



GOLDEN NUGGETS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, January 22 – Jerry Rohlfs, team leader for the GSE team visiting Germany in the spring, will fill us in on the program and plans for his team.

January 29 – Club assembly.

February 1 and 2 - Quad District President's Dinner/Seminar (see below)

February 5 - Pam Gilbert of Centro Educativo La Minga, Inc. in Boulder will describe some of the water development projects and educational activities that her group is conducting in Ecuador with the support of several District 5450 Rotary clubs.

February 12 – Ian Munday will describe the Rotary Shelterbox Program, originated in England and how it is responding to catastrophes all over the world.

March 4 – Stephanie Ursini, District PR Chair and President of Capital Momentum, a PR firm; Her presentation is based on the popular commercials that ask "What's in YOUR Wallet?" She'll comment on the humor in the commercials explain why the ads are so effective.

Looking Ahead: The annual **Ski Train** outing for Golden Rotarians is scheduled for Sunday, *February 24, 2008* (More info below). On *April 8th*, the **GSE Team from South Africa** will join us for breakfast (See announcement below). And the ever-popular **District Conference** is in Vail this year, *April 25-27*. For details, go to www.rotary5450.org and click on *District Conference*.

YOU CAN BE A FACILITATOR – AND HAVE SOME FUN, TOO!

During the Adult and Youth Summit, sponsored by the Cherry Creek School District, on March 8th, Rotarian Facilitators will “show the magic of

the 4-Way Test in Action” to 600-800 middle school students (and some parents) during three fifty-minute breakouts. Fifty Facilitators are needed. To become one, all you need to do is attend a 90-minute training session on February 9th. The training session is at Hope United Methodist Church in Greenwood Village. Prez-Elect **Judy Orr** will be one of the trainers. The Summit will be in Grandview High, Parker. It'll be fun, rewarding, too! And, as **Judy** notes, you can use your facilitation skills in other venues, e.g., your local school, your church, at business, etc. How do you sign up? Easy: send an e-mail to Sherry and PDG Frank Sargent at shsargent@comcast.net by Monday, January 28th. Questions? Give **Judy** a ring on her cell – 720-273-4885.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER NEARLY SOLD OUT

But tickets are still available if you hurry. The annual **Quad District President's Dinner** will be held on Friday evening, February 1, 2008. The dinner will be followed by the Rotary Foundation Fifth Annual Regional Seminar on Saturday morning, February 2nd. These two events are “A Celebration of the Rotary Foundation and its Contributors”. Both will be held at the Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel, near I-25 and Belleview Avenue, at 4900 South Syracuse Street, in Denver.

Special Guest Speaker will be **Wilf Wilkinson**, who is the current President of Rotary International. During dinner, the King'n Trio will provide cool background music.

Tickets to the Friday dinner are \$ 65.00. Charge for the Saturday morning seminar is \$25.00. Details and registration for these events are available on-line at the District 5450 Internet web site. To register all that is required is to go to www.rotary5450.org and click on *Register for*

Foundation Events. Questions? Call Prez **Colleen Jorgensen** at (303) 838-7952 or **Dana Moran** at (303) 526-1895.

WILL YOU BE ON THE SKI TRAIN?

DEADLINE FOR SKI TRAIN RESERVATIONS IS TODAY, JANUARY 22!

Our annual trek to the mountains on the Ski Train is scheduled for **Sunday, February 24, 2008.**

Event coordinator and Railroad Magnate **Larry Hall** tells the Nuggets that seating is limited so reservations must be made early.

Where and When - As in years past, the outing will begin at 7:15 AM sharp when the Ski Train leaves Union Station in downtown Denver. Plan to be there 30 minutes or so prior to that time to provide time for parking, loading the train and getting settled for the trip. There is a dining car on the train that serves a variety of food items, so you don't need to worry about breakfast beforehand. We will arrive at Winter Park Resort at 9:30 for a day of activities.

