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# Early Word

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**Rotary**  
Club



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## The President's Corner

By President James Jacobson



James Jacobson

First, **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Jamie Chavez** (our fellow Rotarian and President/CEO of the Westminster Chamber of Commerce) for putting together a fabulous Black Tie Annual Awards Gala for the Chamber last Friday night. Over 250 attendees including a good number from our club gathered to recognize outstanding achievements and contributions in our community.

By night's end, Westminster Rotary was not only an award winner, but two Rotarians from our club were recognized for individual awards as well. Almost equally impressive was the number of times Rotary was specifically mentioned from the stage, even by speakers not formally associated with our club. Here are some highlights:

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Westminster Rotary Club** for winning **Non-Profit of the Year**.



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**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Ryan McCoy** for winning **Westy Achiever**.

This award is bestowed upon an individual who has attained the pinnacle of professional excellence, contributing significant time and energy to the betterment of the community and played a vital role in opening doors to leadership opportunities.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Rich Seymour** for winning **Community Servant of the Year**.

This award is presented to an individual who has selflessly served the community, making sig-

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## Martin Postma, our Rotarian of the Week



**H**ERE IS A Rotarian extraordinaire! Meet Martin Postma. Martin has been a Rotarian in Westminster for more than twenty five years.

Martin was born in Newton, Iowa and graduated from Newton Senior High School. He earned his BA degree at Central College and went on to graduate from Drake University with an MBA. He is married to Michelle. He currently works for the City of Thornton.

His Rotary highlights include being named District 5450 Rotarian of the Year in 2002, speaking at UN Headquarters in New York in 2006, receiving the R.I. President's Volunteer Service Award in 2011, and leading Group Study Exchange Teams to England in 1999 and China in 2013. He also participated in a Polio Plus vaccination mission to Ethiopia in 2008, assisted in the implementation of the first community health fairs in southeastern China in 2010, helped start a school in rural Brazil in 2005, worked with Uplift Internationale in the Philippines and Honduras, has spoken at many district conferences, and has led multiple Rotary Foundation grant funded projects. He has served on the boards of several NGOs including Socially Conscious Coffee, ShelterBox, and Uplift Internationale. Martin was president of the Westminster 7:10 Rotary Club in 2007, subsequently served a term as Assistant District Governor, and has held various other district positions. He currently serves as the Westminster Rotary Club Foundation Financial Planner.

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## Future Programs

### APRIL

- 23 Agents of Influence  
By Anahita Dalmia-Zoom
- 30 Field Trip to Alto  
Community Clinic 7:00  
a.m. Breakfast provided.

### MAY

- 7 Trust for Public Lands  
By Angela King

(Buffet service - April 9)

Oven Baked Frittata  
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)

<b>Total Club Members</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Breakfast Members</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Basic Members</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Corporate</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Rotary Alumni</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Paul Harris Fellows</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Michael Hayes Fellows</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>On Site / Zoom Attend.</b>	<b>26/2</b>
<b>% Attendance</b>	<b>61.5%</b>
<b>Make ups</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Speaker/Guests</b>	<b>1/2</b>
<b>Sargent's Fines: (Warren +\$50.00)</b>	<b>\$92.00</b>
<b>Polio Donations</b>	<b>\$4,645</b>
<b>Member website logins this month</b>	<b>15 (22.1%)</b>

\*Ineluctable: incapable of being evaded; inescapable



# THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM...

## What It Takes to Make A Movie



Presented by Justin Adcock, Ph.D.

# April 2025

...is Maternal and Child Health Month (as noted on the [RI website](#))

Are you wearing your Rotary pin every day?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Weekly HYBRID Club Meetings Wed. 7:10 am at Cottonwood Lodge	3	4	5
6  Eric Holloway	7	8	9	10	11  Barb Donaldson	12
13  TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES	14  Larry Hoy	15	16	17	18 Club Board Meeting 7:00 am Via Zoom	19
20	21	22	23	24  Jamie Chavez	25	26
27  WAY PAST TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES	28	29	30 5TH Week Field trip to Kids First Health Care	May 1	2	3

### Advanced Notices

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

April 30, 2025--Field Trip to Alto, [Kids First Health Care](#), 3075 W. 71st Ave., Westminster. This will replace our regular morning meeting. Time: 7:00 a.m. They will provide breakfast.



