



GOLDEN NUGGETS

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SCHEDULE REMINDER

A reminder that next Tuesday, October 16th will be an **OFF SITE** meeting. We will meet at the new Student Recreation Center at Colorado School of Mines. See the article in this issue of the Nuggets for the details on where and when. We will meet again at RHCC on Tuesday morning, October 23rd. Be sure you have these dates on your calendar.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, October 9 – The follow up Four Way Test discussion will be handled by Vocational Service. This program will build on the session held on October 2nd.

October 11 - Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 am, in the Red Fox Room at Red Rocks CC. All members are welcome; just let Prez Colleen know that you will attend.

October 16 – **OFF SITE** meeting at Colorado School of Mines. We will have the opportunity to tour the new Student Recreational Center that has just been opened for use. See the article in this issue of the Nuggets for the details on where to go and where to park at the School of Mines.

October 23 - Jim Halderman will discuss some of the factors involved in controlling anger.

October 30 – DG Dave Beall will join us for the annual District Governors visit to Golden Rotary. Make sure you have this event on your calendar so we can have a big turnout for Dave's visit.

November 6 – TBA

November 10 – The annual **Golden Rotary Pig Roast** will be held on Saturday, November 10th. See the article in this issue of the Nuggets for the details.

November 13 – Dr. Cindy Stevenson, Superintendent of the Jefferson County School District will visit with us to provide an update on developments with the school district.

CSM VISIT NEXT WEEK

Golden Rotarians will be treated to a special tour of the newly completed and opened Recreation Center at Colorado School of Mines. This event,

which will be an **OFF SITE** location for the regular meeting of the club, will take place on **Tuesday, October 16, 2007**, beginning at the usual time of 7:15 am.

We will meet in the McNeil Room of the Center for our catered breakfast, and then take a tour of the Center. The event was arranged courtesy of our very own member, **Tom Spicer**, who is the Director of Athletics at CSM. Tom was quite instrumental in the project which resulted in the design and construction of the Center which is a considerable addition to the facilities at Mines. Those of us who remember the athletic facilities at Mines 50 years ago or so will be quite impressed by this new building and the capabilities that it provides. Among other things it features a 2,500 seat arena for basketball and volleyball. The natatorium is quite impressive with a number of lanes for swimming events and several diving boards at various heights for diving events.

All of these facilities are a substantial improvement over those that have been available at Volk Gym, which was built over 40 years ago. They are also very necessary because the size of the student body has increased considerably over the past decade and now stands at about 4,000 students.

The Center is located at 1651 Elm Street in Golden, near the center of the CSM campus. The easiest approach is by 19th Street from 6th Avenue. From that intersection head east down the hill and turn left opposite the site of the former Golden Ford dealership onto Elm Street.

Head north on Elm Street for two blocks where the Center is on your right. Directly across the street is a parking lot on your left. Turn left to enter the lot and use any of the parking spaces in the lot, even those that refer to Visitor and Admissions Dept. reservation. At this time of the day there should be parking available. You can also park along Elm Street to the south of the building.

Enter the building through the West door under the Student Recreation Center sign and walk to the east side of the building, keeping to your left and turn left opposite the Fitness Center to the McNeil Room in the northeast corner of the building.

PIG ROAST EVENT SET

The 2007 Edition and Third Annual Golden Rotary Pig Roast is scheduled for **Saturday, November 10th from about 2:00 pm until about 6:00 pm**. As in past years the festive and gala event will be held at the Arbor House, at 14600 West 32nd Avenue, in Maple Grove Park, in Applewood. The awards ceremony will take place at about 4:00 pm.

Event organizer, **Betsy Thorpe**, emphasizes that the event will be a fellowship event for Golden Rotarians, so plan to bring the entire family. It also does double duty as a kick off event for RI Foundation Month that is November each year. Admission to the gala event will be your Pig Bank. The organizing group recognizes that your particular Pig may, at the moment, range from being famished to overstuffed. The basic intent of the event is "Awareness" and you can feel free to bring your "satisfied" Pig to another Rotary meeting at a later date. The proceeds will be split between the RI Foundation and the Golden Rotary Foundation, in the same manner as last year's effort.