What to Do - As people familiar with the Winter Park area know there are many things to do there besides downhill skiing. These include cross country skiing at Devil's Thumb, a nearby area, snowboarding, snowmobiling, Sno-Cat touring and the like. The large snow cats climb all over the mountain and give you a birds eye view of all the outside activities from the comfort of your own padded seat in a heated cab. It's definitely a first class way to go. There are also many shopping and sight seeing opportunities as well. Hanging out in the bar in front of a roaring fireplace isn't all that bad either.

Return Trip - Our return trip will begin at 4:15PM. The train will return to Union Station at about 6:30PM.

Ticket Availability - Our Rotary discount round trip train ticket price is \$44 per person. **Larry has advised that we must have our reservations finalized by January 22nd in order to qualify as a group and to obtain our seating.** The Ski Train operation also offers ski lift tickets for \$50 for adults and \$25 for kids when the tickets (not the kids) also are purchased by January 22nd. (The adult ticket window prices at Winter Park are \$82, so you can see that this is a big saving.) To discuss questions you may have about the Train, check with **Larry** this morning or send him an email at larryhall@tacdenver.com.

COMMITTEE CORNER

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE SEEKING GSE HOSTS

--Worldly Chairman **Jim McGuigan** and GSE Visit Coordinator **Sandy Algermissen** advise that Golden Rotary will have the privilege of hosting the 2008 Visiting Group Study Exchange Team from South Africa April 5th through 9th. Consequently, he is looking for member families to house one of the team members for the four days of their visit in Golden. Typically, GSE team members are young professionals, talented and capable. Being from South Africa, language should be no problem. **If you would like to meet a new friend and have a spare bedroom for four days in April, contact Sandy or Jim soon. For information about the GSE Team from the 'Rainbow Nation' and the benefits of being a host family, go to our Web page, www.goldenrotary.org. And note: We're also looking for good vocational matches for their vocational exchange days.**

Which provides a nice segue to the **VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE**

Vocational Chair **Zonia Bowers** reports on the December Committee meeting:

Committee Members attending: **Kevin Nichols, Judy Orr, Sherin Buhler, Jim Malone, Bob Arnold, Jim Halderman, Tom Hughes, Russ Sindt, Jack Galland, Jim Smith, Paul O'Rourke, Eileen Schurmann, Jeanne Portmann, Zonia Bowers** – Chair

Judy Orr reported that at the last board meeting regarding GHS scholarships, the committee agreed to add another \$300 from our budget to the \$700 refund from RYLA. This would total \$1000 for another GHS scholarship (Scholarships for GHS are \$1000 each) This way we can award five \$1000 scholarships instead of our usual four.

Eileen Schrumann also reported that the Golden Rotary Foundation will provide monies for an additional GHS scholarship but it must be to a student active in the Interact Club.

Jeanne Portman reported that she had been contacted by two college students looking for our sponsorship to attend Advanced RYLA Leadership Camp at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. These young ladies live in Golden, had attended RYLA Leadership Camp when they were in High School. The cost for each person

was \$75.00 and the committee approved their request.

Judy Orr also reported that the District Committee will be conducting half day training of facilitators in showing the 'Four-Way Test in Action' on February 9, 2008. The Facilitators will be then demonstrating the magic of the Four Way Test at the Adult and Youth Summit on March 8th.

Kevin Nichols passed along a *Thank You* from Shelton School for our donation to their Ameritown program.

The committee members agreed to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month when we have a holiday or we are dark on the day of our regular scheduled meeting.

