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The President's Corner

By President James Jacobson



James Jacobson

NIGHT PATROL ON BEAT 7

At last spring's Rotary Roast, the Westminister Police Department (WPD) donated a silent auction item: a ride-along with a police officer. Back in high school, I'd heard someone describe their ride-along experience, and I made a mental note that it was something I wanted to do someday. Until now, I hadn't had the chance—this was it!

Nearly a year later, I was finally scheduled. I requested the night shift and arrived promptly at 9:00 p.m., where I met **Officer Ryan Dovel**. After a quick orientation, we headed out in his patrol car.

We were assigned to Beat 7, which covers the area north of 120th Ave—including where my office is located. Ryan was the Primary Officer, and his Cover Officer was **Brice Berube**. Although assigned to Beat 7, we often left the area to assist with calls across Westminister.

The evening started quietly, but things picked up with a reported burglary near 72nd Ave. We sped down Federal with lights flashing. Just after 84th Ave, we were redirected to a domestic disturbance back in Beat 7. Another fast U-turn, and we were off again. Both officers worked together to defuse the situation with professionalism that impressed me.

Later, while patrolling near 120th and Huron, we saw a car nearly hit two people in a crosswalk. Lights on, Ryan pulled them over and used the moment to explain pedestrian safety. Twice, we responded to distress calls from convenience stores. Around 1:30 a.m., we helped a slow-moving vehicle with hazard lights reach its destination safely.

Throughout the night, I saw firsthand the balance officers strike between authority and approachability. My shift ended at 2:00 a.m., but Officer Ryan's was still going.

Reflecting on the experience, I'm filled with gratitude for our police officers and first responders. Their courage, selflessness, and daily sacrifices to protect our communities are truly inspiring.

They deserve our respect and appreciation for all they do—often in dangerous, unpredictable situations—to keep us safe.



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(Buffet service - May 7)
Scrambled Eggs
Buttermilk Pancakes/Syrup
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.

Kristian Reynolds, our Rotarian of the Week



Take a minute this morning to greet one of our newest members, Kristian. Kristian has a unique story about how and why he joined Rotary. You might just ask him about that.

Kristian was born in Denver. After graduating from high school he earned an AA degree in business. His interests are helping others and gem hunting as well as Mixed Martial Arts. He has even started a non-profit foundation called Go-SaveALifeDonate.com. Here Kristian looks for organ matches for those needing a kidney.

Kristian is a dad to Freyja and enjoys this awesome responsibility. She has even attended our Rotary meetings. Kristian recently earned his General Contractors license.

Some favorites of Kristian are the Broncos, the movie Indiana Jones, actress Julia Roberts, and actor, Will Smith.

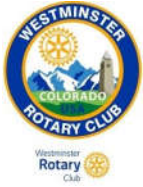
Kristian's favorites include the restaurant KAVA and the F-150 pickup truck. He's passionate about helping others and lives by the motto: "Take a deep breath and come from a place of authenticity." Kristian is very active in the club. He serves as a board member, volunteers at the Roast, and helps with setting up and taking down the Zoom video equipment.

Thank you, Kristian, for your membership and the work you do for Rotary.

Weekly Statistics (from last meeting)

Total Club Members	50
Breakfast Members	30
Basic Members	12
Corporate	2
Rotary Alumni	6
Paul Harris Fellows	29
Michael Hayes Fellows	29
On Site / Zoom Attend.	17/0
% Attendance	32.7%
Make ups	0
Speaker/Guests	0/0
Sargent's Fines:	\$00.00
Polio Donations	\$4,645
Member website logins this month	15 (22.1%)

*Ineluctable: incapable of being evaded; inescapable



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM...

Go Save A Life



Presented by Kristian Reynolds

May 2025

...is Youth Service 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 Marcy Rose - Alum	2	3
4	5 Gary Cooper	6	7 Peggy Reed	8	9	10
11 TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES	12 Tom Wilson	13	14	15	16 Club Board Meeting 7:00 am Via Zoom	17
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25 WAY PAST TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES	26	27 John Inman	28	29	30	31

Advanced Notices



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

May 17, 2025 -- **ROTARY EPIC DAY OF SERVICE** The EPIC Day of Service has something for everyone!

June 13, 2025 -- **WESTMINSTER ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT** Hyland Hills Golf Course. Sign-in Begins at 6:30 a.m. Register at www.westyrotary.com

June 18, 2025-- **WESTMINSTER ROTARY CLUB OFFICER INSTALLATION DINNER** Cottonwood Lodge Gather at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. No Morning Meeting!

ANOTHER THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Before my surgery, the anesthesiologist offered to knock me out with gas or a boat paddle... it was an ether/oar situation.

Thanks to Tom Donaldson

"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

Another Great Social Event

Article and Photos by Brian Hall

Thank You for Attending the Rotary Old-fashioned Picnic!

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Rotary Old-Fashioned Picnic on Friday evening at the Westminster Ranch Park. We hope you, your spouses, kids, and grandkids had a great time.

We had a total of 26 people attend: 10 Rotary members and 16 family members, including five grandchildren. Attending members included Lori, Rich, Kevin, Kathe, Bill, Doug, Ed, James J, Loren, and Brian. Everyone brought their own picnic dinners and beverages, and we shared a delicious dessert of Rice Krispie Squares, which also doubled as game prizes for the grandkids.

