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The President's Corner

By President James Maxon



James Maxon

There is something special about Westminster. Maybe it's the beautiful views of the Rocky Mountains, our parks and trails, or simply the people who call this community home. Whatever the reason, Westminster is a pretty great place to live, work, and serve.

Last weekend's Westy Fest was a terrific reminder of that. A record-breaking **42,000 people** attended this year's celebration! That's a remarkable turnout and a wonderful example of the pride people take in our community. Seeing so many neighbors come together reminds us that a city is more than streets, buildings, and boundaries. It's the people who make it special.

A special thank-you to **Judge Moss and Gary Cooper** for staffing our Westminster Rotary tent at Westy Fest. They gave their time to represent our club, visit with community members, and show what Rotary is all about. I appreciate their willingness to step up. Also a big thank-you to Scott and Mark C. for wrangling the tent and supplies after Westy Fest closed. Well done, Rotarians.

On a personal note, I'm also grateful to be back to 40-hour workweeks after working 50-hour weeks since May. I never thought I'd describe a 40-hour week as a vacation, but here we are! Having a little more free time makes me appreciate the community around us even more.

Every community has its own personality, and

Westminster certainly has one worth celebrating. We have neighbors who look out for each other, organizations doing good work, and volunteers who quietly show up when there's something to be done. Of course, like every city, we have challenges. What matters is how we respond to them.

That's where Rotary comes in.

I've said before that I'd love to see our club continue deepening its connection to Westminster. Our international service remains important, but we also have opportunities to make a difference right here at home. We don't always need to travel far to create meaningful change. Besides, with airfare prices these days, serving locally might be the most budget-friendly idea I've had all year!

Our theme, "**Create a Lasting Impact**," isn't just a slogan. It's an invitation to look around, notice what our neighbors need, and put our talents to work. We don't have to solve every problem. We just have to care enough to do something.

So here's my challenge this week: Think about what you love most about Westminster. Then think of one way our Rotary Club could make it even better. I'd genuinely like to hear your ideas.

And there's plenty of room for everyone to contribute.

This is our community and our Rotary Club. Together, we can leave Westminster a little better than we found it.

Service Above Self.



Ed Moss, our Rotarian of the Week



Take a moment this morning to greet the Honorable Ed Moss, retired, as this week's Rotarian of the Week. Ed joined the 7:10 Club in 2002 and after a short absence, rejoined the club and is currently the Chair of the Foundation Request Committee.

Ed was born in Pittsburgh, PA. He earned his BA from UC, Santa Barbara, then went on to Georgetown Law Center. He later earned his JD degree from Southwestern University.

Ed is married to Karen and they have five children. He was recognized as a Volunteer Lawyer of the Year in the Denver Metro area.

Ed belongs to the Colorado Bar Association, and the Colorado Bar Association State Ethics Committee, among others. He has been involved with the Boy Scouts, National Repertory Theater and Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, CA. His interests are skiing, running, reading, Civil War and American History, as well as telling fascinating jokes once in a while.

Some of his favorites are the Rockies, Tom Hanks, Sandy Koufax, but is not sure who his favorite politician is. His greatest accomplishment was being elected to the Westminster City Council and as Mayor. Thank you, Ed, for being a Westy Rotarian in our Family of Rotary.



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Breakfast

(Buffet service - Oct.28)

French Toast/Syrup

Scrambled Eggs

Breakfast Potatoes

SAUSAGE

along with:

Fresh Fruit

Assorted Danish

Plus: juice, coffee, and tea

Menus are subject to change at the whim of our masterful Chef.

Weekly Statistics

(from last meeting)

Total Club Members	64
Breakfast Members	28
Basic Members	22
Corporate	8
Rotary Alumni	6
Paul Harris Fellows	25
Michael Hayes Fellows	29
On Site / Zoom Attend.	28/4
% Attendance	54.2%
Make ups	0
Speaker Meals/Guests	1/5
Sergeant's Fines:	\$62.00
(Mark C. -\$18)	
Polio Donations	\$1,272
Member website Logins this month	10 (16.4%)



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM...

The Ghosts of Westminster

Presented by Linda Graybeal

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Rotary

October 2026

...is Economic and Community Development Month (as noted on the [RI website](#))

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES	HYBRID Club Meeting 7:10 am Wednesday at Cottonwood Lodge			1	2 Brian Hall, Pat Wall Ezequiel Vasquez	3
4	5	6	7	8 Lori Goldstein Ryan McCoy	9	10 Heidi Wilhelm
11	12	13	14	15 Frank DeAngelis	16 Club Board Meeting 7:00 am Via Zoom	17
WAY PAST TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES	19	20	21	22 James Maxon	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Steve Stahl	31

Advanced Notices

See Rotary5450.com for many functions and programs going on in our district.