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

**ANOTHER THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

.Always be yourself, because the people that matter don't mind, and the ones who mind, don't matter.

Thanks to Tom Donaldson

## Congratulations

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nificant contributions to its well-being and fostering a positive impact on the lives of residents.

This past year we have spoken much about the burgeoning opportunity to partner more fully with the Chamber of Commerce. And on Friday, the opportunity and potential of the partnership was on full display. Working more closely together, Rotary and the Chamber have the opportunity to make one another better and elevate the impact of both organizations in our community.

On a personal note, it was one of the highlights of my year as Club President to accept the Non-Profit of the Year award on behalf of our club. Accepting the award provided a platform to share from my heart "What I Love About Rotary" in front of a large and accepting audience (see "What I Love About Rotary" in President's Corner from 07/10/2024). By the end of the evening I'd had several conversations with community members interested in visiting, and possibly joining, our club - some already had their "Free Breakfast on Rotary" cards having spoken with other Rotarians in attendance.

Throughout the evening, when asked about our club I used every chance to "brag about you!" This year I've learned one thing that makes our club great is the broad-based involvement and ownership of our members for our various projects. When asked about how my club president year has been I always respond that "it's been easy" because of all the great engagement from our members.

**THANK YOU** to each of you for all that you do and **CONGRATULATIONS** on being recognized for our combined impact on the community.

Group Photo by Bill fine 

## Chamber Awards

By Mark Clark

On Friday, April 11, The Westminster Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Awards Gala at the Church Ranch Events Center. This black-tie event was well attended by the stars of our great city, including many Rotarians: **James Jacobson, Lori Goldstien, Jamie Chavez, Ed Moss, Mark Clark, Bill Fine, Kathe Graves, James Maxon, Tom Wilson, Ryan McCoy, Martin Postma, Eric Holloway,** and **Rich Seymour.**



Many of our Rotary members and friends were honored for their contributions to the city of Westminster. Of course, *Westminster Rotary* won Non-Profit of the Year. **Rich Seymour** won Community Servant of the Year, with Honorable Mention going to our very own President, **James Jacobson.** **Ryan McCoy** was presented with the Westy

Achiever Award.

Friends of Rotary winners included **Christine Wares** and **Kokopelli Beer Company** who were awarded Small Business of the Year. Finally, Mayor **Nancy McNally** was blessed to receive the Heart of the City award for all she does for Westminster.

Congratulations to **Jamie Chavez,** CEO of the Westminster Chamber, and **Parker Brown** (Westminster Carrabba's), another friend of Rotary, for a fantastic evening.

Please be sure to read the above notice fully as fines may be assessed this Wednesday for those that haven't paid attention.

Photo by Mark Clark 

## Why I'm A Rotarian



Rotary changed my life.

After joining Rotary in 1995, I had the opportunity to travel to four Rotary International Conventions. I saw how much of the world lived. I witnessed the abject poverty of the South African Townships and also the opulence of the wealthy in St. Petersburg, Russia. Returning home I

began to appreciate the privilege it is to live in the USA.

That's why I'm a Rotarian; I wanted to help give others less fortunate the opportunity to grow and develop so their aspirations and dreams can become reality.

Loren Donaldson, PP, 2010-11 Westminster Rotary Club, Westminster, Colorado



## What Paul Harris Wrote



Rotary has become an integrating factor. Whether the New England fathers have turned in their graves is a question; perhaps they have been rejoicing with us. With thoughts and deeds no more pretentious than those above related, the life of a movement, which was destined to circumnavigate the globe with incredible speed and make itself at home in all civilized nations, had its beginning.

Some of the early members even now in this day of wondrous achievement and bright promise still hark back to the delightful intimacy of friendship which was at its best in the dear old days."

Page 66, This Rotarian Age, by Paul Harris 1935



## 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 Ed Moss

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?

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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**