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The President's Corner

By President James Maxon



The Power of One Person

As Rotarians, we often measure our impact through money raised or projects completed. But sometimes, our greatest impact comes from simply taking an interest in someone's life.

I know that firsthand.

Everyone who knew me growing up knew I wanted to be a firefighter. I have been talking about it since I was five! Fortunately, some people were willing to encourage that dream.

When I was in seventh grade, Santa Fe Fire Chief Frank DiLuzio befriended me and arranged for me to spend a day with the late Battalion Chief John Candelaria. Later, while I was in high school, Frank allowed me to ride along on fire engines as an observer, which wasn't normal practice at the time. He went out of his way to give a young kid opportunities that helped shape my future. Frank probably never realized how profoundly his interest in a young kid would influence the decades ahead.

Our friendship continued throughout my career. Frank watched me progress from rookie firefighter to Fire Chief and remained my friend and mentor until he died from occupational cancer in 2021. My son Josh and I visited him two weeks before his passing, and I spoke with him again just two days before we lost him. Those moments will always mean a great deal to me.

In 2023, Frank's wife, Janet, contacted me about naming Santa Fe Fire Station #7 in his honor. Several of us wrote letters supporting the proposal. Another group advocated honoring Wendy Wagner, one of Santa Fe's first two female firefighters, who was tragically murdered in 1997. Wendy was a respected colleague who had always been wonderful to me.

Ultimately, the city named the station after Frank and dedicated a bench to Wendy's memory. It was an emotional experience



Pictured: Janet DiLuzio and James Maxon

for everyone involved.

During the dedication, I reflected on Frank's accomplishments. He was a respected, forward-thinking leader, the Santa Fe Fire Department's first paramedic, and instrumental in securing presumptive cancer benefits through the Legislature, protections that will benefit future firefighters.

But to me, one of Frank's greatest accomplishments was much simpler: **He took an interest in a seventh-grade kid.**

That is exactly what Rotary is about. Frank didn't know where my career would lead when he opened those doors. He simply saw a young person with a dream and took the time to encourage him.

As Rotarians, we have that same opportunity when we mentor a student, support a youth program, offer a scholarship, or encourage someone who needs it.

We may never know how much these small gestures influence someone's future, but that shouldn't stop us from making them.

Our Rotary theme this year is **Create a Lasting Impact**. Frank certainly created one in my life, and his work continues to benefit others.

My challenge to each of you is simple: Get involved. Take an interest in someone. You never know whose future you might change.

And remember, the cool kids belong to Rotary!

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Breakfast

(Buffet service - Oct. 21)

Biscuits & Gravy
Scrambled Eggs
Breakfast Potatoes

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.	32/3
% Attendance	61.0%
Make ups	0
Speaker Meals/Guests	1/5
Sergeant's Fines: (Warren +\$25)	\$74.00
Polio Donations	\$1,272
Member website Logins this month	10 (16.4%)



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM...

The Guatemala Literacy Project

Presented by Kristen Heinrich and Alexa Ollier

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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
18 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

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

**Advanced
Notices**



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 - Rotary's October Theme

by Past President Doug Hall



Doug Hall

Economic and Community Development

Economic and community development is October's monthly theme. This month's theme supports R.I.'s commitment to fostering sustainable prosperity and opportunity worldwide. Strong communities are built upon access to literacy services, healthcare services, and ready access to quality-of-life resources, and economic stability within a community. Rotarians support projects and services that empower individuals through the creation of opportunities to become self-reliant while strengthening the community foundations of their local economies.

Many of these projects and services include providing vocational training, supporting entrepreneurship, and offering access to financial resources such as microloans. When individuals are equipped with practical skills and tools, Rotary clubs help communities achieve long-term stability instead of short-term relief. One of the key principles in all Rotary services is sustainability, which focuses efforts to ensure these various initiatives continue to benefit people long after the project is completed.

Many Rotary projects and services focus on empowering marginalized populations, including women and youth, who often face barriers to economic participation. Programs that teach job skills, literacy, or small business development not only improve the lives of the participants but also generates a ripple effect strengthening communities.

Rotary's international reach enables clubs to collaborate in the sharing of knowledge and resources across borders. International service projects often connect Rotarians from developed regions with those in areas challenged by economic

instability. These collaborations result in innovative and viable solutions tailored specifically to the unique community needs, whether it be developing agricultural cooperatives, promoting broader trade avenues, or creating markets for local crafts.

Community development extends beyond economics. Rotary emphasizes building strong social ties, and creating, or supporting existing, infrastructure through the creation of an inclusive participation. Clubs often partner with local leaders, organizations, and schools to ensure that projects align with community priorities. These collaborative efforts create sustainability, build long-term trust, and ensure that outcomes are relevant and impactful.

The spirit of **Service Above Self** continually drives Rotarians to envision communities where every individual can thrive. Through practical and functioning projects, our club's fundraising efforts, and collaborative partnerships, Rotary Clubs will be able to continue investing in the economic and community development of people everywhere. These efforts not only reduce poverty but also promote peace, stability, and hope for future generations.



Why I'm A Rotarian

For many years, we have been sharing **Why I'm a Rotarian** stories—insightful reflections from fellow Rotarians about their personal motivations for joining and remaining in Rotary. Now, we invite you to share your own story.

The staff and management at the *EarlyWord* Communications and Financial Offices are eager to hear your perspective. In approximately 150 words, please tell us why you are a Rotarian.

Submissions may be sent via email to our Publishing Editor, Loren, at

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Thank You!

What Paul Harris Wrote



"Perhaps the greatest good that has ever come to Rotary at any one time has been the good that came of the discussion of the plan of "Greater Rotary," and wonder of wonders, how temperate it all was! Churches and governments have been split asunder in the discussion of less constitutional questions.

Perhaps the "Greater Rotary" plan as presented will never be considered again, but the impulses which gave it birth still lives and will live on in Rotary. The purpose of the plan was purely ethical; thru "Greater Rotary" it was proposed to enlarge the scope of Rotary usefulness, to open the door of Rotary opportunity-if not to all men- at least to a much larger number of men."

From: www.whatpaulharriswrote.org



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 Mark Harris

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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

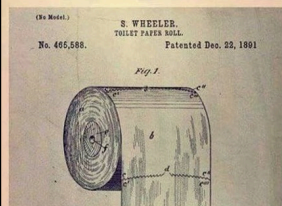
The Westminster Rotary Club is a vibrant group of Coloradans who join for Breakfast, enjoy lively Banter, and provide meaningful Service to communities throughout the world.

Are you wearing your Rotary pin every day?

They ask me why I don't have tattoos, so I told them, "Have you ever seen a bumper sticker on a Ferrari?"

Once upon a time, there lived a king who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible king, but he made a great ruler.

The original patent from 1891 for a toilet paper roll shows the correct rolling direction, in case you ever doubted.



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