



GOLDEN NUGGETS

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Don't forget our new member orientation program at the meeting today, Tuesday, January 3rd. Our Club Trainer, **Geoff Noble**, will present this orientation program that helps give new members an overview of Rotary and its many programs. It will also serve as an important refresher for those longer-term members.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, 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.

January 3 – Tom Hughes, our golf impresario, will convene a planning meeting of the golf committee after the club meeting today to continue setting up our June 2 golf tournament. If you haven't signed up yet, now is the time to do so.

January 7 – Baby shower for Nanette Fahrenbruch, 1:00 pm, at Nanette's. See the item in News Items for the details.

January 10 – Max Donaldson will give us some "Humorous Slices of American History". Max bases his insights on "grave rubbings" from the gravestones of well-known Americans.

January 10 – Bell Middle School Mentoring Program begins again, 2:00 pm at Bell.

January 12 - Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 am. at Guaranty Bank. All members are welcome. Advise Prez Eileen if you plan to attend.

January 17 – Randy Ferguson will introduce his presentation entitled "Mastery Over Overwhelm" that he has given to audiences of various sizes and makeup.

January 18 - The Rotary Night at the Stock Show is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 18th. See the article in this issue of the Nuggets for information on the program in past

years. More details, will we hope, be forthcoming soon.

January 20-21 - The annual **Quad District Foundation Celebration** and workshop will feature Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar. See the article in this issue of the Nuggets for the details.

January 24 – Jim Bosch of NREL will give us an update on the Lab's current activities in the areas of hydrogen research (as an alternative fuel) and on global warming issues.

January 31 – Club Assembly

Planning ahead a bit further into the future. 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 – GREETINGS FROM EILEEN

Happy New Year to all of my Golden Rotary Friends -We're half way through the Rotary year and I think all of you in Golden Rotary should be commended for all of our accomplishments. We've conducted both a successful golf tournament and an excellent and profitable peach sale. We've enjoyed a lot of fellowship with Tables for 8 and the Christmas party. We continue to clean up Old Golden Road.

Our continued involvement with area schools is impressive, with such programs as the GHS Interact club, the Four-way test and mentoring programs at Bell and the Read to Me program at Pleasant View. We have supported the great folks at Canyon Gate Apartments with the cookie bake and the Colorado Shares programs. We supported the Christian Action Guild in its

efforts to assist less fortunate in Golden with our record-breaking food shares program.

We've also moved forward with our international programs in Peru and Thailand and supported many other projects along the way. And of course we have enjoyed having **Simon Andersen**, our Danish exchange student, participate in many of the club activities. And don't forget the support we provide to **Ananda Valenzuela**, the GHS student who is spending the year in Japan.

We have much to look forward to in the second half of the Rotary year and in the calendar year 2006. Our Rotary International president, **Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar**, will be here for the Quad District events on January 20th and 21st. I would like to encourage all of our members to consider attending these important events. Let's show Mr. Stenhammar what an enthusiastic and energetic group of Rotarians there are in District 5450.

I want to thank all the members of the club for making my job as president an absolutely delightful experience. Everyone is so willing to help and pitch in on all the things that we do.

I wish you all a healthy and Happy New Year. I know Golden Rotary will continue with all of its good work in the coming year.

Yours in Rotary, Eileen

ARE YOU SET FOR THE QUAD DISTRICT EVENTS?

As previously reported in the December 6th and 20th issues of the Nuggets, 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 21st. Both events will be held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel (formerly the Marriott South East 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**, who is the current President of Rotary International.

District 5450 Governor **Norris Hermsmeyer** and Golden Rotary President **Eileen Schurmann** have asked all Golden 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 21st by **The Rotary Regional Foundation Seminar**, also at the Sheraton Hotel. The sessions will include Q&A time with President Stenhammar.

It should be noted that **registrations for this event are to be done on-line** from the District 5450 Internet web site. If you need further information on the process, see one of the recent issues of the Nuggets. Contact President **Eileen Schurmann** or Editor **George Mitchell** 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.

