



GOLDEN NUGGETS

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SCHEDULE REMINDER

This reminder is to emphasize that we will have an **OFF SITE** meeting coming up on **Tuesday, March 18th**. We will meet that day at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden, beginning at our usual meeting time of 7:15 am. See the article in this issue of the Nuggets for all the details.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

March 11 – Martin Postma of Westminster 710 club will review developments with the Socially Conscious Coffee organization that he has helped develop in Latin America.

March 15 - Board of Directors Planning Conference to be held at an off site location.

March 18 – **OFF SITE** meeting for a visit and tour of the American Mountaineering Center in Golden. The Center has recently been remodeled and will open a new museum facility. We'll meet at the usual 7:15 am. time at the Center for breakfast and meeting items, then tour

the facility. See the article in this issue of the Nuggets for the details on where to go.

March 25 – Club Assembly.

April 1 – Dr. Roel Sneider of Colorado School of Mines will speak to us about the important topic of global energy supply.

April 5 – A gala dinner/theatre event for Golden Rotarians and guests will take place Saturday, April 5, 2008, beginning at about 6:00 pm for dinner at Table Mountain Inn, followed by the romantic comedy "Beau Jest" at Miner's Alley Playhouse. See the News Items section for more of the detail.

April 8 - The **GSE Team from South Africa** will join us for breakfast and will give us a presentation on their country and their activities during the visit to Colorado.

Looking Ahead- The ever-popular **District Conference** for District 5450 Rotarians is in Vail this year at the Vail Marriott Mountain Resort and Spa, *April 25-27*. For details, see the article in this issue of the Nuggets. The annual Good News Breakfast is scheduled at the Jefferson County Fair Grounds on Tuesday, April 29th. This will be an **OFF SITE** meeting for Golden Rotary.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE YEAR 2015?

President **Colleen Jorgensen** has just received a letter from District 5450 DG **Dave Beall** asking for input from the Golden club on an inquiry from Rotary International that is likely to be on interest to all Rotarians.

RI is in the process of selecting a city to host the International Convention in the year 2015. Some 15 cities in the U.S. and several in Latin America are under consideration. Denver is one of those cities. Dave has asked that all the clubs in District 5450 give consideration to the idea of being hosts for this convention.

While the year 2015 sounds like it is a long way away, the host city is usually given five to six years of lead time to organize and implement the convention. When we think about the time and effort involved in organizing a district conference that will have around 500 attendees, the issues involved in hosting some 15,000 to 25,000 people from all over the world are multiplied many times over.

Dave's letter asks three questions on which he would like input in the next week or so.

1. The benefits of hosting a convention are many. Obviously there would be a significant economic impact for the metro area. Rotary Should get some very favorable publicity locally. District 5450 should also get some very favorable publicity throughout the Rotary world. **How valuable do you feel it would be to host this convention?**
2. It is estimated that a district hosting an RI Convention will need to raise as much as \$ 1.0 to 2.0 million to cover some of the costs of the convention. **How likely is it that members of your club would support a district assessment of \$ 300 per member to raise funds (to be paid over perhaps three years).**
3. It is estimated that some 1,000 to 1,200 Rotary volunteers will be needed to staff all the various functions of the convention (such as House of Friendship, sergeants-at-arms, registration, transportation and the like). On average this would require one third of your members to work for at least a week during the convention. **How likely is it that your club would provide this kind of support?**

President Colleen would like to be able to respond within the next week to these questions. If you haven't already given her some response to this inquiry which was distributed at the February 26th meeting, and you'd like to have some input, contact Colleen right away with your comments.

CATCH THE MOUNTAINEERING CENTER

Russ Sindt has made arrangements for Golden Rotary to hold our regular meeting on **Tuesday, March 18th** at the American Mountaineering Center. This **OFF SITE** meeting will begin at the regular time of 7:15 am.

The Center is located at the corner of Washington Street and 10th Street, at 710 – 10th Street, in Golden, across the corner from the Golden Visitors Center. Parking is located in the lot just north of the building and east of Washington St. You will enter the building through the entrance on the north side of the building, located toward the east end of the building and go to conference rooms A & B, near the climbing wall.

After our breakfast, catered by Biscuits and Berries, we will have a short meeting. **Bill Calmette** of the Center will give us an orientation about the Center and the newly open American Mountaineering Museum. The facility has been substantially up graded and renovated since it served as Golden Junior High School, most recently in the late 1980s. We will then have the opportunity to tour the building and the museum.

