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The President's Corner

By President James Maxon



James Maxon

This Is Your Rotary Club

Over the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to talk with a number of our members about our club—where we are today, where we are going, and where we can make the greatest impact.

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One theme has come up several times, and I think it is worth having a conversation about as a club.

This is your Rotary Club.

Several members have shared with me that they would like to see us place an even greater emphasis on Westminster and our surrounding community. At the same time, I believe there is tremendous value in the international work Rotary does and in the projects that allow us to make a difference far beyond our own community.

I don't believe these two ideas have to compete with each other.

One of the great strengths of Rotary is that we can make a difference across the street and across the world. We can help a family, student, school, nonprofit, or community organization right here in Westminster while also being part of something much larger through Rotary International.

But I want to hear what **you** think.

What needs do you see in Westminster that our Rotary Club could help address? Are there local organizations we should be partnering with? Are there projects we used to do

that we should consider bringing back? Is there something completely new that you think Westminster Rotary could take on?

I would also like your thoughts about our **weekly programs**. What would you like to hear about at our meetings? Are there community leaders, businesses, nonprofits, public safety organizations, educators, or other interesting people you would like us to invite? Are there topics you think would generate a great discussion or simply make for an interesting and enjoyable meeting?

Is there anything you would like to see us do differently as a member?

I have always believed that the strongest organizations are the ones where people feel a sense of ownership. Our club doesn't belong to the President, the Board, or any one committee. **It belongs to all of us.**

With 64 members, we have 64 different perspectives, experiences, connections, and ideas. Imagine what we can accomplish when we bring those ideas together.

Our theme this year has been **Create a Lasting Impact**. Sometimes that impact may be thousands of miles away. Sometimes it may be right here in Westminster. Both matter.

So, send me an email, call me, catch me before or after a meeting, or invite me to grab a cup of coffee. Tell me what you think.

What should we continue? What should we change? What would make our weekly meetings even better? And where can Westminster Rotary make the greatest difference?

This is your Rotary Club. Let's decide together where we go next.



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Breakfast

(Buffet service - Oct. 7
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.	10/2
% Attendance	34.5%
Make ups	0
Speaker Meals/Guests	0/0
Sergeant's Fines: (No Sgt.)	\$0.00
Polio Donations	\$1,000
Member website Logins this month	10 (16.4%)

Kevin Massey, our Rotarian of the Week



Take a minute to welcome this weeks' member of our Family of Rotary, the 2019-20 7:10 Club President. Kevin joined the 7:10 Club in February of 2005. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and was sponsored by Roger Gudenkauf. Kevin makes his living in Residential and Commercial Real Estate. He spends much of his free time working with other non-profits helping those less fortunate.

Kevin was born in Denver. He earned his Associates Degree in Drafting. He is married to Kerri and they have two grown children. Kevin likes woodworking and reads self-help books. He's an avid sportsman and likes snowshoeing, lifting weights, racquetball and tennis. He loves old western movies, Clint Eastwood, Carrot Top, and peach pie.

Thanks, Kevin, for all you do in our club and for being a member of our Family of Rotary.





THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM...

Seeds of South Sudan

Presented by Sue Counterman

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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 Happy Halloween

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

"Don't count the days, make the days count."

Thanks to Muhammad Ali

"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!"

5th Week Social

Article and Photos by Brian Hall



Thanks to our Social Director, Brian, Westminster Rotarians and their spouses gathered September 30 for the club's Fifth Wednesday Social at the Spotted Donkey Southwestern Grill inside the Westminster Westin Hotel.

Twelve Rotarians and spouses enjoyed an evening filled with good food, drinks, and plenty of conversation and laughter. The Southwestern-inspired food was a hit, with everyone enjoying the restaurant's flavorful appetizers and menu selections.

The group considered sitting on the patio, but with temperatures around 60 degrees and a slight breeze, the comfortable indoor tables offered a better setting for visiting and catching up.



Wayne, Kathe, Bill, James & Marilyn



Sue, Barb, Loren, Karen & Ed

Special thanks go to Will, the evening's server, who took excellent care of the group. He was curious about Westminster Rotary and enjoyed learning about the club's activities. He even asked to receive a copy of the award-winning *Early Word* newsletter so he could read about the group's visit. It was another great evening of Rotary fellowship, friendship, and fun!



Ed, Bartender Will, and Kristian



Why I'm A Rotarian



I like being part of an organization that focuses on helping humanity and fostering peace here in our own communities and all over the world. I see Rotary as an opportunity for me to help others, and also do something good for the generations to come. Locally, it gives me the opportunity to provide a meal to someone who is hungry, a learning center to teach children in a different way, to help a child read or to give that child the first book to call their very own. Rotary is an awesome organization and I am proud to be a Rotarian. I have learned respect for the individual and to care for the well-being of others. **Susan Wierzbka President-Elect, Lubbock Metropolitan Rotary Club.**



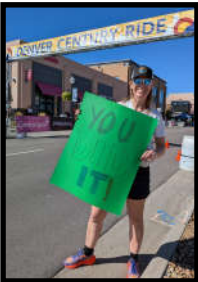
Rotary Bike Ride

Article and Pictures by Ed Moss

Eight riders. That was the plan. Two riders. That was the reality. Somewhere along the way, our eight-person cycling team began disappearing faster than miles on the odometer. First, Eric announced that he and his son were leaving the country. **That left six.** Next, Art Umble, who has presented to the Club several times, had an unavoidable conflict. **Five remained.** A few days before the ride, Lori Goldstein hobbled around the Rotary Roast with a pulled back muscle. **Down to four.** Then Club member Peggy Reed had to visit her husband, Gary, in the Emergency Room after he crashed his bike and broke his sternum and pelvic bone—in two places. Peggy was the back end of their tandem bike, so she couldn't ride alone.

Two riders remained. But **Ed** and **Steve** were enough. The 7:15 a.m. ride began at the Northfield Shopping Center on a clear, cool 52-degree morning, heading into a blinding sunrise. To avoid crashing into any of the 1,500 riders, Steve and Ed took a page from ski instructor Lori Goldstein's National Sports Center for the Disabled playbook: They roped their bikes together, and Ed closed his eyes while Steve yelled directions. "Turn right! Turn left! No, not that much!" The route went south to Montview Boulevard, east to downtown, past the Denver Zoo and Coors Field, around the big REI store, past the Aquarium and around Mile High Stadium, before returning to Northfield, where an early lunch was waiting.

Twenty-five miles. Easy! Despite the team shrinking from eight riders to two, emails to friends and family raised just short of **\$3,000 for the Club Foundation.** Eight started. Two showed up. Both finished. **Yay, team!**



What Paul Harris Wrote



"Several of the members had been raised on farms, and the majority were of the class of country and small town boy who in search of fortune had gravitated to the city. While not self-made men, they were in the process of making, and most of them had made sufficient progress to justify the assumption that success in considerable degree was to be realized in the future. Some had received the benefits of college education; more had not."

(Paul Harris, This Rotarian Age, page 54) Reprinted by permission of the Rotary Global History from the Newsletter Nuggets Section of "What Paul Harris Wrote" (www.whatpaulharriswrote.org).



The Rotary Foundation Giving Program 2026-27

As of 09/10/2026

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	\$2,790	42.9%	\$21	\$5,000	\$890	\$3,680

More Fun Stuff

Thanks to Tom Donaldson

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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

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.