STOCK SHOW EVENT SCHEDULED?

Yes, we think it is but about all we know at the moment is the date and location. Rotary District 5450 has regularly scheduled an evening for Rotarians at the Show. At this writing we don't have any more of the details. We are calling it to your attention in the event you'd like to attend you can get it on your calendar now.

The National Western Stock Show in January is one of the major stock show events in the country each year. The 2006 Rotary Night will be held on **Wednesday, January 18, 2006** at the NWSS grounds north of downtown Denver, just off I-70.

Summarized below is the information from prior years to give you a feel for the event. As soon as further details are available, the Nuggets will bring them to you.

The evening will begin with a buffet dinner, with hand carved beef sirloin, at the National Western Club from 5:00 pm. through 7:00 pm., where you will have the opportunity to visit with other Rotarians from all over District 5450. The Pro Rodeo will follow at 7:30 pm. The Rotary group

will have prime, first level seats for the event. In the most recent event, tickets were \$ 28.00 for the complete package including admission to the grounds, dinner and the rodeo. Admission to the grounds and the rodeo was \$ 12.00 each.

Plan to bring the family and visit the animal and product displays before dinner and rodeo. Contact Editor **George Mitchell** (303) 278-0487 for further information as we get it from the District office. More to follow shortly.

THAILAND PROJECT REPORT

We have recently received a report from **Hans Peter Thorand** of the Pattaya, Thailand club with which Golden Rotary teamed to provide a hydroponic greenhouse facility for use by students at an agricultural college in that area. Hans Peter's report on the project to **Geoff Noble** is included below. Hans Peter also included some comments in his covering email, as follows.

"I hope you received the photos and are pleased with the results. As I mentioned earlier there will be the formal handover ceremony on February 10th, with a number of officials in attendance including the Provincial Governor (similar in status to your State Governor) and directors from the Education Ministry. Your club will then receive a CD containing a report on the event. As an aside, the seedlings have not yet been planted in the greenhouse because the college is closed for the Christmas holiday. The project director wanted to make sure he didn't lose the 2500 plants from lack of attention, so they will be planted after the holiday. At the time of the formal handover each plant slot will be filled with growing plants. You'll see this in the final report.

Again I would like to thank your club for sponsoring this project. You can be assured that students and the farmers in Thailand will benefit from this project for many years into the future.

My season's greetings to all your club members and their families. I wish them a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. I hope that our clubs can continue to work together on similar projects in the future. Again thanks to all of you for your generosity."

Hans Peter's report itself is as follows.

"On Wednesday November 30th I visited the college for a preliminary hand over of the project. On my arrival at the college everything was ready. The rows and rows of feed pipes were set up, the pumps were in place, and the whole green house is covered with protective netting. To be exact, the initial plans are for 1920 salad plants, 336 cucumber and 336 tomato plants.

The College has now a capacity of 2592 plants to grow produce the hydroponics way thanks to our two Rotary Clubs that organized this project that was funded through the Rotary International Foundation by matching grant #56350.

There are many students eager to learn this process and the seedlings have been moved indoors until such time they can be outside in the feed trees. This Station will be useful for teaching and will be a valuable asset of the college for many students for many years to come. This is a new way to grow vegetables and other produce in a soil-less environment. It has potential to be the ideal solution for the poor farmers in the north east of Thailand, where the soil only supports one crop per year.

The Director of the college informed the visitors that the official hand-over ceremony will be held on February 10, 2006. This is the day is when the College has his annual visitor day and there will be around 5000 people visiting from all over Thailand .

On this day the Governor of the Province Chantabury and many officials will be present to witness this donation in kind, which was made possible with the commitment from our two Rotary Clubs from two continents. The media and television will be on hand to cover the event as well.

A detailed report from the final ceremony will be sent to the sponsoring Rotary clubs in the project, namely our Pattaya club, your Rotary Club of Golden Colorado, and to the Representative of RI in Illinois shortly after the 10 February 2006 dedication.

