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October is Vocational Service Month

Vocational Service at the District level

by Dick Hayes, rbhayescpa@comcast.net, District 5450 Vocational Service Chair 2011-2012

As many of you know, October is Rotary Vocational Service Month. It seems to be an opportune time to remind everyone that Rotary now has five areas of service as it spun out youth programs such as RYLA and Rotaract to the New Generations Avenue of service from Vocational Service.

Vocational Service at the District 5450 level now concentrates on the Four Way Test, Leadership, and Ethics in Business. All Rotarians should remember that Rotary was founded on the principle that its members maintain high levels of integrity and this should be emphasized throughout the year. Specifically, for October, please consider the following types of activities to recognize Vocational Service Month:

Organize a club gathering such as a membership fair, open house, or other activity to bring together folks from various occupations and who are not Rotarians.

Insure that Club members give Vocational Service talks so all may gain an understanding and appreciation for the various occupations represented in the club.

Host a visit in October or sometime during the year from members of the District Four Way Test committee chaired by Doug Young of the Parker Club and the Leadership Institute chaired by Karen Briggs of the SE Denver Club. We can all benefit from hearing of the activities of these committees. They are in our communities making a difference in the lives of Rotarians as well as many others.

Let us remember the Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions:

- 1) Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve
- 2) Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community
- 3) Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
- 4) Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
- 5) Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society
- 6) Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community
- 7) Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
- 8) Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

Have a wonderful October and remember to recognize Vocational Service month.



A Message from your Governor

by District Governor
Jim Halderman
Rotary Club of Golden



An old yet interesting method of studying personality is to throw a pocketful of change on the table and ask the subjects to “compare” the coins. Some will look at the coins and say they are all the same, round, money, metal, etc. while others will say they are all different, different sizes, value, materials, face, etc. This becomes valuable information for a salesman, let’s say, who wishes to know how to approach a client and with what features to emphasize.

I, along with my wife, have now had the exceptional experience of visiting most of the Clubs in District 5450. I took note of both the “differences” and the “similarities” in the great clubs of our District.

The similarities were found in the tremendous friendliness of all the clubs and every Rotarian we have met. This certainly bodes well for future

growth. Dedication to Service and Pride in Rotary are uniform in all sixty-seven (and the number is growing) Clubs in the District. An eagerness to grow, get better, and increase charitable benefit to our communities and to our World are consistent throughout.

I had the great pleasure of visiting the Breckenridge Club last February on a day that registered -20 degrees. In a 100+ year-old “attic”, the greeter that day (and every day) was Breckenridge charter member Sam Grizzly (he really looks like a bear). Warmed by a potbelly stove, all were dressed in ski gear, and I thought of my times visiting Denver 31 at the Denver Athletic Club and how different were these two experiences. Club sizes in our District are different, ranging from 10-310; the venues are as different as the mind can imagine. Some clubs focus on their backyard, some on youth, and some on international projects. Some sing, some detest the idea, some levy fines for a variety of misdemeanors, some do happy dollars, and we are so very different in our socio-economic, political, and religious views.

Yet, Rotary remains a connector,

a common passion, and a reason to gather. All Rotarians touch the lives of literally thousands of people in their areas, regardless of club size, urban or rural. So much of what we do remains out of sight to other Rotarians and, unfortunately, the public. That is changing! The one exceptional privilege of my position is to have the opportunity to see the changes that you, each one of you, make on a day-to-day basis.

Maybe it is because we recite the 4-Way test regularly that we become kinder (every psychologist and philosopher has said we are our attitude). Maybe it is because our focus is on others. Maybe it is because we choose to hang around like-minded positive thinkers. Rotary is contagious, uplifting, and powerfully beneficial to everyone who involves themselves in their club in an active way. Rotary is the ultimate evidence of “What Goes Around, Comes Around”. Much discussion is given to the question: who shall receive the most, the giver or the receiver? I’m convinced Rotary is the catalyst that brings true and life-altering change to the many we serve and, ultimately, to ourselves.