The kids enjoyed two playgrounds, played sand volleyball and basketball, and took part in a variety of games. Rich and Shelly Seymour, along with their grandson Peyton, teamed up against Brian, his daughter Lexie, and grandson Ryder in a friendly lawn bocce match. Kevin and Brian also played a bit of cornhole on our custom Westminster Rotary Foundation boards.

The grandkids had a blast competing in fun races including a foot race around a large tree, a three-legged race, a hopping race, a wheelbarrow race, and a barrel roll race down a grassy hill. Frisbees and footballs filled the air, including passes from Northglenn High School freshman quarterback David Goldstein to his father, Mike.

A highlight of the evening was a special hula hoop demonstration by Ed Moss!

Thanks again for coming out to enjoy the beautiful weather and great company. Be sure to check out the photos capturing all the fun!



Game equipment ready to set up.



Mike & Lori, Sue, Doug, Kari & Kevin Shelli, Charles, and James, continue the conversations



Bill, Kathe, Loren and Sue arrive early to get the picnic area set up.



Mike, David and Lori, with Bill and Kathe in the background.



Joining the fun are Shelly, Charles, Rich Bill and Kathe



Enjoying their picnic are Doug, Kari, Kevin and James.

Another Great Social Event

Article and Photos by Brian Hall



Seen here are Rosi, Payton, Shelli and Rich



Having a great picnic lunch are Kerri, Kevin James j. and Doug



Also diving in to some picnic grub are Chloe, Curtis, Lexie (Brian's daughter's family) and Sue?



Ed, an expert Hoola Hoop teacher, gives some salient pointers.



Here are some youngsters doing log rolling on the grass



Payton, Rich, Shelly Ryder and Lexie give their best shot to Lawn Bocce.



A hopping race includes Carson, Peyton, Ryder and Chloe.



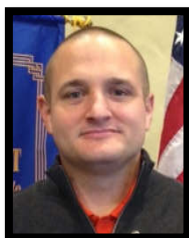
Seymour granddaughter Rosi gives the Jungle Jim a try.



The masters of Corn Hole, Brian and Kevin, tighten up their skills.

What It Means To Be A Rotarian

A Guest Editorial by Past President Chis Hovendon



Chris Hovendon

What is a Rotarian? It's a question I get asked frequently. People find out that I was our club's president and it is typically the first follow up question. I'm always taken aback because I've known about Rotary since my time in my Interact club. I'm shocked how many people don't have a clue what Rotary's purpose is or who Rotarians are. I can tell that most people view Rotary as an almost secret society where we perform ritualistic acts and other unspeakable things. The reaction when they hear we are a service club luckily takes away their previous illusions.

Because I've been asked frequently, and have had to answer these questions, I felt a need to work on a solid response. I researched Rotary's mission statement, looked at the organization's motto (Service Above Self) and this year's presidential theme (Imagine Rotary). This is what I came up with...Rotary's purpose is to improve the lives of others through fellowship. Fellowship is the bedrock of ours or any other club. Through fellowship, Rotarians accomplish the impossible again and again. Fellowship is what drives our projects. I've loved getting to know different members by working together, and I am excited to volunteer for new things because of the opportunity to get better acquainted with and learn about other members of my club!

Fellowship, the essence of Rotary! It raises us to the highest of highs and helps to lift our community, and world, with us. This is the importance of regular attendance and the necessary ingredient to make any of our projects and activities successful. Haven't volunteered or signed up for something recently? Maybe now is the time. Come for the fellowship, stay for the world changing!

Engage Current Members

Use these resources to learn strategies that will keep our members excited about Rotary:

Best Practices for Engaging Members — Take this [Learning Center](#) course to develop strategies for engaging people at all stages of membership.

Practicing Flexibility and Innovation — Take this [Learning Center](#) course to help you better serve the needs of members and prospective members.

Find ideas, a FAQ, and other resources on rotary.org/flexibility.

[Enhancing the Club Experience](#) — Tailor this member satisfaction survey to get opinions on your club's future. Then act on the results and consider implementing your members' ideas.

[Improving Your Member Retention](#) — Learn when and why members leave your club and generate strategies to keep them engaged so they will stay.

[Connect for Good](#) — Encourage members to get involved in their club, community, and the Rotary world for a more meaningful experience.

[Understanding Why Members Leave](#) — Use this exit survey to address the reasons that members may be leaving your club.



Why I'm A Rotarian



Those who serve others are happier in their personal and professional lives.

As a Millennial, I know that the trend of joining service organizations is on the decline. Being the youngest Rotarian in my club at 29 years old reminds me of this every week. I enjoy my weekly lunches with our Capital City's local business

leaders. I've received significant business opportunities from the networking. I've heard interesting and important messages from our guest speakers. The most important thing I've experienced, though, is a Rotary International core principle – **Service Above Self**. I didn't know what it meant until Mark explained it, but now I understand – Every Rotarian is happy to help and serve every other Rotarian, as well as the community at large, and the world. Todd and Jenn demonstrated that to me. That Ideal of Service is something that I want to be a part of. It's something that I'm proud to invest my time and energy in. And it's why I'm proud to be a Millennial Rotarian.

Matthew Anderson, MS, MBA, Leadership Coach and Author
East Lansing Rotary Club



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 2024-25

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	50/65 (goal)	\$4,300	\$6,006	139.7%	\$122.57	\$3,000	\$4,645	\$10,651

More Fun Stuff

Thanks to Mark Harris

Are you wearing your Rotary pin every day?



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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?

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**