Regards, Peter"

Hans Peter's report also included a number of photos of the project. These have been included in the Photo Album section of our Golden Rotary website. You can view these by going to the website at www.goldenrotaryclub.org.

NEWS ITEMS

LAST CHANCE FOR THE SKI TRAIN – To follow up on the email note from **Larry Hall**, our Ski Train impresario, don't forget that he needs to have reservations and payment for the 2006 Ski Train outing by January 10th.

As previously reported the Golden Rotary 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. Rotarians will also join us from other clubs in the west Denver area.

The Ski Train tickets are \$ 44 each, round trip, for the event this year. Contact Larry as soon as you have it on your schedule to make sure of space for you and your family.

BABY SHOWER ON TAP – Golden Rotarians will gather on Saturday, January 7th at 1:00 pm to celebrate the addition of a baby boy to **Nanette Fahrenbruch** and **Bill Schatz's** family. The event will be held at Nanette's home at 11933 Coal Creek Heights Drive in Golden. You can RSVP by calling Kim at (303) 699-2935. Nanette is registered at Target. We have it on the authority of President Eileen that male Golden Rotarians are very welcome at the festivities. Your Editorian took advantage of a similar opportunity at Nanette's wedding shower and can attest to the pleasures of being a man among so many attractive women.

OOPS – In his rush to get the December 20th issue of the Nuggets completed and on the presses in at least somewhat timely fashion your Editorian failed to provide a complete report on the Golden Rotary Christmas party held at Chateau Schurmann on December 14th. The oversight involved failing to make reference to the fact that Golden Rotary was honored by the presence of District Governor **Norris Hermsmeyer** and his wife **Terri**. This failure was especially noteworthy because your Editorian had had a very pleasant conversation with Norris and Terri during the evening. Sorry about that Norris and Terri. Please do come and join us again at a future event.

GOLF COMMITTEE TO MEET – **Tom Hughes** reminds us that the Golf Committee that

will be organizing our annual Golden Rotary Golf tournament will meet immediately after our regular Tuesday morning meeting, today, January 3rd. The tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 2, 2006, at Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden. If you haven't already signed up to participate in this outstanding event, now is a great opportunity to sit in on the meeting and learn about what's going on. We understand that our resident clergyman, **Don Bleyle**, is already hard at work petitioning for a sunny, clear day on June 2nd.

THE ROTARY BASICS – As a lead in to **Geoff Noble's** presentation today of the new member orientation information, the Rotary Basics is an excellent resource. If you don't recall the material, you can catch the Rotary Basics in the August 2005 issue of the ROTARIAN. The section, on pages 49-56, is an excellent primer on Rotary with lots of information on what our organization is all about. It is good reading for both new and long time members. For members who may not have that issue of the ROTARIAN in their permanent and sacred files, contact **George Mitchell** or **Dana Moran** to obtain a copy of the section for your review and edification.

HOST FAMILY STILL BEING SOUGHT – As you all know our high school exchange student for the 2005-06 Rotary year is **Simon Andersen**. Simon is a senior student at Golden High School. The International Service Committee is continuing to locate a family with which Simon can spend the final three months of the year. If you can be a host or know of a family that could fill that role, please contact **Don Hogue**, at (303) 278-6594, to discuss the situation.

GOOD STUFF STILL AVAILABLE – It's available to you on both the District 5450 and the Golden Rotary websites. The District newsletter and other District information is available at all times on the district website at www.rotary5450.org. An interesting note is the recently adopted change in format for the newsletter. When you bring the December newsletter up at the District website mentioned above, you receive a summary piece which provides a capsule summary of each of the stories and a link to the more detailed write up. It's an easy way to take a quick look to see if there are items of specific interest to you. Give it a try.

The Golden Rotary website is www.goldenrotaryclub.org. Thanks to **Barb Warden's** efforts, the Golden site is a veritable fountain of interesting and informative material. Don't forget that you will need a copy of the Adobe Acrobat Reader software to open and read either of these sites.

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