



GOLDEN NUGGETS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, July 11 – Irina Bulkley-Hopkins will talk about her experiences growing up in Russia, and her observations on developments in her native land since the end of the Cold War in the early 1990s. Irina is chair of the District 5450 Rotary in Russia program.

July 13 - Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 am. at Guaranty Bank. All members are welcome. Advise Prez Bob Short if you plan to attend.

July 18 – Ben Drotar of the Table Mountain Animal Center will tell us about TMAC's programs, activities, opportunities and challenges. Pavel Turcinek and his family may also visit. See News Items.

July 25 – Club Assembly

July 29 - Buffalo Bill Days Parade, Saturday morning, 10:00 am, July 29th. We usually form up on 8th Street, just west of Washington Avenue. More information will be available shortly.

August 1 – Trina Parsley of the Denver Federal Reserve branch will describe the Fed, some of its history and its functions. She did emphasize that there would be no free samples available.

Planning ahead a bit further into the future be sure you have the following programs on your calendar. We still await the details of the Summer Picnic with Evergreen Rotary, but expect it to be in mid August. The preceding Tuesday of that week will be a Dark Day. Keep tuned for the details. Delivery day for our annual **Peach Sale** event will be **Saturday, August 19th**.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN – BOB'S INAUGURAL REMARKS

This is my first note to you as the President of the Golden Rotary Club and I want you to know that I consider it a great honor to serve as your Club President. You can be assured that I will

give it my very best effort in leading the way during this new Rotary Year.

As most of you know, Golden Rotary celebrated its 20th anniversary at the Awards Banquet at Rolling Hills Country Club on Thursday evening, June 29th. During those 20 years our accomplishments have been many. We have raised approximately \$500,000 and have invested these funds into both our local community and the world community. These investments have been in the form of scholarships, food drives, educational commitments, matching grant programs all around the world and many other projects.

Fund Raising - It is important that we remember that this \$500,000 was the result of your efforts in several fund raising projects. It was not derived from club dues or other personal pledges by members. As you know our primary money-maker has been our annual peach sale which we've been doing for the past 18 years. Fortunately there were only a couple of years when the peach crop did not cooperate and we were unable to sell peaches. Most of the time we've had very successful crops that have helped us raise funds to support the many service projects we've undertaken. In fact we've been so successful in this effort that a number of other Rotary clubs and service clubs have emulated Golden Rotary with similar programs.

The good news is that this year's peach crop is wonderfully abundant and we will be provided with all the peaches we can sell. Let's decide on our goal for this year and gear up to meet our goal. The peach flyers are now available for distribution and will be available for you at each and every Rotary get-together.

Our delivery date for the peaches will be on Saturday, August 19th. In the meantime please do contact every peach eating person you know, and of course, that's everyone you know. It's a

great opportunity to make a number of new friends and converts to Golden Rotary peaches. Let's make this peach sale the best ever.

Literacy – As you may also know July is Literacy Month in Rotary. This program is also one of the principal efforts being conducted by Rotary International. Our newly installed RI President **Bill Boyd** of New Zealand has asked everyone to join in the effort to improve literacy around the world. An example of the Rotary effort is the over three million dictionaries that have been sent to third graders around the world. President Bill especially liked the comments he got from one child. Quoting Bill, "I absolutely love the story of the little girl who wrote to thank us for the dictionary she had received. 'It's the first book I've ever owned and I am now up to page 138'. I reckon that kid's going to succeed in life."

Yours in Rotary, Bob Short

PEACH SALE PROMOTION IN GEAR

As mentioned by President **Bob Short** in his inaugural remarks in this Nugget, the Western Slope peach crop is turning out to be a very successful one this year. Our peach supplier, Noland Farms in Palisade, Colorado, reports that they expect a bounteous harvest this year that will test our mettle to get them sold in timely fashion.

The delivery of the product to Golden Rotary customers will take place on **Saturday, August 19th**. We will be using the same delivery point as in previous year, at the Jeffco Fairgrounds, near Sixth Avenue and Indiana Streets in Golden.

Extensive Promotion Program - Promotion on the sale is proceeding at the present time. The colorful peach flyers that promote the sale to our many regular customers and many new ones as well is now available for distribution to our customers. Pick them up at the meeting today so your customers will be first in line to sign up.