Polio Eradication News by Peg Johnston, Rotary Club of Denver, District Polio Chair

Updates from the Polio Eradication Committee

To date District 5450 has raised \$601,795 toward the Bill and Melinda Gate Challenge Grant. Keep those donations coming!

Our committee is asking clubs to inform their communities through events or special activities about the need for worldwide polio eradication and how Rotary has made this effort its #1 priority since 1985. The District Polio website (www.endpolio.com) provides information about our efforts to eradicate polio and getting non-Rotarians to donate.

We have designed new cards (see below) for the clubs to use for community events and/or sharing with non-Rotarians who might be interested in

learning about polio and might consider contributing to our efforts. The card can also be downloaded from the District website.

On October 4th, 1500 of the polio cards were included in the goodie-bags handed out at the Bonfils/Denver Bronco Community Blood Drive.

Remember: October 24th is World Polio Day

The District 5450 Polio Eradication Committee now meets the second Wednesday of each month by conference call. Please contact Peg Johnston, Chair at peg.johnston@yahoo.com or 303-698-0687 if you are interested in joining us.



October is Vocational Service Month

A Small Community with a Global Reach

by Michele Knight, Rotary Club of Summit County

It may be hard to believe amid the splendor and luxury of Summit County, but the recession has hit this area hard. Many people who were just barely making ends meet are struggling even more as the tough financial times hang on. Some families with children scarcely have enough to feed themselves even one meal each day. These people are hard workers, are under-employed and just scraping by. In 2009 the Rotary Club of Summit County reached out to hundreds of people who are trying to stay afloat, with a free community dinner.

Fast forward a few years and the Community Dinner program remains a weekly commitment to feed the hungry. Every Tuesday, 250-400 people, including dozens of children, are welcomed into the Elk's Lodge for a well-balanced and warm meal. No questions are asked at the door, and no one is turned away. When school

is out of session, backpacks full of food are supplied to the children who may otherwise go hungry during the break. The most beautiful part is that many folks who needed a boost during hard times later come back to the dinner as a volunteer or donor once they are back on their feet.

Because Summit County receives visitors from across the globe, the Rotary Club has found a way to reach out to all of our fans. As part of the fundraising effort for this special project, the Rotary Club launched www.windreamcondo.com to raffle off cash or a million-dollar luxury condo in Breckenridge, with ticket prices as low as \$30. In the true spirit of a generous community, people from all over the globe are donating to the cause and helping this one-of-a-kind community provide food for those in need. As our club motto states: It's Good to Be a Rotarian.



District Governor Jim Halderman at the Summit County Rotary Club's Community Dinner



High School Students: Study Abroad for an Academic Year with Rotary Youth Exchange

- ✓ Live in another culture. Speak another language
- ✓ See new places. Make new friends
- ✓ Jump start your personal growth
- ✓ Impress colleges and employers

Open to teenagers 15½ to 18½ years old at the time of exchange. Apply* for the 2012/2013 school year by mid-November 2011.

Apply* in your freshman, sophomore, junior, or even senior year (for a gap year exchange).

*** Students and parents, please mark your calendars for a lively and informative presentation on Rotary Youth Exchange:**

Date: Sunday, October 23, 2011

Time: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Auditorium of Broomfield High School, (1 Eagle Way, Broomfield). RSVP for further details