Be sure to get this event on your calendar and be there.

SIGN UP FOR THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOW

As reported in recent issues of the Nuggets the 2008 District 5450 Annual Conference will take place at the Vail Marriott Resort & Spa in Vail, Colorado, from **Friday, April 25 thru Sunday, April 27, 2008.**

The Conference will emphasize the Rotary theme for the year, "Rotary Shares", and will include inspirational plenary sessions, exciting entertainment, a focus on Rotary youth and the traditional Rotary fellowship, all in a beautiful setting.

If you are planning on attending this gala event, you should plan to make arrangements in the near future.

The information on the conference website describes all the details you will need to complete your conference registration and to make hotel reservations at the Marriott. Information on both of these is found on the District 5450 website at www.rotary5450.org where you can click on the District Conference and be treated to a plethora of goodies about the conference.

Even though you can sign up until just before the conference begins, it is suggested that you complete your hotel reservations as quickly as possible to insure that you get space at the discounted rate offered to conference attendees. These special rates, of \$ 109 per night, are available until April 17th. The best value for the conference registration is to register for the entire conference and to also do so before April 17th.

Lodging Reservations – To sign up for lodging at the Vail Marriott, call the hotel at 1 (800) 648-0720. Be sure to identify yourself as a participant in the Rotary District 5450 Annual Conference. This will provide the special rate of \$ 109 per night, including parking. Make your reservations no later than April 17th to receive this special rate.

Conference Registration - Register for the conference itself by going to the District 5450 Internet web site at www.rotary5450.org and clicking on the District Conference link. If you need further conference registration information, contact **Gary Frisch** (303) 759-2796.

We trust Golden Rotary will have a sizeable contingent in attendance.

Special Note - As an added inducement keep in mind that Prez Colleen will be hosting an open house for Rotarians in her suite at the Marriott on both Friday and Saturday evenings during the conference.

GOLF TOURNAMENT PLANNING REPORTED

Jaime Sheridan, chairman of the Golden Rotary golf tournament, reminded us at the meeting on February 26th that it is time for, what else, golf.

As most Golden Rotarians know, the *Golden Rotary 7th Annual International Classic* is

scheduled for **Friday, June 6, 2008** at Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden.

As Jaime reported, his energetic planning team is hard at work on the project. He encouraged all members of the club to be actively involved in helping to prepare for and to 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 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.

Jaime and his team members handed out solicitation packages to all the attending Rotarians. The package included promotional brochures on the event, sign up sheets for golfers and sponsors and information sheets for the silent auction items.

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!!

NEWS ITEMS

IT'S CANNED SOUP MONTH – We'll continue to provide Christian Action Guild with our food contributions in March. For March we'll shift to canned soups so put those on your shopping lists.

4 WAY TEST PROGRAM SATURDAY – The 4 Way Test program described by **Judy Orr** in the February 19th issue of the Nuggets will take place this coming Saturday, March 8th. Golden Rotarians will join other District 5450 Rotarians at Grandview High School from 8:30

am to about 2:00 pm to assist in the Ninth Annual Youth/Adult Summit sponsored by the Cherry Creek School District. The program involves helping middle and high school students apply the 4 Way Test in the development of an ethical approach to decision making.

If you'd like to participate and have not yet signed up, you can reach Judy at (303) 526-2156 to discuss the program and determine if help is still needed.

DINNER THEATRE EVENT SET – Club Service Chair and program organizer extraordinaire **Les Jones** has announced that Golden Rotarians will have an opportunity to attend a gala dinner theatre event. This event is set for **Saturday, April 5th**, beginning at 6:00 pm. We will meet at Table Mountain Inn in Golden for a sumptuous dinner, to be followed by a theatre production of the romantic comedy "Beau Jest" across the street at the Miner's Alley Playhouse. More of the details will be forthcoming shortly. Look for the sign up sheets at today's meeting and get this event on your calendar now.

VISION HEALTH PROGRAM LAUNCHED - **Paul O'Rourke** reports that, even without a formal announcement in the Golden Nuggets, the Vision Health International (VHI) "Eyeglass Box" at Golden Rotary's recent meeting was just about full after last Tuesday's meeting. A good many of the results were thanks to **Judy Orr**, **Floyd Sasa**, and **Steve Gragg**. It also appears that there must have been a number of unobserved donors who chose not to take credit for their contribution. The VHI "Eyeglass Box" will occupy a spot on the entry table at upcoming club meetings. Paul passes along his sincere thanks for the recent donations.

