

## The President's Corner

By President James Jacobson



James Jacobson

### Brrrrr! The Final Whistle!



Tina and I huddled together under steady snowfall, trying to stay warm. The field was completely white, with snow piled several feet high around the perimeter and 8" of accumulation on the bleachers. This was the scene last Wednesday night as we cherished and celebrated the last college soccer game of our middle son's soccer career (Zane, #6, is pictured at center).

His last match was everything we hoped it would be and more. Zane had pride in his eyes as he was introduced in the starting line-up and he played with a sense of urgency, knowing this was his final chance to wear his college jersey. As the final whistle blew on Zane's last competitive match, it wasn't just the end of a game - it marked the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and a deep passion for the sport. For Tina and I, watching him play his last match was both a bittersweet and proud moment, a reminder of the journey he's taken and the growth he's experienced both on and off the field.

It seems like just yesterday that Zane was 4 years old in his first soccer game. He had a natural inclination for the sport, and he gravitated towards defense from the beginning. Early on, he focused on stopping players from advancing rather than attacking the ball. We fondly remember the game he learned to "attack the ball" by earning M&Ms. He was so motivated that he had earned 35 M&Ms by halftime. From there, he was off to the races.

We never could have predicted how much soccer would play a role in Zane's life and shape his development into manhood. Soccer opened the door to meet his best friends, created an unforgettable high school experience including winning a state championship, and led him to his perfect college choice. Soccer developed not only his physical endurance and skill, but also strength of character. It laid the foundation for perseverance, resilience, teamwork, discipline, and leadership that will serve him long after his playing days are over. From the challenges of balancing academics and athletics, to facing injuries or tough losses, to experiencing unforgettable team camaraderie, each season brought its own set of milestones.

As parents, we continue to cherish the moments Zane has given us, both on and off the field. We are impressed with his growth and admire the man he has become. Going forward athletics will take a back seat to his next journey, but we know that the lessons of hard work and dedication will serve him well in his next chapter of life.



## Kodi Erb, our Rotarian of the Week



Please take a moment to welcome Kodi to our meeting this morning.

Kodi Blue Erb was born and raised in Arvada, CO. She graduated from Arvada High School, completed her Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Sociology at Regis University, and has a master's in public administration from the University of Colorado at Denver. Although she wanted to be a teacher growing up, she has found herself working for the City of Westminster for almost 8 years and currently fills the role of Assistant to the City Manager.

Kodi enjoys outdoor activities more than anything – skiing, camping, snowshoeing, running, and yoga. Kodi loves to travel and fills her spare time with outdoor activities and reading with her partner Aaron Stafford. Her favorite place to vacation is Sayulita, Mexico.

Thank you, Kodi, for being an integral part of the Westminster Rotary Club and our Family of Rotary.



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## Future Programs

### NOVEMBER

20 TBD

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. 13)

Eggs Benedict  
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>20/0</b>
<b>% Attendance</b>	<b>51.8%</b>
<b>Make ups</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Speaker/Guests</b>	<b>1/3</b>
<b>Sargent's Fines: 00)((Mark C. -\$20.00)</b>	<b>\$38.00</b>
<b>Polio Donations</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Member website logins this month</b>	<b>15 (22.1%)</b>



# THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM...

## Nigerian Water Project



By Marty Waters

# 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 Wed. 7:10 am at Cottonwood Lodge					1	2
3  TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES	4	5	6	7 Westminster Rotary Alumni Noon at Cottonwood Lodge	8	9
10	11	12	13  Mark Clark	14	15 Club Board Meeting 7:00 am Via Zoom	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Foundation Board Meeting 7:00 am Via Zoom	23  22-Wayne Anderson Warren Blair
24  WAY PAST TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES	25	26	27  No Meeting 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



### ANOTHER THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The biggest lie you tell yourself is: "I don't need to write it down. I'll remember it."