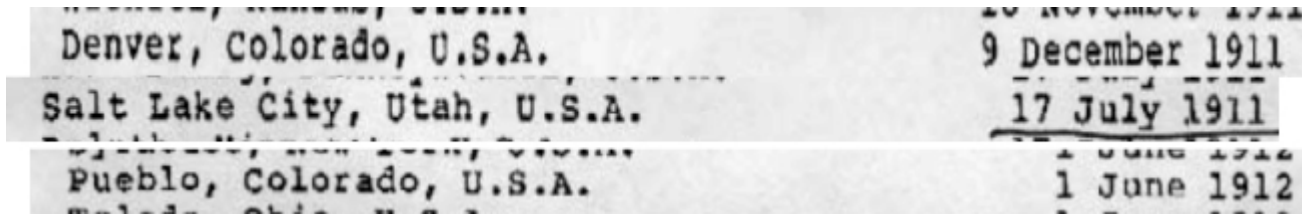
Contact: Joe Prizio

zprizio@comcast.net or 303.517.5289

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) has been sending students around the globe since 1929. Each year Rotary clubs worldwide arrange for thousands of high school exchanges. Rotarians involved in this not-for-profit undertaking are volunteers, helping to keep costs to the families of exchange students low. Website: www.rye5450.org.

Rotary History by Jay Carpender, Rotary Club of University Hills

District 21 and then District 7



Inserts from the roster of the Rotary's first 100 clubs

In 1915, District Governor John E. Zahn of Denver presided over a newly formed district, Number 14, including Rotary Clubs in Salt Lake City (No. 24, July 17, 1911), Denver (No. 31, December 9, 1911), Pueblo (No. 42, June 1, 1912) and Butte, Montana (No.140). Five new clubs were started during his term.

Succeeding Zahn as District 14 Governor in 1916 was a transplanted Missouri Doctor, then a Montana resident, T. Casey Witherspoon; he saw the chartering of the Ft. Collins Rotary Club on August 1, 1916 and four other district clubs.

Following Witherspoon was Utah resident, George O. Reif of Salt Lake City, a transplanted New York Hotel Executive. (Reif had arrived in Salt Lake City 10 years earlier as the Managing Director of Hotel Utah and he played a significant role in the 1918 Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City). During Reif's term the Greeley Rotary was chartered (June 1, 1917), as were six other clubs.

At the International Convention of 1918 in Salt Lake City UT, the area of the existing District was reduced in size to include only Colorado, New Mexico, and Eastern Wyoming, and it was renumbered as District 21. The change reduced the number of clubs in the District from 21 to 6. W. R. McFarland, of Denver was selected as DG for the new, smaller district and during his term 9 new clubs were added, including the Ft. Collins Rotary Club (on August 1, 1918), the Cheyenne Rotary Club (on August 18, 1918) and three others. W. R. McFarland was the president of

McMurty Manufacturing Company and he also held a position as an examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission.

In 1919, Roger Motten (from Colorado Springs) assumed the DG leadership role, and despite the turbulent year in the business world, 7 clubs were chartered, including Clubs in Loveland and Sterling. Bert F. Scribner of Pueblo added 4 clubs. Harvey D. Parker of Greeley added two clubs, making a total of 28.

At the International Convention in 1922 held in St. Louis, MO (attended by 6,779 delegates), District 21 was reclassified as District 7, which included Colorado, Wyoming, one (1) Nebraska County, and two (2) New Mexico Counties. James Hazard Walton of Cheyenne was selected as DG of the newly defined District 21. Walton, formerly a member of the Lions organization, led a group of 30 to leave that national organization in 1918 and form the Cheyenne Rotary Club becoming it's first president. Walton, once a banker, was the founder of Walton Motors in Cheyenne, an authorized distributor for Ford Motor Company products. He was DG when the Littleton Rotary Club was chartered on November 13, 1922; one other club was added during his term.



John E. Zahn



Roger H. Motten
1919-1922



T.C. Witherspoon M.D.



B. F. Scribner
1920-1921



George O. Reif



Harvey D. Parker
1921-1922



William R. McFarland



James H. Walton
1922-1923

Rotary Youth Exchange by Joe Prizio, Rotary Club of Boulder

Plan A, Plan B, and Somewhere in Between

He intends to be a professional road racer. There is no Plan B per se.

His name is Janos Zsombor Pelikan. He is a 16-year old Rotary exchange student from Dabas, Hungary, who is attending Fairview High School in Boulder during the 2011-2012 school year. Both his short and long term goals involve competing in, and presumably continuing to win, distinguished bicycle races.