BUSINESS ETHICS EVENT SCHEDULED – **Bob Short** has reported that the Golden Ethics in Business Luncheon and awards program will be held on Friday, May 23, 2008. The Third Annual event will be held at the Denver West Marriott Hotel in Golden. The keynote speaker will be **James Owens**, author of the Cowboy Ethics book that has been featured in previous events. More details on the event will be forthcoming shortly.

RED ROCKS FUND RAISER IN APRIL – The annual fund raising event to support the Swede Johnson Fund at Red Rocks CC will be a

bit later this year than in previous years. The event, in conjunction with The 240 Union Restaurant, will be held on a date in April, rather than in early February as it was last year. Watch the Nuggets for an announcement on the event.

JULIET VISITS GOLDEN ROTARY - We were privileged to have one of the star crossed lovers from the Shakespearean drama Romeo and Juliet visit with us on February 26th. Actually she is **Rachel Hoovler**, a senior at Golden High School, our student of the month for February. Rachel, and her parents **Michele** and **Matthew Hoovler**, attended our meeting where Rachel received recognition for her achievements during the past four years at GHS.

Rachel will graduate in May. She currently has a 4.04 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society, to mention just one of many awards and activities in which she is involved. We assume that she does have some free time on occasion, though it's hard to envision such when you review the list of school activities, scholastic work, and volunteer assignments in which she is involved.

Rachel is currently performing in the GHS theatre production and you can catch her performance at GHS this coming weekend.

Congratulations to Rachel.

SHELTERBOX STATUS – **Les Jones** reports that he has received a number of responses to his question about how Golden Rotary should help with the ShelterBox program. You will recall that the program was described by our visitors, **Ian** and **Jo Munday**, from Helston-Lizard Rotary Club in England at our meeting on February 12th. Catch Les at upcoming meetings to give him your thoughts.

OOPS – The Nuggets goofed in the most recent issue of February 19th. The story on the 4 Way Test Program with Cherry Creek School District includes a reference to **Judy Orr's** cell phone which proved to be incorrect. It should have read (303) 870-6574. Judy also advises that the best contact is her landline at (303) 526-2156.

BOB REEDER'S ADDRESS – Former Golden Rotarian **Bob Reeder** advises that he is located in Ft. Collins where he has been living recently to be near his wife, Marilyn, who is being cared for there. Bob can be reached at 6515

Constellation Drive, Apt. B, Ft. Collins, CO 80525.

HOSTS FOR ANITA CONFIRMED – Don Hogue of the Intl Service Committee indicates that a host family for our high school exchange student, **Anita Slana**, has been confirmed. Stepping up to the plate for the last three months or so of the academic year, through June, is **Mo Lukens** and her family. Anita attends Golden High School and that fact that the Lukens live not far from there is a big help. Thanks to Mo and Luke for their commitment to make this such a successful program.

FLOWER POWER A SUCCESS - As in the past, on Sunday, February 24th, Golden Rotarians gathered to collect innumerable flowers and plants left at the conclusion of the Annual Home and Garden Show at the Convention Center in Denver. A substantial number of District 5450 Rotarians met at the Center at about 6:00 pm. to launch into the project of gathering the plants for distribution to senior centers and nursing homes. **Tom Hughes** and his crack team of flower gatherers polished off the Sunday part of the job in less than two hours. The Sunday team included **Tom & Linda Hughes, Steve Jensen** and **Lori Guziak** and their son **Brady** and **George Mitchell**. On Monday morning **Jim Smith** swung into action with his real estate truck arrived near the crack of dawn at Coors Field and picked up the 200 plants ordered by Golden Rotary. By 8:30 am the entire order had been distributed to Canyon Gate Apartments and the Golden Pond Home in Golden. The Monday morning team included **Jim, Tom & Linda Hughes, Mo Lukens** and **George Mitchell**. Thanks to all who participated.

SANDY GOT HELP – Sandy Algermissen, Anita's current host, reported that Rotarians stepped up, just as she had expected, and helped out in providing accommodation for Anita during Sandy's recent absence. Thanks to all who helped out.

WEBSITE ADDRESSES –
Golden Club – www.goldenrotaryclub.org
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