A new approach last year used a mailing to all the addresses in the 80401 postal zone to make sure that all the households in the Golden area were aware of the program. A mailing will also be made to our now extensive mailing list of past

customers. The two lists are cross-referenced to minimize possible duplication. A number of offices and businesses will also be carrying the flyers to help promote this important effort.

In the meantime, think of those persons you may know who may not have taken advantage of these outstanding peaches in the past. That way you will be able to make sure they receive an information and order form now that they are available.

AN OUTSTANDING ANNUAL BANQUET

An enthusiastic crowd of about 90 Golden Rotarians, their guests and guests of the club attended this wrap up event for the 2005-2006 Rotary year on Thursday, June 29th at Rolling Hills Country Club. A new team of officers, led by incoming President **Bob Short**, was installed at this annual event. Outgoing President, **Eileen Schurmann** officiated at the meeting. We were also pleased to have Past District Governor, our own **Diane Kessel**, join us for the festivities. Other Rotary dignitaries who attended were PDG **Dan Clark**, with his wife, **Sandy** and PDG **Talee Crowe**. Former Golden charter member and president, and now member of Boulder Flatirons club, **John Olson**, also joined us for the festivities.

President Eileen led off the evening's festivities with a review of the programs and accomplishments during this past by Golden Rotary. In her comments Eileen emphasized the way in which Golden Rotarians "stepped up to the plate" during the past year to continue the level of involvement that had characterized the preceding year when our club was the home club of the District Governor. That is no mean accomplishment because it isn't easy to do after having had a whirl wind year. But Eileen thought we had pulled it off very well. She had mentioned the same observations in her column in the June 20th issue of the Golden Nuggets.

Incoming president, **Bob Short**, presented the **Service Above Self** award that recognizes persons who have provided outstanding service to the citizens of our community and the world. The 2005-06 award was presented to **Michael Coughlin**. No stranger to the members of Golden Rotary, Michael is the owner and manager of 240 Union, a Creative Grille, located

on Union Blvd. in Lakewood. Michael was born and raised in New York and has lived in Colorado for the past 26 years. He has operated 240 Union for the past 18 years and has developed it into one of the best restaurants in the Denver area. A quick check of the Gabby Gourmet, better known as the Pig Book, the Mitchell family dining bible, shows 240 Union ranked in the "To Die For" category, or about as good as it gets. It is a clearly justified ranking.

Michael's charitable generosity is well known in the community. He has been a major contributor to the AMC Cancer Research Foundation, the Jefferson Foundation, Project Angel Heart, the Hospice of Denver, Red Rocks Community College and the "Swede" Johnson Scholarship Fund. He has also been a good friend to Golden Rotary, always contributing to our fundraisers and supporting the annual golf tournament and Christmas Party. Michael is currently a member of the Red Rocks Community College Foundation Board. He previously served on the West Chamber Board for six years. Even with his busy schedule he finds the time to extend his talent and to volunteer his time to support community initiatives.

Michael and his two sons, Matthew and Sean, live in Lakewood.

We are grateful to have Michael in our community and extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for his continuing contributions, always with his ready smile and gracious hospitality. He has truly earned our recognition with the Service Above Self award.

Outgoing President **Eileen Schurmann** was next poised to recognize the recipient of the 2005-06 Golden **Rotarian of the Year** award. The presentation was postponed, however, because the recipient was not in the audience. We will be kept in the dark for just a bit longer until such time as the awardee attends a meeting and the award can be made.

The slate of officers and directors for the club were sworn into office by Assistant Director Governor for the West Denver area, **Jim Halderman**, representing DG **Norris Hermsmeyer**. The team, headed by President **Bob Short**, was listed in the June 20th issue of the Nuggets and is listed at the end of this newsletter. Outgoing President **Eileen Schurmann** recognized and thanked her team

with the presentation of bottle of the "best of the grape", that recognized their leadership in the Club and the invaluable service they provided during the past year.

Reflections on Twenty Years of Golden Rotary were offered by several long time members of the club. The two remaining charter members, **George Mitchell** and **Dana Moran**, led off the comments with their remembrances of the "good old days," way back in March of 1986 when the club was founded. **Sam Allen**, who was almost a charter member, lacking just a few months, added his thoughts as did **Betsy Thorpe** and PDG **Diane Kessel**.

It was a great evening in conclusion of a great year!