Although he is a standout athlete in Hungary, it takes some prodding to get him to admit that he recently became the Hungarian national road bike champion among competitors under 17 years old. Asked how he achieved this status after only one year of road racing, he offers that he follows his coach's direction and works very hard. To the question, is there something about his physiology and body structure that might give him the competitive edge, he says no, and he repeats the docility and hard work mantra.

Janos (pronounced YAH-nosh) trains around Boulder two to three hours per day, six days a week. He emails his Cube Balaton Team coach, Viktor Specziar, in Hungary every day to report progress and receive instructions. He sticks strictly to his sports performance diet. In this respect, he may benefit from gluten intolerance, which forces him to stay away from cake and similar temptations.

At Fairview High School, where he is a junior, he is getting good grades. He likes Fairview, which he describes with characteristic precision as efficient and well equipped. Asked why he is making a good effort in school, given that he will not receive academic credits in Hungary for this year, he answers with a question of his own: Why would I not strive to do well in school

here? His response sets me back a bit, because from time to time I've heard the opposite position argued by similarly situated exchange students.

With school, homework, and training, there would seem to be no place for fun. Except, he says he's having fun. He's having fun learning about this new culture, making new friends, seeing new places, and



Lookout Cross, Golden, Colorado, 09.11.11, where Janos placed second in his category.

training with new riding partners in beautiful Colorado. In Colorado and specifically in Boulder, Janos readily finds superb riders to practice with. The high elevation workouts and all the climbing should give him greater endurance and take him to a higher performance level.

His coming here has not been without sacrifice. He left behind his girlfriend, Dora, about whom he is serious. He will not see her, his family, or his friends back home again until next summer, when he returns to Hungary. He misses them. He even misses the sound of Hungarian. Being here speaking English has given him a greater

appreciation of his mother tongue. It is strange perhaps, but other students have also told me how their exchanges deepened their love for their language and literature as their new language increased in beauty for them.

District 1911 Rotarians in Hungary and District 5450 Rotarians Michael Smith, Peter Ewing, and Nancy Stocker worked to arrange this exchange. Attention was paid to detail: His club counselor, Stephen Walker, is a PhD in sports psychology. His first host parents, Geoff and Michelle Considine, could write a book on gluten free eating, since they deal with significant celiac challenges in their family.

The State Department encourages student exchanges to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Janos admits that he arrived with somewhat negative presumptions about Americans. His opinion turned very favorable as soon as he came to experience the open and friendly character of Coloradans.

While it is true that he told me that he intends to be a professional racer and that there is no Plan B per se, he has what he calls a variation on Plan A: He will pursue an education in biochemistry, all the while continuing to compete in road racing. One of the two, the career in racing or that in science, will dominate in the end, but racing will be a part of his life, to the extent that he can control life's events. In any case, he intends to work hard and to follow the good advice of others. Hard work, he says, pays off.

These are the values that his parents taught him, he eventually admits.

Membership by Debi Bush, Rotary Club of Cherry Creek and District Membership Committee member

The 3 R's of Membership, Part II

Retention and recruitment are part of an ongoing life cycle in Rotary and you cannot retain a member until you have recruited/acquired one. Relevance is often the underlying aspect to recruitment that will help you in your efforts. So, what are some key elements when assembling recruitment processes to build and strengthen your club?

- Confirm who is responsible for the marketing and recruitment (i.e. lead generation) to attract and nurture prospective members. Make sure to buddy up with the PR committee since their efforts complement your recruiting efforts.
- Define processes for marketing and recruitment. For example, do you have a PR committee that works closely with your Membership committee to “get the word out” in multiple mediums (print, social media, word of mouth, canvassing)? Do you have a documented process for a Recruitment workflow which is followed with a Red Badge orientation program upon the induction of a new member?
- Select people for recruitment activities who have a great personality or may have strong attention to detail. It’s about bonding and rapport and follow through with the prospective members and most importantly asking questions of the prospect. What do they want to get out of Rotary? What passions do they have that they might bring to your club?
- Understand that each new prospective member will come with their own agenda and goals for providing service and not necessarily “fit” into the standard definition that your club may hold. Regardless of age and

vocation, these visitors have some level of interest in service and you need to ask a lot of questions that are prospect-based, not self-

that is easy and measurable to some extent?

