

## The President's Corner

By President James Jacobson



### Project Amigo, Here We Come!

Shortly after joining the Westminster Rotary Club, I was inspired by Rotary's global impact. Tina and I have always been drawn to international projects



James Jacobson

and experiences, so learning about Rotary's worldwide involvement immediately captured my interest. Over time, I became more aware of specific initiatives our club supported, fueling my excitement to get more involved.

I am thrilled to share that Tina and I will join our club's trip to \*Project Amigo\* this February. For years, Eric Holloway has passionately conveyed the vision of this initiative, and I hoped it would be part of my year as Club President. I am grateful that schedules aligned, allowing this dream to come to life.

For those unfamiliar, Project Amigo is a non-profit organization that has been transforming lives in rural Colima, Mexico, for over 30 years. Focused on education, health, and sustainable development, it provides scholarships, healthcare, and vocational training to underserved communities. What makes Project Amigo unique is its dedication to building long-term relationships with the children and families it supports. This commitment ensures these individuals receive the tools they need to escape poverty and create brighter futures.

Rotary has been a steadfast partner in this work, leveraging its global volunteer network to amplify Project Amigo's efforts. Together, they have created impactful opportunities for education, empowerment, and growth for children who might otherwise lack access to such resources. Our Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," embodies the heart of this project, reflecting values of service, friendship, and a shared goal of fostering a more compassionate world.

For me, this service project is an extraordinary chance to combine my passion for community service with my love of travel and cultural exchange. Immersing myself in the local culture while contributing to a meaningful cause is an experience I eagerly anticipate. At its core, this project is about offering young people the opportunity to thrive, regardless of their circumstances.

I invite you to consider joining our group of Westminster Rotarians as we visit \*Project Amigo\* in February. Together, we can make a difference.

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## Future Programs

### NOVEMBER

27 We're Dark! Happy Thanksgiving!

### DECEMBER

4 Rotary, Who We Are...  
By Tamara Fennell  
11 Porchlight Justice Center  
By Brandon Bowles

(Buffet service - Nov. 20)

Scrambled Eggs  
Buttermilk Pancakes/Syrup  
Breakfast Potatoes  
along with:  
Fresh Fruit  
Assorted Muffins /Danish  
Yogurt and Granola  
Plus: juice, coffee, and tea

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

## Weekly Statistics

(from last meeting)

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Total Club Members</b>                   | <b>56</b>             |
| <b>Breakfast Members</b>                    | <b>31</b>             |
| <b>Basic Members</b>                        | <b>13</b>             |
| <b>Corporate</b>                            | <b>3</b>              |
| <b>Rotary Alumni</b>                        | <b>9</b>              |
| <b>Paul Harris Fellows</b>                  | <b>29</b>             |
| <b>Michael Hayes Fellows</b>                | <b>29</b>             |
| <b>On Site / Zoom Attend.</b>               | <b>29/2</b>           |
| <b>% Attendance</b>                         | <b>58.9%</b>          |
| <b>Make ups</b>                             | <b>0</b>              |
| <b>Speaker/Guests</b>                       | <b>1/1</b>            |
| <b>Sargent's Fines:<br/>(Tom +\$32.00)</b>  | <b>\$70.00</b>        |
| <b>Polio Donations</b>                      | <b>100.00</b>         |
| <b>Member website<br/>logins this month</b> | <b>15<br/>(22.1%)</b> |

## Kathe Graves, our Rotarian of the Week



Give Kathe a warm welcome this morning! Kathe continues to be one of our meeting setup team members along with being a very active club volunteer.

Kathe was born in Hollywood, CA. She attended Pacifica High School then went on to earn her BA in History at UC Irvine. She and Bill have two children and two grandchildren.

Kathe has worked in radio and TV broadcasting, and as a sales rep and manager in advertising, financial services, and payments, for small business.

Retiring in 2016, Kathe has worked as a church volunteer and loves travel, reading and networking. Her favorite sports activity is walking. She enjoys meeting people, dancing, and choral singing. She has been described as a news junkie, and strives to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. Her motto is "Consider the Source." Thank you, Kathe, for being an integral part of the Westminster Rotary Club.