GOLF TOURNAMENT RECEIVED GREAT SUPPORT

As reported in the June 20th issue of the Nuggets, The Fifth Annual Golden Rotary Golf Tournament took place, as scheduled, on Friday, June 2nd. The tournament proved to be an superb event. Thanks to the outstanding support received from all over the West Denver community, the event was the most successful to date. Held for a third year at the Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden, the event was a most enjoyable outing. Fossil Trace demonstrated again why it has received recognition as one of the country's best new public courses.

Outstanding Support – As previously mentioned in the most recent issue of the Nuggets, the tournament received excellent support from many businesses and individuals in the West Denver Area. Contributors included Gold Sponsors, a Hole in One sponsor, a number of hole sponsors and many donors of items for the silent auction. The number of supporters was so extensive that it was decided to recognize all of them in a special story in this issue of the Nuggets. As we've said before, it is no exaggeration that the event could not have been held or could not have been as successful as it was without the enthusiastic support of the local community. Golden Rotary thanks all of its supporters for their significant support for this fund raising event.

Gold Sponsors – Several areas firms were outstanding supporters of the event. Those

indicated with an asterisk (*) have been Gold sponsors for each of the five years of the tournament. We thank them very much for their commitment to this program.

Christy Sports Co. *

Coors Brewing Co.*

Guaranty Bank *

Wells Fargo Bank, Golden

Hole in One Sponsor - The John Elway Dealerships have been regular and significant supporters of the Golden Rotary efforts.

John Elway Pontiac-Buick-GMC Dealers

Hole Sponsors – A number of firms and individuals provided sponsorship for each of the holes on the course, a significant commitment to the club effort.

240 Union Restaurant
AC Excavating
Alex Scott
Christopher's Dodge World
Diane Kessel
Edward Jones, Nanette Fahrenbruch
Egret Windows
Eyecare of Union Square
First Bank of Colorado
Fitzgerald's Casino
George Mitchell
Golden Software
Golden Vision Clinic
Guaranty Bank
HVI LLC Homebuyers, Tom & Corbin Hughes
Hy-Tran, Inc.
Jim Smith, Re/Max
John Elway Chrysler Jeep West
Lisa Lang State Farm Insurance
Mountain States Building Products
Oviatt, Clark and Gross, LLP--Attorneys
Peak National Bank
Rocky Mountain Outdoor Ads

Table Mountain Web Design
Tom Pott
US Bank-Golden

Auction and Door Prize Donors – The very successful silent auction that accompanied the event was a great and integral part of the program. This portion of the program generated a good deal of enjoyment by the attendees and contributed about \$ 5300 to the event revenues.

240 Union Restaurant
A G Edwards & Co.
Alex Scott
Ali Baba Grill
Avenue Gifts
Baby Doe's Clothing
Betsy Thorpe & Jim McGuigan
Big O Tires of Golden
Blue Canyon Bar & Grill
Bob Neukirchner
Bob Short
Canterbury Golf Club
Checker Auto Parts
Colorado Mills
Colorado School of Mines
Coors Brewing Co.
D'Amore Interiors
Del's Tonsorial Parlor
Diane Kessel
Don Bleyle
Dove Inn
Dream Baskets
Dru Short State Farm Agency
Eileen Schurmann
El Rancho Restaurant
Fast Frame, West Colfax
Foothills Stone
Fortune Valley Hotel/Casino
Foss Drug
Gene Bauer, Goldsmith
George and Sue Mitchell
Golden Auto Clinic
Golden City Brewery

Golden Eagle Wine & Spirits
Golden Hotel
Golden River Sports
Great Divider
Guaranty Bank
Healthy Offerings
Hebert Advisory Services
Highland's Garden Cafe
Hilltop Bistro
Image Designers
Jan and Jim Malone
Jan Zehr
Jeanne Portmann
Jefferson Symphony
Jessica Reed
Jillians Entertainment
JoAnn Thistlewood
Jose O'Shea's
Katie Abbott
Larry and Karen Fike
Les Jones
Macaroni Grill
Meyer Hardware
Mimi's Cafe
Miner's Alley Playhouse
Mo's Family Portraits
National Cinemedia
Native Nursery
Outback Steakhouse
Pat & Judy Madison
Pizza Hut - Golden
Ptarmigan Clothiers
Rebecca Strobel, ReMax
Rhapsody at Clear Creek
Rotary Club of Golden
Samsonite Company Store
Sandy & Ted Algermissen
Sandy Pfeifer
Serendipity Designs
Shirley and Dana Moran
Simms Landing
Ski Train
Skip Snyder, Sequoia Spa

