



GOLDEN NUGGETS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, November 20 – Kathy Hartman, Jefferson County Commissioner (and a former Golden Rotarian) will talk with us about developments in Jefferson County and plans for the future of our county government.

November 27 – Club Assembly.

December 4 – TBA

December 6 – Gov. Bill Ritter will speak to District 5450 Rotarians at the second annual **Governor's State of the State Report** to Rotary. The event will be held at the Marriott Tech Center Hotel on Thursday, December 6th, beginning at 11:45 am. See the story in this issue for the details.

December 11 – **DARK DAY**, pending the gala Christmas party on December 13th.

December 13 - 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.

December 13 – The Golden Rotary Christmas Party will be held at 6:00 pm at the Guaranty Bank in Golden. See the story in this issue of the Nuggets for the details.

December 18 – The gala Golden Rotary gift exchange program will enliven our meeting. Get your gifts for other members of the club on your shopping list right now.

December 25 – **DARK DAY** because it's Christmas Day. Enjoy being with your family.

January 1 – **DARK DAY** because it's New Years Day, and the bowl games start at about 6:00 am.

January 8 – We kick off the 2008 program season with a program to be announced.

Planning further into the future finds several events worthy of your calendar. These include the **Quad District President's Dinner/Seminar**, February 1 and 2, 2008. RI President Wilf Wilkinson will be our featured speaker for the event. The annual **Ski Train** outing for Golden

Rotarians is scheduled for Sunday, February 24, 2008.

CLUB ELECTION SCHEDULED

Our long time secretary, **Larry Fike**, has issued, with this article, a notice that Golden Rotary Club will have an annual meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at the regular Tuesday morning meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect a President and a Secretary for the Club for the 2008-2009 Rotary year. Nominees for these positions are **Judy Orr** for President and **Larry Fike** for Secretary.

Members may also nominate other candidates for these two offices should they wish to do so at the meeting on December 4th.

The election of these two officers takes place at this time because Rotary International needs to have the information to incorporate it into RI publications that will be current for the 2008-09 Rotary year and which will be distributed in the spring of 2008. The balance of the officers and board members for Golden Rotary for the 2008-09 Rotary year will be elected at a later date in the spring of 2008.

This Board will take office at the annual banquet which normally takes place in June or July. The Board will serve for the 2008-2009 Rotary year, beginning July 1, 2008.

GOV. RITTER REPORTS ON DECEMBER 6TH

Golden Rotarians and all the Rotarians in District 5450 have the opportunity to hear **Governor Bill Ritter** give a State of the State address to Rotary. The event will be held at a special District-wide luncheon on **Thursday, December 6, 2007**.

Governor Ritter will report on the progress his administration has made thus far in its agenda for Colorado since taking office early this year. As many Rotarians know, the Governor is an Honorary Rotarian through his association with the Rotary Club of Denver. The Governor's remarks should be very informative. He will also provide a Q and A period so everyone will understand his goals for our state.

DG Dave Beall would like to have a large turnout for the Governor. To accommodate this, Golden Rotary has arranged that Rotarians attending will receive attendance credit. DG Dave has pointed out that this luncheon would also be a great opportunity to introduce prospective members to Rotary. Rotary will be showcased in a special way by the Governor in this program.

The event will be held at the **Marriott Tech Center Hotel**, located at 4900 South Syracuse Street, in the Denver Tech Center. To reach this location, take I-25 south to the Bellevue exit, and turn left heading east under the highway. Take the first left off Bellevue onto South Syracuse and go north about two blocks to the hotel which is on your left.

Registration will begin at 11:15 am. Please plan to arrive no later than 11:45 a.m. because we must finish lunch at 12:30 p.m. The Governor will speak from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. and then answer questions from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Rotary Club of Denver Southeast has agreed to act as the "bank" and to handle the registration and the logistics for this event. Questions on the program can be directed to **Steve Werner** of Denver Southeast at stevewerner0932@msn.com or (303) 809-8986.

Special Note – Registrations can only be made through Golden Rotary. Make sure you are signed up on the list that will be available at our meeting today and on November 27th. This list, together with a single check will have to be submitted to Denver Southeast Rotary by no later than November 30th. There won't be any refunds and there won't be any way to add last minute attendees.

Don't miss this outstanding opportunity to hear from the governor and to learn how Rotarians can participate in the further development of Colorado.

COLORADO SHARES PROJECT LAUNCHES

The Colorado Shares project, which provides low-income families in the Golden area with additional food items during the Christmas season, is currently being launched. A signup sheet will be circulated today and in coming meetings to provide Golden Rotarians the opportunity to participate in the several phases of the project.