\*Ineluctable: incapable of being evaded; inescapable



# THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM...

## Supporting Home Ownership

By Kevin Coffee



# November 2024

...is The Rotary Foundation Month (as noted on the [RI website](#))

Are you wearing your Rotary pin every day?

| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday                            | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday                           |
|--|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Weekly HYBRID Club Meetings<br>Wed. 7:10 am<br>at Cottonwood Lodge |        |         |                                      |   | 1  | 2                                  |
| 3  TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES                                    | 4      | 5       | 6                                    | 7 Westminster Rotary Alumni<br>Noon at Cottonwood Lodge | 8  | 9                                  |
| 10   | 11     | 12      | 13  Mark Clark                       | 14  | 15 Club Board Meeting<br>7:00 am<br>Via Zoom       | 16                                 |
| 17   | 18     | 19      | 20                                   | 21  | 22 Foundation Board Meeting<br>7:00 am<br>Via Zoom | 23  22-Wayne Anderson Warren Blair |
| 24  WAY PAST TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES                          | 25     | 26      | 27  No Meeting<br>Happy Thanksgiving | 28  | 29   | 30                                 |



See [Rotary5450.com](http://Rotary5450.com) for many functions and programs going on in our district.

**NOV. 23--A Social Evening at LOB, a mix of Golf and Bocce. Make your reservations now.**  
Call or write Brian or Ryan to reserve your spot.  
Lob of Denver, 1755 Blake St., Denver, CO 80202 Phone: 303.276.6151



**Dec. 31, 24--Dues payments made through Intuit (QuickBooks Invoice) will be ending.** To pay your January dues please use the link on our website, [www.westminsterRotary.com](http://www.westminsterRotary.com).

### ANOTHER THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Once you start practicing being grateful and thankful for things, people, and events, you may notice that you start to attract more positive things, people, and events, in your life.

*Happy Person. Happy Life. A Recipe for Happiness*



*"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

# Happy Thanksgiving-a Guest Editorial

by Past-President David Janak



**Next week is Thanksgiving.** The traditional day to eat way too much turkey, watch way too much football, and spend way too much time on the sofa sleeping/napping. Families all over the United States consider this holiday the gateway to the winter holiday season. Christmas and the New Year are right around the corner, with Black Friday and the beginning of the Christmas countdown. Junk e-mails with Amazon's next biggest sale item fill the inboxes of every computer. Cruises are booked, ski trips planned, exotic destinations are all set for after or during the family barrage.

**David Janak** **Once upon a time** these holidays were not the merchandising extravaganza that they have become. There was not a Macy's parade, no Westminster Dog Show, no Black Friday. These days were times for family and friends to have a day of rest from work. Family gatherings were not unusual years ago. Many extended families (mine included) all lived in the same geographic area. My parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and their brothers, sisters and children all lived within 20 miles of Winner, SD.

**Sundays were often spent visiting extended family**, having lunch around a common table. Now my mother is in SD, one brother in LA, and another in VA. Common gatherings of family are rare, as all of us have busy schedules and fail to make time to gather.

Rotarians value being around a table, face to face, to converse. This is evident by most of our club members who want a meeting at 7:10 over breakfast. We average about 30 members coming together each week to catch up, plan events, and generally enjoy each other's company. The organization was founded on the principles of business people coming together.

**We are evolving now in redefining what coming together is.** During COVID the club pivoted, as did so many, to a virtual space on ZOOM. Necessity created an opportunity. Unlike many clubs our members accepted the change and continued to gather on Wednesday mornings. Now we have what has been called a hybrid meeting, with some participating on ZOOM and many in person.

**Several members have been able to participate** while out of town over the ZOOM link. This added option has brought additional flexibility to our members' experience and very likely helped to retain some.

**This year as the holiday season rushes by**, remember that there are options to reconnect with family and friends that are not at the table any longer. **Happy Thanksgiving!**



## 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! *Elxa 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 2024-25

As of 09/30//2024

| 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 | 53/65 (goal)      | \$3,300          | \$480              | 15%           | \$9.06          | \$500           | \$460                    | \$940                          |

Are you wearing your Rotary pin every day?

## More Fun Stuff

Thanks to Bill Fine



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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](http://www.WestminsterRotary.com). There you will find links to District 5450 and to [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org) as well as to the E-club One website.




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### 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?

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### 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.*

**Newsletter deadline:  
 Monday by Noon**