To insure that the substantial sums that will be forthcoming are under complete security there will be a "Pig Pen" available, guarded by a posse, appropriately attired.

The attire for the event will be announced shortly so plan to come attired with the latest fashions. The event will come off rain or snow or shine, because we will have the Arbor House available for the event. The pig and the trimmings will come from Wally's Quality Meats, located at 32nd and Youngfield. Come prepared for a few

competitive games of skill, such as bobbing for apples and the like.

Plan to get on the sign up list which will make the rounds at upcoming meetings. If you have questions on the program contact Betsy at eathorpe@comcast.net or call her at (303) 279-8326.

For those of you who may wonder just where Maple Grove Park is located, remember where we had the event last year. Many of us drive by it all the time. The Park is between the turnoff from 32nd Avenue to Rolling Hills CC (which is Kendrick Avenue) and the roundabout on 32nd Avenue at Eldridge St. It is on the south side of 32nd Avenue.

Plan to be there.

THE BELL MENTORING PROGRAM

As mentioned in the September 25th issue of the Nuggets, the mentoring program at Bell Middle School in Golden for the 2007-2008 academic year has recently been started.

The program proved to be so successful during the past two years that the Bell faculty requested that the program be continued during the current school year. The first couple of weeks of the program have been completed, with very positive results.

Some additional information on the details of this program is provided in this article in the event that there are more Golden Rotarians who might find the program to be an interesting one and who want to contribute to this important effort.

The program will be conducted under the auspicious of the Vocational Service committee in Golden Rotary. The chair of that committee, **Zonia Bowers**, will be the principal contact at Rotary. The facilitator at Bell will continue to be **Christa Speaks**. Some the Rotarians currently participating in the program include **Les Jones, George Mitchell, Judy Orr, Alex Scott, Ann Koh, Zonia Bowers, Sandy Algermissen, Warren Spaulding, John Markovich**, and prospective member, **Jacqueline Lewis**. There are also several community members who are also involved in the program.

Program – This school-based mentoring program will continue to focus on relationship building for students that are considered to be “at risk.” It is believed that the primary power of mentoring lies in the opportunity for a middle school student to develop a relationship with a caring adult. This person would be someone who can spend time with them listening and caring about them on an individual basis. The program sees the adult as becoming a positive role model. The program also endeavors to improve students’ self-esteem, and provide learning opportunities for them to develop study and organizational skills.

Schedule - The regular weekly meetings will be held at Bell Middle School in Golden **each Tuesday from about 2:00 – 3:15pm.** It is very important that mentors commit to meeting with the same 1 or 2 students each week. It is suggested that, as appropriate, mentors work in teams of two, because it is understood that it might be difficult for one person to commit to **each and every** Tuesday.

Activities – Facilitators will provide an activity/discussion guide for mentors detailing various strategies to encourage and build relationships. These guides will focus primarily on such activities as getting acquainted, playing games, and talking about personal interests. Other aspects will emphasize doing homework, discussing ways to help the student become more successful in school, possible career choices, and whatever other topics seem pertinent to each student and their mentors.

Light snacks will be provided immediately after school. Facilitators will be present each week to monitor how well relationships are progressing and offer guidance if needed. The school can also provide academic support such as some tutoring. However, the adult mentor will primarily focus on helping the student develop a relationship with their mentor.

Most teachers are available after school on Tuesdays, so it is possible for students to be directed by a mentor to go “check with a teacher” for clarification of an assignment or other specific assistance.

Your help is needed. It is an important program that can have significant payoffs in future years if it is successful in helping these “at risk”

students become more capable in school and in life.

If you, or any of your adult family members, would be interested in serving students and the community in this way and/or would like more information, please contact **Judy Orr** (303-526-2156) or **Alvina Mabry** at her home (303-278-2198). Also think in terms of any friends, neighbors and business associates who might find such a program to be an interesting and rewarding avenue of community service and bring it to their attention.