This series of articles is the “soup starter” for how you should focus on Recruitment and Retention using Relevance to build a stronger and more vibrant club. Together, the clubs in District 5450 will continue to set the pace and break records in our zone and beyond.

Thanks go out to the following Rotarians who have shared content and insights that helped me to pen these articles

on the 3 R's:

- District 5450 Committee members Bob Walsh and Ray Anderson
- District Governor Elect Mike Klingbiel
- Dick Harsh of the Littleton Rotary Club on Rotary growth and sustainability.



Membership Recruitment & Retention

serving for growing your club.

It's not the features of your Club or business that you need to talk up; it's asking the questions of the Prospect that will provide you and your membership team the “gain” reasons for a person to want to explore and hopefully join a Rotary club.

Take it upon yourself, your Membership committee and your Board to brainstorm about activities that could be a magnet for drawing prospective members to your Club. My Denver Cherry Creek club took a stab at having our weekly meeting at Happy Hour (instead of our normal morning time) and it was successful enough that we will do this once a quarter. What can your Club try



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Douglas County Rotary Clubs Team Up to Support 'Homes for Our Troops'

by Sarah Vanderhill, Rotary Club of Castle Pines

Army Corporal Nick Orchowski, married just four days before deployment, was the main gunner of the lead vehicle in a convoy when they came under attack in May 2004 while on the main supply route leading into Baghdad. An insurgent's vehicle ambushed the convoy, slamming into CPL Orchowski's vehicle, the impact disabling the truck and throwing Nick out of the gunner's hatch. With his right shoulder pushed into his cervical spine area, CPL Orchowski suffered fractures of C4, C5, and C6 vertebrae and was immediately paralyzed from the neck down. As a medic worked to save his life, shots continued ring out and the ambush raged on. Nick's last thoughts before falling unconscious were of his wife and unborn child. Airlifted to Landstuhl, Germany and then to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, his next memory was waking up on a respirator, unable to move, his head in a HALO device. Learn more about Nick's story at www.homesforourtroops.org/Orchowski.

Homes for Our Troops (HFOT) is strongly committed to helping those who have selflessly given to our country and have returned home with serious disabilities and injuries since September 11, 2001. "It is our duty and our honor to assist severely injured Servicemen and Servicewomen and their immediate families by raising donations of money, building materials and professional labor and to coordinate the process of building a home that provides maximum freedom of movement and the ability to live more independently." www.homesforourtroops.org. The homes are always built to high-quality standards by professional

tradesmen, who typically donate supplies/material as well as their own time to this worthwhile cause.

The sacrifices our severely wounded soldiers make defending our country mirrors that of Rotary International's motto of "Service Above Self" so supporting Homes for Our Troops makes perfect



DCRAW Committee with Jamie and Nick Orchowski's (left front), Tracy Keil, Recipient of home built for husband, Matt Keil (center front) as well as two teens who volunteer for Kids for Our Troops.

sense. The clubs involved include Highlands Ranch, Castle Pines, Castle Rock Morning, Castle Rock High Noon, Cherry Creek Rotary Club of Parker and Parker. Altogether, the Douglas County Rotary clubs account for over 300 members committed to making a difference in our local communities as well as internationally.

Douglas County Rotarians at Work (DCRAW) Committee is comprised of representatives from each club that meets regularly as HFOT prepares to break ground for Orchowski's home. The committee communicates news of the "build" with their respective clubs, including volunteer opportunities, material/items needed, and information about the impending Build Brigade. "This has been a fantastic way to reach out to those men and women, and their spouses and families who have sacrificed so much for each of us," says Steve Baroch, Assistant District Governor

for Rotary International-District 5450 and DCRAW Committee member.

