealt with Golden activities, or featured current events and issues.

Members also felt that programs could be improved considerably by organizing the meetings so that the speakers could finish on time. Closely related was the feeling that our meetings should start on time so that the speakers would have sufficient time for their presentation. To meet this objective, we have recently begun starting our meetings earlier, by having the food service start by 7:15 am. So perhaps we are on the right track toward finishing our meetings by 8:30 am.

Members also commented about the problem of our meeting room being too bright for many visual presentations. We have asked the staff at Rolling Hills CC to evaluate how to deal with

the issue and they have promised to look into the matter.

A number of members provided some excellent suggestions regarding possible future speakers and topics. Your committee will follow up on these suggestions and try to incorporate the ideas into the scheduling process for future programs.

The committee would like to thank all the members who completed the survey. The insights provided have been very helpful.

**Social Events** – The next event on the schedule is, of course, the gala Christmas party that will be held on **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**, at Chateau Schurmann. Our esteemed President Eileen and husband Tom will host this annual event at their home in Arvada. If you haven’t already gotten your name and potluck selection on the list, please do so at the meeting today, or give me a call at (303) 278-2823. See the article in this issue of the Nuggets for the details.

We are planning another combination dinner/theater event in the next several months. These have proven quite popular in the past, and we want to continue the practice. Several dates and venues are being considered, but no decision has been made as yet. Members indicated a desire to keep the event here in Golden. Members will hear more about this, of course, as the event is scheduled.

The Dinners for 8 program is currently underway, with a number of the events already completed. We hope to have these completed in the near future so we can initiate another round in the spring.

Cheers, Tom Hughes, Chairman

## **NEWS ITEMS**

**NEW CLUBS FORMING** - Our Rotary District 5450 has just announced that four new clubs are set to become members of the District. The **Carbon Valley Club** in Fredrick will meet Wednesday at noon at Agostino’s Restaurant. An interesting note is that **Will Peiker**, eldest son of former Golden Rotarian, **Ed Peiker**, will be the first president. This stuff must rub off on people. The **Erie Club** will meet for Thursday morning breakfast at some currently undisclosed location, which we trust will be forthcoming shortly. The **Winter Park/Fraser Club** will

gather at noon on Tuesday at the Beaver Village Lodge. The **Denver North Metro Club** will meet for breakfast at the Radisson Hotel – Greystone Castle. They will likely reveal shortly which day of the week this will be and your Nuggets will have this as a late breaking story. A hearty welcome to all the new clubs and Rotarians.

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS RECOGNIZED**

– During the past several months we have had a number of Golden Rotarians become Paul Harris Fellows for the first time or to step up to higher levels of recognition. Thus far in 2005 **Judy Orr, Steve Jensen, Jim Smith and Frank Darrow** have reached the PHF level in their commitments. **Don Bleyle, Sam Allen and Jim McGuigan** have moved up to the one sapphire level. Increasing their commitments to the two sapphire level have been **Sandy Algermissen, Jim Halderman, John Henry, Doyle Roberts and Tom Hughes**.

Golden Rotary currently has 42 Paul Harris Fellows in our membership of about 55 persons. In addition there are three family members and two honorary members who are Paul Harris Fellows. This level of commitment ranks our club among the highest giving levels in District 5450. Congratulations to all the members of the club.

**GET YOUR GOLDEN ROTARY GIFTS –**

**Dana Moran** reminds us of the Golden Rotary note cards, which make excellent gifts for family members, colleagues, clients and virtually anyone on your list. These packets of cards, six to a package, are just \$ 5.00 per packet. As you will recall they show scenes of Golden landmarks and are very professionally done. And don't forget that each purchase benefits our charitable programs.

To obtain these cards pick them up at the registration table on Tuesday mornings, or give Dana a call, at (303) 526-1895.

**SIGN UP NOW FOR THE SKI TRAIN -**

**Larry Hall**, our Ski Train impresario, has advised that Golden Rotary's 2006 outing is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, 2006. 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. We're fortunate to have a block of tickets on the very popular Ski Train that is usually sold out for the season.

The Ski Train tickets are \$ 44 each, round trip, for the event this year. Larry says he needs to have payment for the event by January 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Larry as soon as you have it on your schedule to make sure of space for you and your family.

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