NEWS ITEMS

HEY, JANUARY IS POWDERED MILK MONTH!! Community Service Chair **Mo Lukens** advises us that, in December, we filled the Christian Action Guild coffers with beans (and attributable gas). During January, it is preferred that our Tuesday morning contributions to the Guild focus on *powdered milk*. Put dry milk on your shopping list and remember your delivery every Tuesday. (*Note: We are advised by Mo that, in a pinch, evaporated or condensed milk would be welcome.*)

NICE TO HAVE A PINCH HITTER –One always lurking headache for Program Chairmen is the prospect of a speaker failing to show up. On Tuesday, the 8th, this happened to **Program Mogul Les**. Speaker snowed in, alas. Ah, but waiting in the wings was faithful back-up, **Jim Smith**. We all know that Jim has committed much of his free time to Habitat for Humanity and has been a vital force in the Denver Metro Habitat program. What we didn't know was that he has made hundreds of presentations on the program, so he was fully prepared to bring us up to date on Habitat, including reflections on his own experiences with hammer and nail. Most striking was his description of Habitat as "A Holistic Solution to the Poverty Problem." Internationally, Habitat volunteers have built more than a half-million homes. The Denver affiliate – with much help from Jim, has provided more than 350 homes for needy families, adding another 25-35 each year (for which typically there are 600

applications!). Great program, excellent presentation, Jim!

SPEAKING OF SPEAKERS – TOP THIS!

Dan Hartman, Manager of Public Works for our lil' city, recently returned from a month in Afghanistan, where he advised local governments on infrastructure improvements, particularly water systems. He found a community with many contemporary aspects and, concurrently, frequent primitive habits – trash and garbage lining the streets, for example. He was taken, too, by the limitations in access to power...typically, a family home receives electricity for only 5-10 hours a day, perhaps 1 kilowatt, barely enough for one light bulb. Foreigners – and many businesses -- live in walled compounds and travel with armed guards. In spite of these problems, Dan was able to supervise a number of improvements, and return with intriguing anecdotes on life style and local governmental challenges.

Dan's mission was sponsored by the International City/County Management Association. Got questions about planning your next trip to Afghanistan? Call Dan at 303-384-8151.

FROM THE EDITARIAN'S DESK Being highly skilled semanticists, we Editarians take particular pleasure in discovering a scarcely used and unappreciated word of rare merit. Such is the adjective used by a US District Judge in chastising the Lorillard Tobacco Company for its *vexatious* tactics. I commend the term to your thoughtful use, perhaps when describing a new State Representative from Colorado Springs or in verbal dispute with your housemate.

MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

Flower Power is back! As in the past, on Sunday, February 24th, Golden Rotarians will collect innumerable flowers and plants left at the conclusion of the Annual Home and Garden Show at the Convention Center. After a bit of prettying up the next day, Rotarians will deliver the flowers to retirement and continuing care facilities in our area, bringing a touch of color and early spring to the residents. *Save two-three hours on the 24th, and if possible, on the Monday morning, to collect and deliver.*

HOSTS ARE SIGNED UP FOR TABLES OF EIGHT – ARE YOU? - Club Service Chair **Les Jones** reminds us that now is the time to get your name on the list for Tables of Eight. If you

haven't already signed up to attend dinner at a fellow Rotarian's home, look for the sign up sheet at our Tuesday morning meetings. If you'd like more information on the program, give Les a call at (720) 341-2695.

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
GOLDEN ROTARY CLUB
2007-2008**

Elected –

President	Colleen Jorgensen
President Elect	Judy Orr
Vice President/Service Chair	Tom Hughes
Secretary	Larry Fike
Treasurer	Pat Madison
Club Service	Les Jones
Community Svc	Mo Lukens
International Svc	Jim McGuigan
Rotary Foundation	Bob Neukirchner
Vocational Svc	Zonia Bowers

Appointed --

Habitat Chair	Jim Smith
Editarian	George Mitchell
Membership	Heather Himes
Sgt. at Arms	Kevin Nichols
Interact Liaison	Frank Darrow
PR/Internet Liaison	Barb Warden

Ex Officio

Past President	Bob Short
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In case you have complaints: Veteran Editarian **Zeke Mitchell** and roommate **Sue** are still slathering the SP30 in Puerto Jimenez , so Apprentice Editarian **Dana Moran** is filling in once again. Constructive comments may be submitted by phone (303) 526-1895 or Email: dmoran1037@comcast.net Save the complaints for **George**.