Douglas County Rotary clubs have also encouraged teens in the community to get involved in the organization by supporting local Kids for Our Troops activities in the area. They are responsible for raising awareness and fundraising amongst their peers and will oversee the volunteer duties of the "green team" at the Build Brigade, ensuring water bottles and other trash get properly recycled and that the property site remains clean over the 3 day period.

Though monetary and material/supply donations are greatly appreciated, once a project is approved, HFOT will not delay the build in order to wait for a donation of any kind. Surplus donations made to the Orchowski house will be saved by HFOT and could go to another severely wounded vet in need. It is DCRAW's hopes that many Rotary Clubs will partner throughout the U.S., with similar successes enabling double or triple the amount of qualified vets to be placed in homes that meet their specific disabilities.

Nick sends his thanks to those who are helping provide him with a specially adapted home from Homes for Our Troops: "Thank you for your support and kindness, not only have you honored me as a veteran of combat, but you have also changed my family's lives as well. I will no longer have to adapt to the un-adapted. I have [not] had to rely on other people to help me with most things in my new home and I will be able to be more independent. Homes for Our Troops and their volunteers and donors depict the True American Spirit! Thank you!"

Crutches 4 Africa extends its reach

by Dave Talbot, Mountain Foothills Rotary Club (c4a@crutches4africa.org)

The Rotary Club of Dracut, Massachusetts (District 7910) brought the plight of those in need in nations around the world to the people of their community. The Club launched its latest humanitarian effort on Saturday, September 10th, as part of Dracut's Old Home Day. The people of Dracut responded overwhelmingly, donating crutches, walkers, canes, and wheelchairs for the Crutches 4 Africa project.

"I'm thrilled," said project chair Chuck Moran. "The response we got from the community was tremendous. People stopped at the booth to find out about the drive and how they could donate their used crutches," said Moran. "We're going to have to extend the drive and set up collection sites in town for the people who couldn't bring their donations today."

Moran first heard about Crutches 4 Africa at the recent RI Convention in New Orleans. "I thought this is something we should bring back to the people of Dracut," said Moran. Figuring that almost everyone has used crutches or walkers in their basement or garage, he presented the

idea to the club.

"I thought it was a great idea," said Club President Christine Mullen. "From there the Club just ran with it." Acknowledging the work that the committee members put into the



Rotarians Sue Neary, Lee Ouellette and Chuck Moran at their Club's Crutches 4 Africa booth at Dracut, MA Old Home Day.

project she added, "everyone did a great job today."

The Club had some willing partners in the effort. The Dracut High School National Business Honor Society took on the challenge with enthusiasm, according to

Club Advisor Linda McHugh. "The students really appreciate the support they have received from Rotary and they wanted to give back. They voted unanimously to partner with Rotary at Old Home Day." The students

pitched right in, collecting donations, wrapping them and loading them on the truck for shipment to the Crutches 4 Africa project.

"Considering the response we got from the community, we're definitely going to have to extend the drive with collection sites in town," said committee member Sue Neary. "This is now an ongoing world project for us," she added.

"It makes us feel good to know they are going to someone who needs them," said donors Roland and Maureen Toupin as they handed over a pair of crutches. That was the sentiment of everyone who brought mobility devices to the Dracut Rotary Club

booth at Old Home Day.

Crutches 4 Africa Collection Sites

The Arvada Sunrise, Westminster 7:10, and Wheat Ridge Rotary clubs, together with their local fire departments, will be collecting mobility devices (mds) at all of the fire stations in those communities.

Mountain Foothills RC will continue to collect mds in the mountain communities, with collection barrels at Lookout Mountain Community Church (just south and east of I-70, exit 254, on Genesee Trail Rd.)

These four collection sites will be active for the month of October.

