

The President's Corner

By President Doug Hall

Rotary Zones, Districts and Areas – What Are They?



Annually we host our District 5450 Governor for a district update. This year it was Cindy Rold. Periodically, Rebecca Jeffares, Area 6 Assistant/Area Governor, visits our club, as well.

Club members have attended functions, meetings and training at the district and zone levels. I thought some might appreciate a synopsis on how Rotary is structured.

At the local level, Rotary clubs are assigned to a designated district; our club is in District 5450. A district is a geographic grouping of clubs. The District Governor and district leaders provide essential leadership to clubs in strengthening membership programs, coordinating, and developing district-wide service opportunities, creating enhanced public imaging, and delivering leadership development opportunities that ensure Rotary is appropriately prepared for future opportunities.

District leaders organize district conferences, provide leadership training, i.e., the Leadership Lab scheduled for May 2nd at FRCC, support youth leadership programs, create education grant programs, and provide membership development seminars. District Governors serve to align clubs with Rotary International's goals, mission, and values.

Rotary Districts are divided into "Areas;" we are in Area 6. District 5450 has 12 area groupings. Arvada Sunrise, Broomfield, Broomfield

Crossing, and Northglenn/Thornton join Westminster. Assistant/Area Governors (AG) serve as liaisons between clubs and the District Governor. Area 6 club presidents meet monthly, with AG Rebecca Jeffares, discussing club effectiveness, leadership, and strategic goals.

Above the district level are "zones." Two zones are assigned to a geographic partnership. Westminster Rotary in Zone 26 is partnered with Zone 27, offering support for districts throughout the western U.S. and part of Canada. Globally, Rotary is divided into 34 geographically partnered zones. Rotary Directors represent two of these partnered zones and serve two-year terms on the Rotary Board of Directors.

Zones support Rotary on a global scale. They provide leadership development, communication, planning, and the selection of Rotary leaders, including directors serving on the Rotary International Board. Zones also connect districts to regional leaders who provide expertise in membership, Foundation giving, public image, and strategic growth.

In simple terms, clubs are the heart of Rotary, districts offer the primary support system assisted by the area AGs, and zones bridge Rotary's worldwide leadership activities. Together, these entities create a structure that allows Rotary to remain both local in action and global in impact. This structure is one of the key reasons Rotary continues to thrive in local communities.

Barb Donaldson, our Rotarian of the Week



Take a minute to greet Barbara when you see her. Barb is our current Club Secretary and our Imagination Library Registrar. She has been a Westminster Rotary Club member for six years as of this month.

Barb grew up in Colorado and Utah. She attended Westminster College in Salt Lake City, and earned a BA in secondary education, and later a Master's Degree from Northern Arizona University. She taught high school English and ESL, and for the latter part of her career was a high school counselor. For many years, Barb was an administrative volunteer in Girl Scout-

ing. She is a long-time member of P.E.O. and is Past President of her chapter. She directed her church handbell choir for 19 years and has always sung in her church choir and other vocal groups. She is an ordained elder and is active at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Boulder. Her interests are photography, knitting, reading, and singing. She and Loren live in Westminster and have two adult children, Stacey and Jeff, along with two grandchildren, twins, Lilia and Grayson.

Barb is a Paul Harris Fellow and has attended five International Conventions. We are delighted to have Barb as a very productive member of the Westminster Rotary Club

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Future Programs

APRIL

- 15 AI For Business**
By Jeff Donaldson
- 22 Water World Update**
By Yvonne Fischback and Bob Owens
- 29 5th Week Social at the Mad Rabbit Distillery**
(see the calendar, page 2)

Breakfast

(Buffet service - April 8)
 Breakfast Burritos
 Scrambled Eggs
 Breakfast Potatoes
BACON!
 along with:
 Fresh Fruit
 Assorted Muffins /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	66
Breakfast Members	34
Basic Members	18
Corporate	8
Rotary Alumni	6
Paul Harris Fellows	25
Michael Hayes Fellows	29
On Site / Zoom Attend.	32/3
% Attendance	55.4%
Make ups	0
Speaker Meals/Guests	0/1
Sergeant's Fines: (Warren +\$26.00)	\$70.00
Polio Donations	\$3,348
Member website logins this month	10 (16.4%)

*Ineluctable: incapable of being evaded; inescapable



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM...

FIRE LOSS AND LIFE SAFETY

Presented President Elect James Maxon



April 2026

...is Maternal and Child Care Month (as noted on the [RI web-](#)

Are you wearing your Rotary pin every day?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HYBRID Club Meeting 7:10 am Wednesday at Cottonwood			1	2	3	4
5 TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES 	6 Eric Holloway Deb Oster	7	8	9	10	 Barb Donaldson Yvonne Fischbach
12	13	14 Larry Hoy	15	16	17 Club Board Meeting 7:00 am Via Zoom	18
19 WAY PAST TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES 	20	21	22	23 Jamie Chavez	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2

Advanced Notices

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

April 29 -- **5th Week Social (No morning meeting)**. Meet at Mad Rabbit Distillery, At 5:00 p.m. Address: 10860 Dover St. Suite 2000, Westminster. Sign up with Brian to hold your reservation.