November 14--**Next Foundation Board meeting**. Yes, it's been moved up due to member schedules. Please make a note of it now.



Are you wearing your Rotary pin every day?

ANOTHER THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind,
and the ones that mind don't matter.

Credit: John Irons, Jr.

"Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all!"

SAM EWING — Contributed by Mark Harris

A Guest Editorial- With A Look Back

by President James Maxon



I'm Proud to Be a Rotarian: A Reflection on Over Half a Lifetime of Service

As I reflect on my years as a Rotarian more than half my life, I'm reminded why my commitment to this organization has endured. Is it the guiding principle of "Service Above Self," the wisdom of the Four-Way Test, or the joy of gathering with fellow members each week? The truth is, it's all of these.

My family's involvement in Rotary dates back to the 1940s with my grandfather, James Maxon I. My father, James Maxon Jr., and my uncles, Earl and Jack, were lifelong Rotarians, each serving as club president. My dad and Uncle Jack also dedicated years to directing Camp RYLA in different districts. I'm proud to continue this family tradition.

Rotary values became part of my life early on, starting with my participation in Camp RYLA at 16. Since then, I've seen firsthand how our Westminster Rotary Club impacts the community. It's not just about the projects we take on but the lives we touch and the hope we bring to others.

Yet, what truly keeps me engaged in Rotary is the fellowship. My fellow Rotarians are more than colleagues, they are family. Together, we've laughed, supported one another, and shared moments of sorrow. The only meetings I've ever left without a smile were those when we mourned the loss or illness of a beloved member.



Tom, James, and Brian help load bins for Project CURE

maraderie and shared purpose of Rotary have shaped me. Each service project, weekly meeting, and moment spent with this incredible group has helped me grow—not just as a Rotarian, but as a person. One of my proudest moments was founding a new Rotary Club in 2007, a testament to Rotary's power to create lasting change.

For me, Rotary is more than an organization, it's a journey of service, fellowship, and personal growth. And for that, I am truly grateful to be part of the Westminster Rotary Club.



Why I'm A Rotarian

TO LOVE IS to devote oneself to serving or simply to serve. Love is worth nothing if we are not able to be useful to someone.

Indeed, for us Rotarians, LOVE and SERVICE are the two key words of our organization. The greatness of Rotary lies in the way it brings people closer and creates friendship among them. Rotary is both a factory that manufactures friendship and a service center which maintains and strengthens existing friendships and extends mutual understanding.

Our true role is to serve, and to promote ethical values. Without such values we are not worthy of respect, and the world is not a worthy place in which to spend one's life.

 Michel O. Alexandre (Pediatrics). Director, Rotary International, 1968-70. Member of the Rotary Club of Rouen, France

What Paul Harris Wrote



"ROTARY INTERNATIONAL HAS been extremely fortunate in its selection of presidents. It would be impossible for the writer to over-express his appreciation to the movement; it would be impossible for him to over-estimate their loyalty, their devotion, the sacrificial spirit which they have so frequently made manifest.

He wishes that it might be permitted for him to write the stories of the various administrations, but to do so would be to write the history of the movement and would require several volumes.

The writer has no doubt that it will be accomplished in the course of time."

 Paul P. Harris, "This Rotarian Age" 1935

The Rotary Foundation Giving Program 2026-27

As of 10/10/2026

Club Name	Number of Members	Annual Fund Goal	Annual Fund Giving	Goal % Annual	A.F. per Member	Polio Fund Goal	Polio Fund Giving (Act.)	Total Rotary Foundation Giving
Westminster	58/60 (goal)	\$6,500	\$4,030	62.0%	\$69	\$5,000	\$1,272	\$5,302

More Fun Stuff

Thanks to Brian Hall, Bill Fine and John Irons



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NEED A MAKEUP?

Do you need to make up a meeting? Take a moment to visit our web site:
www.WestminsterRotary.com. There you will find links to District 5450 and to Rotary.org as well as to the E-club One website.

The Four Way Test

Of the things we
think, say, and do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The Westy Vision

The Westminster Rotary Club is a vibrant group of Coloradans who join for Breakfast, enjoy lively Banter, and provide meaningful Service to communities throughout the world.