NEWS ITEMS

GOLDEN ELECTION SLATED – Those members who live in the City of Golden will have the opportunity to cast their votes for several of the members of the city council in the election of November 6th.

The positions to be elected are the Mayor and city council seats for Districts One and Two. It should be noted that the election is a strictly mail in ballot affair. Ballots will be mailed between October 12th and 22nd and need to be returned before the close of business on November 6th, either by mail or hand delivery.

Information on the candidates for these seats can be found in the *Golden Transcript* which is devoting a good deal of space to the candidates and the various issues that are being addressed by the candidates. The latest issue of the *Golden Informer* also has a good deal of information.

Plan to become informed and be ready to vote in this important election.

CANDIDATES FORUM TOMORROW

EVENING – Leadership Golden will be hosting a candidates forum tomorrow evening, **Wednesday, October 10th, beginning at 6:30 pm.** The event will be held in the Golden City Council Chambers located in the city hall at 911 – 10th Street in Golden. Note also that the forum will be broadcast on Channel 8, if you are not able to attend the event in person.

Leadership Golden has been the beneficiary of the services of a number of Golden Rotarians over the years. Our own **Barb Warden** is the organizer of this event. If you want more information on the event, call Barb at (303) 278-2701.

All the certified candidates for the three seats mentioned in the preceding item have been invited to attend and to answer questions.

IT'S TUNA MONTH – Community Service Chair **Mo Lukens** reminds us that October is tuna month for our Tuesday morning contributions to Christian Action Guild.

As reported earlier we will have a different food product emphasis each month of the year. After having buried the CAG in peanut butter last month, Golden Rotarians will shift to **Tuna** for the entire month of October.

As we were also reminded at our October 2nd meeting by our loquacious historian, **Dana Moran**, the correct usage is tuna, not tuna fish, which is a redundancy. Your editarian has duly noted that proper usage and will endeavor to be grammatically correct in the future.

The Nuggets will keep you informed of the “Food of the Month”, so watch this space for the current selection.

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED – Two brand new Golden Rotarians were inducted into club membership at our meeting on October 2nd. **Sneed Kaker** and **Eric Slaughaupt** were inducted by President **Colleen Jorgensen** assisted by Membership Chair **Heather Duncan**. More information on Sneed and Eric can be found in the September 25th issue of the Nuggets, which reported on their applications for membership. If you haven't had a chance to visit with them, take a few minutes at an upcoming meeting to welcome them to Golden Rotary.

SOCKO PROCEEDS TO CAG – Speaking of CAG, Golden Rotary was very pleased to recently present **Jo Ann Thistlewood**, both a fellow Golden Rotarian and the prime mover at Christian Action Guild, a check for \$ 1,000. This amount represents the net results of our recent weekly Socko drawings. As Rotarians will remember, the Socko proceeds are divided equally between the person who draws the winning dark colored marble and the CAG. The funds go, of course, to supporting the various charitable efforts of the CAG which assist members of the Golden community.

SIGNED UP FOR TABLES OF EIGHT? - Club Service Chair **Les Jones** reminds us that now is the time to get your name on the list for

Tables of Eight. This program, that has been a staple on the Golden Rotary social calendar for a number of years, involves a host Rotarian opening their home to a group of about six other Rotarians and spouses and/or S.O.s. If you haven't already signed up to be a host or to attend 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.

TREASURER PAT TRIES NEW SYSTEM – Our treasurer **Pat Madison** has just launched a new system for the distribution of the quarterly membership invoices. You may have just received your dues statement for the October-December 2007 period in your email in box.

Pat is using the accounting software feature which permits use of email for invoice distribution. And it seems to work just fine. At least your Editarian received his statement (after having wondered if it might disappear into the ether). If there are any problems with it or you'd like a paper invoice, let Pat know and he can prepare a traditional invoice for you. Call Pat at (303) 278-1224.

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

Appointees

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