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The President's Corner

By President James Maxon



James Maxon

As Veterans Day approaches, I find myself reflecting on my time in the United States Air Force and the people who helped shape my understanding of service.

As a young Air Force firefighter stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, I had responsibilities that required me to grow up quickly. We provided aircraft rescue and firefighting services for both the base and Albuquerque International Airport. When the crash phone rang, people depended on us to be ready.

The military brings together people from different backgrounds, communities, and walks of life. You learn to work toward a shared mission. You learn that your actions affect others. And you learn that being dependable matters, especially when someone else is counting on you.

Those lessons stayed with me throughout my fire service career. They also help explain why Rotary means so much to me.

Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," reflects a commitment familiar to many veterans: contributing to something larger than yourself. Military service and Rotary offer different ways to fulfill that commitment, but both ask us to consider what we can give to others.

In the Air Force, we depended on one another to accomplish the mission. I see that same spirit when Rotarians come together to support students, serve neighbors, or tackle a community need. Each person brings different abilities, but our success depends on showing up, doing our part, and putting the shared purpose ahead of individual recognition.

For many veterans, service continues long after they take off the uniform. It shows up in volunteer work, mentoring young people, helping neighbors, leading community organizations, and quietly stepping forward when something needs to be done. Many bring that same dedication to Rotary clubs across the country.

Veterans Day gives us an opportunity to recognize everyone who has served in our armed forces. Their experiences vary widely, and we should make room for all of their stories. Sometimes the most meaningful thank-you begins with taking the time to listen.

This week, I encourage each of us to reach out to a veteran. Ask about their service. Invite them to join us at a Rotary meeting. Learn about the skills, experiences, and ideas they could bring to our club and our community.

To the veterans in our Westminster Rotary family and throughout our community: thank you for your service and for the many ways you continue to give.

My Air Force years helped teach me the value of serving others. Rotary gives me another place to put those lessons into practice.

Together, we can continue to **Create a Lasting Impact.**

Kristian Reynolds, our Rotarian of the Week



Take a minute this morning to greet Kristian. Kristian has a unique story about how and why he joined Rotary. You might just ask him about that.

Kristian was born in Denver. After graduating from high school he earned an AA degree in business. His interests are helping others and gem hunting as well as Mixed Martial Arts. He has even started a non-profit foundation called GoSaveALifeDonate.com. Here Kristian looks for organ matches for those needing a kidney.

Kristian is a dad to Freyja and enjoys this awesome responsibility. She has even attended our Rotary meetings. Kristian is also the proud owner of his own construction company, Freyja Construction (check the ad on page 4).

Some favorites of Kristian are the Broncos, the movie Indiana Jones, actress Julia Roberts, and actor, Will Smith.

Kristian's favorites include the restaurant KAVA and the F-150 pickup truck. He's passionate about helping others and lives by the motto: "Take a deep breath and come from a place of authenticity." Kristian is very active in the club. He served as a board member, volunteered at the Roast, and currently helps with setting up and taking down the A/V equipment.

Thank you, Kristian, for your membership and the work you do for Rotary.

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Future Programs

NOVEMBER

18 Rotary Int'l Foundation
By Mike Klingbiel

25 No Club Meeting We're Dark!

26 Happy Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER

2 TIP
By Dr. Chris Hovendon

Breakfast

(Buffet service - Nov. 11)
Pancakes/Syrup
Scrambled Eggs
Breakfast Potatoes
BACON
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	**65**
Breakfast Members	28
Basic Members	23
Corporate	8
Rotary Alumni	6
Paul Harris Fellows	25
Michael Hayes Fellows	29
On Site / Zoom Attend.	35/4
% Attendance	89.7%
Make ups	0
Speaker Meals/Guests	1/0
Sergeant's Fines: (Ryan -$14.00)	$56.00
Polio Donations	$1,272
Member website Logins this month	10 (16.4%)

*Ineluctable: incapable of being evaded; inescapable

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM…

The Sameness Trap

Presented by Forrest Dombrow

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November 2026

…is The Rotary Foundation Month (as noted on the RI website)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 HYBRID Club Meeting 7:10 am Wednesday at Cottonwood Lodge	3	4	5	6	7
8  TIME TO PAY YOUR RO-TARY DUES	9	10	11  Justin Adcock	12  Mark Clark	13 Foundation Board Meeting 7:00 am on Zoom	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Club Board Meeting 7:00 am Via Zoom	20
22  Warren Blair	23	24	25 NO MORNING MEETING. WE'RE DARK. HAPPY THANKSGIVING	26 	27	28
29  WAY PAST TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES	30	Dec. 1	2	3	4	5

Advanced Notices

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

November 13-- 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

Before my surgery, the anesthesiologist offered to knock me out with gas or a boat paddle… it was an ether/oar situation.

