



GOLDEN NUGGETS

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SPECIAL NOTE

Prez **Bob Short** will be recognized for his community service by the Golden Chamber of Commerce. Catch the schedule item on January 25th and the News Items section for the details. Plan now to join the festivities at Rolling Hills CC on Thursday.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, January 23 – Dr. Bill Scroggins, recently appointed president of Colorado School of Mines, will share some of his vision for CSM with us. Be sure to be there to help welcome Bill to Golden.

January 25 – Prez Bob Short will be recognized for his service as a community volunteer by the Golden Chamber of Commerce at their monthly luncheon meeting at Rolling Hills Country Club. See News Items for more of the details.

January 30 – Club Assembly.

February 6 – Leah Varnell, Executive Director of CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate), for Jefferson and Gilpin counties, will update us on the work CASA does to help abused and neglected children caught up in court proceedings.

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

February 8 – The Swede Johnson Fund at Red Rocks CC fund raising event at The 240 Union Restaurant will take place at either lunch or dinner (or both). See the story in this issue for the details.

February 11/12 – The Flower Power program will take place at the Colorado Convention Center at 6:00 pm on Sunday evening and at about 7:30 am on Monday morning. See the story in this issue of the Nuggets and your email for the details on this event.

Planning further into the future, several events are worthy of your calendar. These include the **Ski Train** event scheduled for Sunday, March 4, 2007. The **District 5450 Annual Conference** is scheduled for April 20-22, 2007 in Colorado Springs. The **Golden Ethics in Business**

Luncheon and Awards presentation will be held Friday, May 18, 2007. The annual **Golden Rotary Golf Tournament** takes place on Friday, June 1, 2007. **The RI International Convention** will be held in Salt Lake City on June 17-20, 2007.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN – A REPORT FROM BOB

We are half-way through our Rotary year that runs from July 2006 through June 2007. What a great six months it has been. The Rotary Club of Golden does Lead The Way. We are on target and well on our way toward meeting all of District Governor **Frank Sargent's** goals and objectives for 2006-2007.

As you'll recall, Frank had set eight goals for the year for each of the clubs in District 5450 to meet.

The first one is to have fun working together as we build bridges to help others in need. We have fulfilled this goal in many ways. To name just a few we've done such things as the Colorado food share program, the Check Mate dedication, our Christmas party and the event at Coors, and the four-way test programs. We have had fun every month working together to help improve our community and help those in need.

Frank's second goal is to have 90% of the clubs in the district qualify for the RI Presidential Citation. Golden Rotary has already achieved this goal.

Frank's third goal is to increase membership by 5% and build assets through our youth programs. We are ahead of schedule in meeting this goal.

The fourth goal is to have 100% participation of the clubs in the various water, literacy, health and hunger, and family of Rotary programs that are the emphasis of Rotary International for the current year. Golden Rotary has a number of projects underway, such as the Peruvian, Philippine and Thai projects that put us right on target to meet this goal. In addition, we hope to win the Vocational Service Award for this year.

For the fifth goal the District 5450 effort is to raise \$1,000,000 during the year and to make the district the first \$ 1.0 million district in Rotary history. We can do this by having each member join the "83 Penny Regiment." If each member in District 5450 contributes \$ 0.83 per day to the RI Foundation each member will have contributed the objective of \$ 300 during the year. Thus far for the first six months of the year Golden Rotarians have given about \$250 per member. It seems clear that we will exceed that goal.

The sixth goal is to increase Major Donor, Paul Harris Fellowship and Bequest Society donations. At the same time the district would like to add to the Benefactor list. We are on target to exceed that goal.

Frank's seventh goal is to have all members attend the District Conference, scheduled for April 20 -22, 2007 at the Antler's Hotel in Colorado Springs. What a great way to have fun and build friendships. If you haven't made your reservations, do it today. There will be a special get-together for our Club at this event. I look forward to seeing all of you at the District Conference.

Frank's last goal is to "Lead the Way" with a passion for Rotary that is contagious to everyone we meet. Our Club works hard to Lead the Way every day and it's clear that you as individuals are doing the same.