ANOTHER THOUGHT FOR TODAY

“Getting older...I used to be able to run a 4-minute mile, bench press 380 pounds, and tell the truth. -Conan O’Brian

Thanks to Mark Harris

“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

Maternal and Child Health Around the Globe

In July, Rotary celebrates Maternal and Child Health Month. It is an opportunity to reflect on the current status of maternal and child health around the globe, how Rotary members contribute to addressing issues at the community level, and further take the steps to analyze our collective impacts on health systems.

According to the WHO, poor women in remote areas are the least likely to receive adequate health care. This trend holds true in both developed and developing countries. Low numbers of skilled healthcare professionals in these regions are major contributing factors to limited access to care. Human resources for healthcare remain a challenge, worsening since the COVID-19 pandemic. The data suggest that 99% of births are attended by a trained midwife, doctor, or nurse in most high-income and upper-middle-income countries. This figure drops to 78% in lower-middle-income countries and even further down to 68% in low-income countries where almost 95% of all maternal deaths occur.

Many Rotary members have been developing projects that support local health authorities in increasing the capacity of existing healthcare workers, task shifting by upskilling midwives, training and equipping community health workers and integrating traditional birth attendants, where possible, and providing graduate-level scholarships to support vocations in health care.

In Panama, the Rotary Club of Boquete partnered with the Rotary Club of Skidaway Island, Savannah (United States) to implement the Manchichi midwife health monitoring program. The project aims to enhance prenatal, labor, and postpartum services by providing skills training to local midwives and cultural sensitivity training to medical professionals with a goal to improve maternal outcomes in mothers of the Ngäbe-Buglé indigenous community. This project demon-

strated that basic medical knowledge combined with the familiarity of safe cultural practices led more women to adhere to prenatal care recommendations and deliver in facilities where they could be attended by skilled providers.

In Uganda, Rotary members conducted a community assessment to determine that distance between homesteads and medical facilities, and the high costs associated with the journey were the primary barriers to women accessing maternity facilities.

Many women delivered before they got to facilities or arrived there tired and exhausted, unable to deliver safely. The local Rotary Club of Nkumba partnered with the Rotary Club of Allschwil-Regio Basel (Switzerland) to implement a project that provided tricycle ambulances (tuktuks) to Health Center IV's in Uganda. The project also trained ambulance drivers and first responders to care for pregnant women during transportation.



Rotary members from 21 districts, in partnership with UNICEF, are working with local governments to develop and implement immunization programs to protect 100,000 children from rotavirus, pneumococcal disease, and cervical cancer across nine South Pacific Island countries, including Kiribati and Fiji. The [Give Every Child a Future project](#) is committed to strengthening the immunization programs in each country so that these vaccines continue to be delivered to future generations of children. Tarawa, Kiribati. 28 March 2023.

Thanks to www.rotaryserviceblog.org



Why I'm A Rotarian



In a single word, Rotary means "opportunity." Through Rotary membership, you can discover dozens of opportunities to enhance your life and enrich the lives of family and friends. There may be opportunities to establish close friendships with individuals around the world whom you would never have met, except through the magic of

Rotary. There are opportunities to share with many others a common belief and philosophy of service, without any thought of personal return. These opportunities add up to one conclusion: Rotary helps you become a better person and makes the quality of your own life just a little richer and more meaningful. What a wonderful experience it is to have all of these opportunities knocking at your door just because you are a Rotarian.

Clifford Dochtermann Rotary International President 1992-93



What Paul Harris Wrote



Paul Harris believed, and the history of Rotary confirms, that creating a climate of fellowship in which people find common ground is the ultimate form of diplomacy. Peace is based on shared interests; war is based on non-shared interests. Since both are always present, stability will depend on which interests people choose to emphasize.

"Rotary's program of promoting better understanding between different racial groups and between devotees to different religious faiths, so simply and yet so auspiciously begun in the year 1905 has met with greater success thus far than the negotiations of diplomats. It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement. Rotary has satisfactorily demonstrated the fact that friendship can easily hurdle national and religious boundary lines." (Paul Harris, *This Rotarian Age*, page 61.)



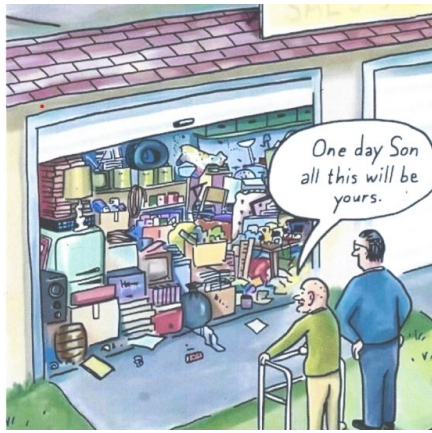
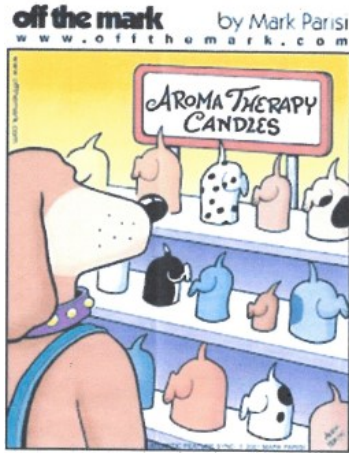
The Rotary Foundation Giving Program 2025-26

As of 03/10/2025

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	55/65 (goal)	\$6,500	\$6,891	104.4%	\$125.91	\$5,000	\$3,348	\$10,239

More Fun Stuff

Thanks to Ed Moss



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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.