Soaring Adventures
Spirits in the Wind Gallery
Steve Gragg
Table Mountain Inn
Table Mtn Vision Clinic
Tequila's Family Restaurant
The Hair Place
Tom and Linda Hughes
Tony Rigatoni's
US Bank
Warren Spaulding
Whole Foods Cooking Class
Woody's Wood Fired Pizza
Yard House

Programs and Projects Supported – Not to be lost in the excitement and good times surrounding the tournament is the reason we put all of this effort into this and other fund raising programs. Golden Rotary and RI International have as an overarching objective, Service Above Self. There are many efforts involved in this, but just to name a few that are of value to both the Golden Community and the larger world community are such programs as college scholarships to Golden High School students, support of the Christian Action Guild and the Canyon Gate Apartments seniors in Golden, and the Colorado Shares program for needy families in the Golden area. On the international stage we have undertaking a number of projects in conjunction with clubs in other countries. For example, the club has supported a hearing aid project for poor children in Pisco, Peru, a hydroponic greenhouse project for an agricultural college in Thailand, and the significant Polio Plus program, led by Rotary International, to eradicate polio from the planet. All of these and the many other projects are helping to make the world a better place in the future.

NEWS ITEMS

JIM SMITH RECOGNIZED – The Nuggets has just learned that Golden Rotarian **Jim Smith** has been honored by being named “Volunteer of the Year” by Housing Denver for his many efforts in supporting the Habitat for Humanity organization. Congratulations Jim.

PAVEL TO VISIT? – Our intelligence sources in Europe have advised that it is possible that **Pavel Turcinek** and his family may be visiting in Golden and may attend our upcoming meeting on July 18th. As most Golden Rotarians know, Pavel was our high school exchange student several years ago and was a delight have staying with us for the year. Pavel is from the Czech Republic. His family has long time Rotary connections, as his grandfather was instrumental in helping to rescue our PDG **Loy Dickinson** after he had been shot down during a WWII mission over that part of central Europe.

SUMMER PICNIC BEING PLANNED – Our annual gathering with Evergreen Rotary is in the planning stage. A final date is not yet determined, but is expected to be, as usual, in mid August. So stay tuned for the details that will be reported as they become available.

It has been suggested that the two clubs join hands on a regular basis and offer their services to the Colorado community as rain makers. It seems that the last several events have been rained out, especially if they are located at Sherm Wenger’s Evergreen Tennis and Fitness Club.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED – As many members know, Golden Rotary will be hosting another high school exchange student during the 2006-2007 academic year. The student will be a young man from Germany, **Jan Bernal Kalvelage**. He will be arriving on August 14th and will be attending Golden High School through May of 2007.

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 International Service Committee. The usual practice is for the student to spend about one-third of the year with each of three families, or about three months in each household.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – As Golden Rotarians know, the club Board of Directors meets each month on the second Thursday at 7:30 am at Guaranty Bank in Golden. All members are welcome to join in the festivities and partake of breakfast and discussions with the assembled members of the board.

Minutes of the meetings are prepared for each meeting, usually by Secretary **Larry Fike**, or in his absence by whomever is “volunteered” by the

president. These are always available to any members who would like to know what goes on and what sorts of significant discussions on momentous topics take place. To do so, just contact Secretary Larry for a copy of the minutes.

CLUB MEETING TIME CONFIRMED – This note will remind all members that we’d like to be sure to arrive at our Tuesday morning meetings in time to start breakfast at 7:15 am so that we can begin our meetings at 7:30 am. That schedule will allow our speakers to have the full one half hour we have promised them. It will also permit us to wrap up the meetings at 8:30 am so people can be off to their days in timely fashion. All that means we’ll have to begin arriving at Rolling Hills by shortly after 7:00 am.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS GOLDEN ROTARY CLUB

Elected Members

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| 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 |
| International Svc | Jim McGuigan *** |
| Rotary Foundation | Warren Spaulding *** |
| Vocational Svc | Judy Orr *** |

Appointed Members

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

Ex Officio Member

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| Past President | Eileen Schurmann |
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DISTRICT 5450 GOVERNOR

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| Frank Sargent | 2006-2007 |
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RI PRESIDENT

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