Thank you one and all for a fun-filled and exciting six months. It has been very rewarding to me to serve as your president and I hope you feel the same sense of satisfaction with a job well done. I know that the next six months will be

even more fun and rewarding with the events we have planned, including such events as Flower Power, the Ethics in Business event, the Golf Tournament, our peach sale...and the addition of more new members.

Your active participation is what makes and continues to uphold our reputation as an outstanding Rotary Club.

Yours in Rotary, Bob Short, President

FLOWER POWER COMING

Flower Power is coming !! Golden Rotary has been active in this program for a number of years. So what is Flower Power ? That's a logical question for those members who are new or who may not have been involved for some period of time.

What Is It - A number of Rotary Clubs in the Denver Metro area, Golden Rotary included, have joined forces with the Garden and Home Show to put flowering plants in the hands of hospital patients, shut in persons and residents of retirement homes who may not be mobile. Having some bright and cheery flowers, especially in the dead of winter, can do wonders for the outlook and attitude of those who receive them.

Where - Rotarians will meet at the Colorado Convention Center at about closing time for the Garden and Homes Show exposition that runs for the week of Saturday, February 3rd through Sunday, February 11th. We'll meet at the Show at about 6:00 pm on Sunday evening. As an extra inducement and benefit Rotarians who may not be attending the show can arrive a bit early and have a chance to look around at the displays without having to purchase an entrance ticket.

What Will We Do - We will gather up an appropriate number of the potted plants that will decorate the Home Show during its run, load them into trucks we provide and deliver them to a warehouse facility for further processing. We'll meet again on Monday morning, February 12th, at about 7:30 am, to sort, clean up, and reprocess the plants for delivery to their recipients. Golden Rotary will deliver plants to Canyon Gate Apartments here in Golden and possibly to Lutheran Medical Center in Wheatridge. Those members who have access to

a truck are urged to make arrangements to use it for this program.

Location - The Colorado Convention Center is located at the intersection of Welton Street and 14th Street, in downtown Denver, across the street from the Denver Athletic Club, with the main entrance at this location. Look for the big Blue Bear peering in the window for the entrance. The warehouse facility is being arranged at this writing and further information will be sent by email prior to the event.

To participate in this program sign up at one of the upcoming Tuesday morning meetings. For further information on the program contact event Honcho, **Heather Duncan** at home at (303) 949-7655 or Community Service Chair **Ken Kranz** at home at (303) 279-5150. See you there.

QUAD FOUNDATION DINNER REPORT

A group of Golden Rotarians joined about 500 other Rotarians from Districts 5450, 5440, 5470 and 5630 in welcoming RI President **William "Bill" Boyd** to Colorado on Friday evening, January 19, 2007.

Mr. Boyd is a native of New Zealand and has been a Rotarian since 1971. Bill retired in 1995 as general manager of New Zealand's largest magazine distributor after a long career in business.

His community service includes involvement with several trusts, Boy Scouts, the Presbyterian Church and with the Rugby Union as a referee for 31 years.

His Rotary service, at the local, district and international levels, has been extensive. Bill has served Rotary as district governor, treasurer, training leader, International Assembly moderator, Rotary information counselor and regional RI Foundation coordinator. He is a recipient of the RI Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award.

Bill is an effective speaker who kept the large crowd very interested in his comments about the many programs and initiatives currently being undertaken by Rotary International. He emphasized that all of these are not just for the

moment but almost universally are intended to have long term impact. He highlighted a program known as Concentrated Language Encounter which is used in many areas to enhance the Rotary literacy programs. The program is so effective that many adults, previously illiterate, have been able to gain a useful degree of literacy in a relatively short period of time.

Bill and his wife Lorna were treated to the National Western Stock Show their visit. At Rotary Night at the Stock Show one notable activity was a ride on a heavy duty wagon behind a hitch of six very large and very handsome Percheron horses. They were accompanied by DG **Frank Sargent** and Denver Club President **Bill Houston**. It should be noted that none of the aforementioned worthies was driving as the team made its rounds of the arena. That was left to a young man who was very skilled at handling such impressive horses. One maneuver was that of backing the wagon against a loading dock while making a 90 degree turn. The driver then maneuvered the team through a 180 turn without moving the wagon. It was an impressive performance to say the least.