This Community Service Committee project, headed up by **Mo Lukens**, involves the purchase of food items from the Colorado Shares organization and then packaging and re-distributing these packages through various local agencies. The food items are provided at low cost by grocery companies in the area.

A number of charitable organizations are involved in the project. Golden Rotary Club distributes its contributions through both the Christian Action Guild and the Canyon Gate Apartments.

Golden Rotary Club will purchase a number of shares, using funds from the Community Service budget. In the 2006 Christmas season the club purchased 181 shares. In addition, a number of individual Rotarians have typically added a number of shares as their own personal contributions to the total. In 2006 that total was 81 shares. The combined number of 262 shares was one of the largest totals in the history of Golden Rotary's involvement in the program. In past years the purchase price of the packages has been about \$ 25 each.

While arrangements are now being made, it is expected that the packaging and distribution portion of the project will take place on **Saturday, December 15, 2007, beginning at about 10:00 am.** **Bob Arnold** is discussing the details of the project with the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center (DDRC), to make both their truck transportation and their warehouse facility available to us for this project. It is expected that the DDRC truck will pick up the food pallets and deliver them to the distribution facility where Rotarians will gather to package the food items for distribution.

The Nuggets will advise as soon as the arrangements are finalized.

If you haven't already planned to participate, schedule your time to be able to do so. In the past several members have brought other family members to participate in what is always a fun project.

The DDRC facility that has been used in the past for the project is located at 140 South Union Blvd. in Lakewood. This location is on the east side of Union Blvd, about 3 blocks north of the Alameda Avenue intersection. The project will take about 1 ½ to 2 hours to complete. Light trucks are needed for distribution of the packages from the DDRC facility to the various agencies, so bring such a vehicle if you can do so. With the expected substantial number of shares being involved this year we will need as many vehicles as possible.

If you'd like more information about the project and the charities through which Golden Rotary participates, contact Mo at mosportraits@hotmail.com or call her at home at (303) 215-1371.

See you there !!

DENISON APPLIES FOR MEMBERSHIP

President **Colleen Jorgensen** has reported that Golden Rotary Club has recently received an application for membership from another prospective member. The Board of Directors approved this application, pending the publication of this information in the Golden Nuggets newsletter and an email notice to all members. Colleen has asked that any comments members may have on the application should be submitted to her not later than November 26th.

Information on this applicant is as follows.

Judith S. Denison is active in a number of Golden community activities. Judy lives near downtown Golden and has been a resident of Golden for a number of years. She currently prepares and distributes the Golden Newsletter which is billed as providing environmental and cultural news of Golden. The newsletter, published each Sunday evening, provides a plethora of information on activities and issues in the Golden community. She was a co-founder of the Save the Mesas community group that was instrumental in discouraging the commercial

development of the North and South Table Mesas. Judy was also the founder of the Golden Community Choirs and is a board member and a performer with the groups. In addition, she is active in the Belize education project.

Judy attended several meetings of the club and now qualifies. She is sponsored by **Jim Smith**.

CHRISTMAS PARTY SET FOR DECEMBER 13TH -

If you haven't already got it on your schedule don't forget that the famous and legendary Golden Rotary Christmas Party is scheduled for **Thursday evening, December 13, 2007** at Guaranty Bank in Golden. Hors d'oeuvres begin at 6:00 p.m. Note that the event is on Thursday evening, not Wednesday as was the case last year.

If you haven't yet signed up for this gala event plan to do so today at our regular meeting. Or if you have questions on the event, contact our Social Chairman and meeting impresario, **Les Jones** (home phone 720-341-2695) for further enlightenment.

We will have the traditional Christmas ornament exchange, with the proceeds going to support the Christian Action Guild. Don't forget to bring your ornament contribution that will be made available to the highest bidder. Please note that, as in prior years, ornamental frogs are most welcome.

It is expected that the food for the event will be catered so that Rotarians are probably not going to be asked to bring a food contribution. As the Nuggets goes to press the final details for funding the event are being worked out. The Nuggets will advise on arrangements as soon as they are completed.

We will have a new site arrangement for the event this year, which is different from most years past. In recent years members have hosted the event in their homes, such as **Karen and Larry Fike** having graciously hosted the 2006 and prior to that we've enjoyed the hospitality of **Eileen and Tom Schurmann**. It seems, however, that the group has grown so large as to make such arrangements a bit difficult to bring off. For that reason Eileen has kindly offered the

lobby of her banking facility in Golden as the site for this year's event.

The Guaranty Bank & Trust facility is a very nicely appointed building. It has a spacious lobby and banking floor that has hosted similar events in the recent past. Eileen did want to emphasize, however, that her organization will not be handing out free samples of their product during the event. There is something about a prohibition by the Comptroller of the Currency.