Thanks to Tom Donaldson

"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*

Westminster Rotary Partners with St. Anthony North for Baby Shower

A spirit of generosity filled the former St. Anthony North Hospital facility at Federal and 84th Avenue on Saturday, November 7, as St. Anthony North Health Foundation and the Westminster Rotary Club partnered to host a special baby shower for local expectant mothers and families facing financial hardships.



The event provided essential supplies to help families prepare for the arrival of their newborns. Westminster Rotary supported the shower financially, and the Westminster Rotary Club Foundation also donated funds to St. Anthony North's Women & Newborn Program to purchase newborn car seats.



Numerous community partners joined the effort. Local nonprofits A Precious Child and Growing Home provided resources and family support, while FH Construction and its trade partners—Apollo Mechanical, Engineered Demolition, Inc., and Sturgeon Electric—contributed donations and assistance.

St. Anthony North's Labor and Delivery, along with the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit staff, distributed diapers and wipes donated by hospital employees and answered questions about newborn care. Primary Care Clinic staff also offered support, while Occupational Health nurses provided free flu shots to attendees age six and older.

The Westminster Fire Department participated as well. Firefighter Natalie Goetz, a certified car seat technician, assisted with car seat installation and provided important safety information.



"Events like this are about more than just supplies; they are about showing our community that they are supported, especially the more vulnerable members," said Heidi Wilhelm, Philanthropy Officer with St. Anthony North Health Foundation. OB/GYN physician Tiffany Wilson, MD, added that bringing community resources together helps reduce the stress of welcoming a new baby so parents can focus on their children.



Families received a variety of necessities, including diapers, wipes, pacifiers, blankets, towels, baby wash, lotion, infant clothing, and postpartum care products. Children enjoyed face painting, a balloon artist, and other activities. Lunch, cake, and door prizes added to the celebration. The grand door prize, a baby car seat, was generously donated by Westminster Rotarian Margaret Gutierrez.

The event demonstrated what can happen when healthcare providers, service organizations, nonprofits, and local businesses work together. Beyond providing much-needed supplies, the shower offered families reassurance that their community cares and stands behind them.

A special thank-you goes to the Westminster Rotary team who helped organize the event: Doug Hall, Bill Fine, Rich Seymour, and Tami Nooning, along with Heidi Wilhelm. Appreciation also goes to the day-of volunteers Margaret Gutierrez, Kathe Graves, Marilyn Flachman, and Gary Cooper for helping make this meaningful community project a success.

Article and Pictures by Heidi Wilhelm

Why I'm A Rotarian



I left the first Rotary Club meeting I was invited to excited and a little surprised by the genuine love and support among the club members. I am not from a "small town," and where I come from if you do not look out for yourself … well, nobody else will either.

As I got more involved with the club's activities I realized that Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," is a standard that I want to live my life by, and more importantly how I want my girls to see me live.

I am so proud to be an active member of the Canyon Rotary Club and of all the activities that we participate in. Whether it's packing for Snack Pak 4 Kids or ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, I am so honored to serve alongside all of the tremendous members of the Canyon Rotary Club! Elexa Khan (shown with family), Canyon RC, Canyon, Texas

What Paul Harris Wrote



"Why did Rotary come into being in the year of our Lord 1905? Social movements, like individuals, are subject to the laws of heredity and environment. Rotary inherited the growing spirit of tolerance and the "I WILL" spirit of Chicago, the incorporeal hereditaments of many generations.

No president or officer of Rotary International, no district governor, no club president has failed to leave his imprint, and as the individual member is in turn the product of heredity as well as environment, it is necessary to look far back into history to find the Why of the rise of Rotary in Chicago in 1905."

(from Page 254 "This Rotarian Age" 1935, Paul P. Harris.)

The Rotary Foundation Giving Program 2026-27

As of10/10/2026

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**

Are you wearing your Rotary pin every day?

More Fun Stuff

Thanks to Tom Donaldson

- **Facial recognition software can pick a person out of a crowd but the vending machine at work can't recognize a dollar bill with a bent corner.**
- **I never make the same mistake twice. I do it like, five or six times, you know, to make sure.**
- **Someone just honked to get me out of my parking space faster, so now I just have to sit here until both of us are dead.**
- **The more I get to know people, the more I realize why Noah only let animals on the ark.**

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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.*