One other aspect of the Foundation Dinner program, and of particular note for Golden Rotarians, was the presentation to Bill and Lorna of an autographed copy of *Cowboys Ethics*. This publication was introduced to Rotary in this area as part of the Golden Ethics in Business Award event in April 2006. The book was made available by Golden Rotary and presented to them in the name of Golden Rotary.

Bill and Lorna are residents of the Auckland, New Zealand area. They are, however, living in Evanston, Illinois at Rotary headquarters during his term of office. During the two year period in which Bill prepares for his presidency and now serves they will have only an occasional opportunity to return home to New Zealand to visit with their family. This fact certainly highlights the commitment that is made by our Rotary International presidents. **Our own former Golden Rotarian PDG Diane Kessel** led the assembled Rotarians in song as part of the program before dinner. Other Golden Rotarians in attendance at the event included **Jim** and **Peggy Halderman, Judy Orr** and **George** and **Sue Mitchell**.

SKI TRAIN OUTING SET

As many Golden Rotarians know, our annual trek to the mountains on the Ski Train is scheduled for **Sunday, March 4, 2007**.

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.

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. Your editorian can attest to the benefits of Snow Cat touring, something we did last year. 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 bad nor is whatever else you wish to do that day.

Our return trip will begin at 4:15PM. The train will return to Union Station at about 6:30PM. And no, the train won't stop at Highway 93 north of Golden or in Arvada to let anxious skiers alight before the end of the trip.

Our discount round trip train ticket price is \$44 per person. The Ski Train operation also offers ski lift tickets for \$45 for adults and \$25 for kids when the tickets (not the kids) are purchased by February 2nd. The ticket window prices at Winter Park are \$81 and \$39 respectively, so you can see what a big savings this is.

We must have our reservations finalized by January 30th in order to book and pay for the reservation by February 2nd. If you wish, **Pat Madison** will bill you in April for your charges.

Act now to make sure you obtain space for you and your family. To sign up or to discuss questions you may have, please send **Larry Hall** an email at larryhall@tac-denver.com or call him

at the office at 303-299-1272. Time is of the essence to ensure that you will be joining us on this fun excursion.

We hope to see you there.

GOLF TOURNAMENT PLANNING LAUNCHES

Tom Hughes, co-chairman of the Golden Rotary golf tournament, reminded us at a recent meeting that with all the snow drifts piled high all over the area it is obviously time for, what else, golf.

As most Golden Rotarians know, the *Golden Rotary 6th Annual International Classic* is scheduled for **Friday, June 1, 2007** at Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden.

Tom wants to encourage all members of the club to be actively involved in helping to prepare for and conduct the event. This help can be in a variety of areas as we prepare for the tournament. The preparation involvement can include such things as helping design the tournament and the promotional brochures and programs. Then help is needed in handling mailings, recruiting golfers, signing up tournament sponsors, and adding to the items for the silent auction.

On the day of the event we will also need help in such activities as being a player, registering players as they arrive, handling hole monitoring, and assisting with the silent auction.

Tom is also seeking a co-chairman for the tournament implementation team. He emphasizes the unlimited psychic satisfaction that can be gained from involvement in the program, not to mention the fabulous compensation provided (also of the psychic variety). These are opportunities not to be missed.

It is important to keep in mind that the majority of the revenue that our Club receives and which will contribute the most to our subsequent charitable activities is in the form of sponsorships and the purchases during the silent auction. The success of the auction is, of course, in a direct relation to the number of golfers we can attract – and how “happy” the “happy hour” following the tournament turns out to be! Fossil

Trace has a capacity of 144 golfers, so we have lots of room to accommodate golfers.

We also derive a good deal of revenue from the sponsorships that are received. For that reason recruiting sponsors for the event is a very important aspect of the program. Please keep in mind that this is one of our major fundraisers during the year. The revenue we derive from this year's tournament will support our charitable giving 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.

We are an impressive club filled with talented, dedicated members. Let's all have fun and work to make this event, like everything our Club does, turn out to be a resounding success!!