Thanks to Doug Hall

*"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



## More Rotary Service

by **Kathe Graves**



Last week's The Taste of Westminster was a huge success! Congratulations to Chamber CEO **Jamie Chavez** for her outstanding organizational skills in making this SOLD-OUT event a memorable one. The event showcased a fantastic lineup of local food and beverage busi-

nesses, as well as exhibitors promoting health, wellness, services, and art. Our Rotary table, organized by **Bill**, featured Dolly Parton's Imagination Library books, attracting many visitors who were familiar with or had participated in the program before. A heartwarming moment happened when a little boy spotted his favorite book on display and excitedly pointed it out to his dad, saying, "Look, Daddy, there's my book!" Naturally, he wanted his dad to read it to him right then and there.



A big thank-you to our Rotary team—including **President James, Tom, Kristian and Freya, Mark Chauncy, Bill**, and, of course, **Jamie**, for making this experience so impactful. The Taste of Westminster truly embodied Food, Fun, and Fellowship, serving as a shining example of community service and support!



## Veteran's Day Celebrated

Photos by **Abby Fitch**



This past Friday, members of the Westminster community gathered at the Armed Forces Tribute Garden near Westminster City Park to pay homage to veterans, both living and deceased, who sacri-

ficed for our freedom.

Honored to speak at this event was our fellow Rotarian, **James Maxon**, a Westminster Fire Dept. Lieutenant, who delivered a moving address about freedom and those who fought to protect it. He shared why he joined Rotary after his time in the service, noting that Rotary exemplifies the motto, "Service Above Self"—a mission very close to his heart. [Watch his talk.](#)



## What Paul Harris Wrote

### Members as Friends



One of the more interesting traditions of Rotary is to address members by their first names and to avoid using titles. This was not an accident. Titles are earned, and they set people off for their accomplishments. They have their role. However, friendships are earned through an entirely different mechanism, and titles inhibit friendships by separating people into various distinctions. Paul Harris explained this concept beautifully in just three sentences. Moreover, he made it clear that the playful nature of most Rotary meetings was not at all accidental.

*"Their meetings were different from meetings of other clubs of the day; they were far more intimate, far more friendly. First names were always used, while 'Misters' and all other prefixes which might in any way interfere with the free flow of spirits, were banned. They became boys once again."*

(Paul Harris, *This Rotarian Age*, page 57)  
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## The Rotary Foundation Giving Program 2024-25

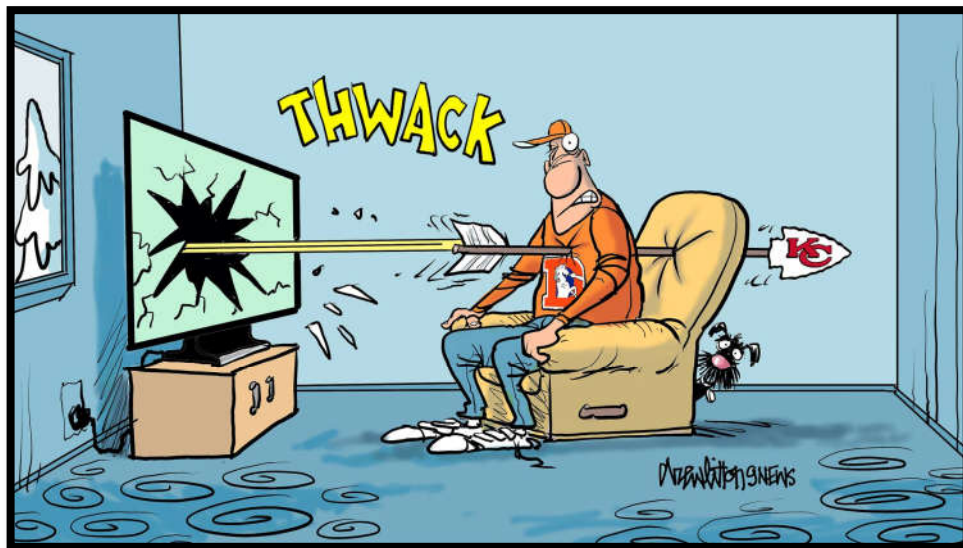
As of 09/30/2024

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

**More Fun Stuff**

Provided by 9 News Sports

Are you wearing your Rotary pin every day?



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**NEED A MAKEUP?**

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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**