Guaranty Bank is located at 16800 West Colfax Avenue in Golden. The location is immediately across the street from the Golden store for Home Depot and overlooks the intersection of 6th Avenue and Colfax Avenue. Many members will know it from the times that we've been the recipients of Eileen's hospitality for Board meetings and similar gatherings. The Nuggets will include a more detailed description of access to the site in the next issue of the newsletter.

As Tom Bodett always said: "We'll keep the lights on for you." See you there !!

NEWS ITEMS

IT'S STILL MACARONI AND CHEESE MONTH – Community Service Chair **Mo Lukens** reminds us that November is macaroni and cheese month for our Tuesday morning contributions to Christian Action Guild.

For December we will switch to canned beans of whatever type strikes your fancy. So stock up with them now to begin at our meeting on December 4th.

PIG ROAST RESULTS COMING SOON – The gala event on November 10th resulted in so many pigs and coin of the realm, not to mention a good deal of folding money, that Betsy Thorpe and the crew at Guaranty Bank are still working on finalizing the results. The Nuggets will report on the outcome as soon as the count is complete.

SKI TRAIN ANNOUNCED – Our Ski Train honcho, **Larry Hall**, has advised that Golden Rotary has a car reserved for our annual ski outing to Winter Park. The event will take place on Sunday, February 24, 2008. Get it on your calendar now so you won't miss out.

YES VIRGINIA there is a black marble in that sock. There had been some question on that

momentous issue. However, the truth was revealed on November 13th when **Colleen Jorgensen** extracted the aforementioned marble from the sock, having just won the Socko raffle. Treasurer **Pat Madison** is still in the process of counting the substantial kitty that had accumulated over the past weeks, or was it months. We'll have the final tally shortly and the Nuggets will report on the outcome.

WILF TO VISIT – We've just learned that RI President, **Wilf Wilkinson**, of Canada will visit Colorado for the President's Dinner and Rotary Foundation Seminar program. These annual events will take place on Friday and Saturday, February 1 & 2, 2008. More details on the events will be published in upcoming issues of the Nuggets.

FOUR WAY TEST PROGRAM

UNDERWAY – The program, which has been conducted by Golden Rotarians at Bell Middle School in Golden for the past four years, was kicked off on November 7th.

The program, which involves a group of students known as the Bell Ambassadors, introduces students to the Rotary Four Way Test and gives them some practical, hands on experience in handling real life issues, a number of which were brought up by students in previous sessions.

The program drew a good deal of support from Golden Rotarians. The program was lead by **Bob Arnold** and included **John Henry, Warren Spaulding, Steve Jensen, Judy Orr** and **Zonia Bowers** as facilitators for the four groups of five students each. Susan Bergkamp is the Bell faculty member who helped organize and facilitate the program.

The program has drawn attention from other clubs in District 5450 as well as other Denver area school districts. For that reason we also had observers from other clubs and schools. These included **PDG Frank Sargent and Sherry Sargent**, as well as **Larry Matten**, all from Englewood Rotary. **Wendy DeBall** and **Brenda Holben** from the Cherry Creek School District also sat in on the program to see how Golden Rotary had organized and conducted the event.

HOSTS ARE SIGNED UP FOR TABLES OF EIGHT – ARE YOU? - 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 attend dinner at 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.

LAST CHANCE FOR FLORIDA CITRUS – Our neighbor **Barb Lutz** visited recently to remind us of the excellent opportunity we have to acquire some excellent Florida citrus fruit and support the programs of Boulder Flatirons Rotary, both at the same time. Barb left a number of order forms for Florida oranges and grapefruit which you need to return to her not later than today, November 20th for delivery on December 1st or 2nd. If you need more information contact Barb at blutz@landam.com or (303) 278-3484.

UP TO DATE ON GOLDEN? – If you aren't or would like to know more about things to do this week (or any week) in Golden, go to www.onlinegolden.com and you'll get it all. This new service has been developed and is supported by our very own webmaster, **Barb Warden**. The website has a plethora of information on Golden and the various activities, programs and events going on around our fair city.

You can also obtain information on another facet of Golden community information in the Golden Newsletter. The newsletter, which covers environmental and cultural information, is assembled and published by prospective new member, **Judy Denison**. Judy publishes the item weekly and you can get on her email distribution list by going to her email address at judy_d@prodigy.net and requesting to be included. Try in out.

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

Habitat Chair	Jim Smith
Editarian	George Mitchell
Membership	Heather Duncan
Sgt. at Arms	Kevin Nichols
Interact Liaison	Frank Darrow
PR/Internet Liaison	Barb Warden

Ex Officio

Past President	Bob Short
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DISTRICT 5450 GOVERNOR

Dave Beall	2007-2008
Steve Cantrell	2008-2009

RI PRESIDENT

Wilf Wilkinson	Canada
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