EMAIL SCAMS ABOUND

We have learned from RI News that email scams continue to target Rotarians and to attempt to abuse Rotary information.

The January 5th issue of RI News highlights that a recent wave of email scams includes an email that falsely claims to be from the BMW Group. These have been brought to RI's attention by Rotarians who have received such messages. This group of scams is especially confusing because it uses the likeness and apparent signature of 2005-2006 RI President **Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar**. The message text usually congratulates the recipient for winning and asks them to verify their information.

RI is aware of these schemes and encourages Rotarians to be vigilant about deleting any email that appears suspicious. RI never solicits funds via email, nor does it request that personal information be updated via email or any other electronic means.

Visit the Fraud Watch International website to learn more about this type of fraud and to learn more about other scams targeting Rotarians and how to avoid them.

NEWS ITEMS

BOB SHORT TO BE RECOGNIZED – Our very own **Bob Short** will be recognized by the Golden Chamber of Commerce at their annual

meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2007. Bob will receive the Charlie O'Brien Volunteer of the Year Award, recognizing his extensive service to the Golden community.

The event will take place at Rolling Hills CC, beginning at about 11:30 am and continuing until about 2:00 pm.

Golden Rotarians have been invited to attend the event to show our support and to share this moment with Bob. You can make your reservations by calling the Golden C of C office at (303) 279-3113. Krista at ext. 106 is taking reservations and accepting payment for the event. The price for the event is \$ 35 per person. It would be best to call and make reservations right away because this event does fill up rapidly. Let Krista know that you are a Rotarian so she can seat us together if space permits.

Hope to see you at Rolling Hills on Thursday.

STOCK SHOW WRAP UP – A group of Golden Rotarians attended the Rotary Night at the Stock Show on January 17th. To a person they reported that it was an enjoyable and entertaining outing, which included dinner at the National Western Club and the extensive rodeo program. A substantial contingent of Rotarians was also in attendance, for both the dinner in the Club and the rodeo program. The rodeo event included a demonstration by a team of six Percheron horses pulling a very large freight wagon carrying Rotary International President **Bill Boyd** and his wife **Lorna**, together with DG **Frank Sargent** and Denver Club President **Bill Houston**.

The Golden contingent included six members of the **Warden/Blaha clan**, **Bob Short** and a friend, **Jim** and **Peggy Halderman**, **Jim** and **Rita Smith**, **Jamie Sheridan** and **George Mitchell**.

THIRD HOST FAMILY SOUGHT – The International Services Committee is pleased to have had a second host family serving as hosts for our high school exchange student, **Johann-Bernhard Kalvelage**. Jan has been staying with **Ed Weinell** and **Emile Rose** during the second of the three time periods during the school year. Ed is a language teacher at Golden High School, where the program includes German as one of the languages offered. Ed and Emile live on 15th Street in Golden.

During the first 3-month period Jan had been staying with the Lukens family.

The committee is continuing to seek a host family for the third three month period. 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 Committee. You can reach Don at home at (303) 278-6594.

CATCH THE PHOTO ALBUM – In case you haven't checked it out recently; don't forget that we have an extensive collection of photos of various club activities going back to 2002. Thanks to **Barb Warden's** efforts, our club website has all sorts of interesting photos available for your review. Just go to www.goldenrotaryclub.org and click on the Photo Album on the home page. All the many photos in the album are organized by event so you can see what happened during our many activities. Check it out.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES NOTED – Each Golden Rotarian may want to have at their fingertips the addresses of two important websites that are the source of all sorts of important and timely information on our club and our District 5450. These can be found at the following locations.

Golden – www.goldenrotaryclub.org

District 5450 – www.rotary5450.org

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Elected Members

President	Bob Short
President Elect	Colleen Jorgensen
Vice President	Judy Orr
Secretary	Larry Fike
Treasurer	Pat Madison
Club Service	Tom Hughes
Community Svc	Ken Kranz
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Rotary Foundation	Warren Spaulding
Vocational Svc	Judy Orr

Appointed Members

Foundation Co-Chair	Bob Neukirchner
Editarian	George Mitchell
Membership	Mo Lukens
Sgt. At Arms	Harry Cuddie

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