Keep Those Stories Coming

Your District Governor appreciates the many engaging and inspiring stories and those important notices that have filled the pages of the district's newsletter during the past four months.

If you have a story to share or an announcement to post, please be in touch with Paul O'Rourke (mopo8@aol.com).

The deadline for November submissions is Tuesday, November 9. Please have copy, photos (3" x 4" in pdf or jpg and 96 dpi) with captions to Paul via email by November 9, 2011.



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As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, all children — wherever they live — remain at risk.



Rotary International (RI) made polio eradication its top priority in 1985. In 1988, WHO, UNICEF and CDC joined forces with RI to form the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Since 1985:

- 350,000 cases/year fell to 1,350 cases in 2010
- RI is the largest private sector contributor, through its donations and volunteers, to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative
- \$8 Billion, from non-profits and governments, has been spent to eradicate polio
- 2.5 billion children have been protected
- 20 million volunteers have helped

"Eradicating polio will be one of the most significant public health accomplishments in history."

*Bill Gates, Cochair
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

To learn more and to donate, visit
www.endpolio.com

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Make plans now to visit Thailand . . . the “Land of a Thousand Smiles”. The RI Board selected **Bangkok**, the vibrant capital of Thailand, as the site for the 2012 Rotary International Convention. Known as the “City of Angels”, Bangkok’s culture, cuisine and traditions attract millions of international visitors annually and have earned it the top rating of “**World’s #1 Best City**” for the past three years by *Travel + Leisure* magazine.

Thailand is ready and waiting to welcome you to their amazing country. The Thai government has rolled out the welcome mat for Rotarians worldwide by providing Rotary International with a \$9.4 million grant to help underwrite convention expense resulting in the lowest convention registration fee in 25+ years **(\$160)** if you register by **Dec. 1, 2011**.

Why attend a Rotary Convention?

If you ask Rotarians why you should attend an International convention, you’ll get many opinions but in almost every case they’ll tell you it is an unparalleled opportunity to do the following:

- Learn about successful and innovative projects that your club can replicate.
- Learn firsthand about all of the changes that are happening in Rotary
- Be inspired and motivated by internationally known speakers
- Build lifelong friendships with people who share your vision for a better world
- Experience the true “internationality of Rotary” in a place where the entire Rotary world comes together.

Visa Requirements

Rotarians from the US and Canada visiting Thailand will be able to do so with no difficulty. First, make sure your passport is current and won’t expire either just prior to or during your trip. Second, the US and

Canada are on the list of countries that are “exempt” and do not require an entry visa as long as your stay in Thailand will **not be more than 30 days**. If you are planning an extended stay, an appropriate entry visa must be obtained in advance (4-6 months is recommended) from a Thai diplomatic or consular mission.

Get the “basics” out of the way

Be sure to take care of the following very important tasks early to insure your convention experience will be everything you anticipate once you arrive. If, in the end it is not possible for you to attend, you can cancel everything as long as you do so before March 1, 2012.

- **REGISTER ONLINE:** (using Member Access) before December 1 to be sure you’ll receive the early registration discount (\$160). After this date, registration increases significantly. Register online at <http://www.rotary.org>
- **RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM!** This is very important. Some hotels are already sold out. Hotel rates in Bangkok are much lower than for the past few RI conventions. Book your reservation now to ensure that you will get the hotel that you want.
- **ORDER YOUR HOC EVENT TICKETS:** Visit the Host Organizing committee web site <http://www.rotaryconvention2012.org> to order tickets for the various events that the HOC is planning. These, too, traditionally sell out early so reserve them early.
- **MONITOR AIR FARE:** Sign up to get notifications of fare changes on a web site like <http://www.airfarewatchdog.com> and be sure to use the RI Convention discount with United and the Star alliance partners.

Rotarians Fly High, do Good Work, and Make News

PDG PK Bonde

PK Bonde— Past District Governor (1997-1998) and an active member of the Longmont Club—has just been inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame. Congratulations to PK.

AG Steve Baroch

To honor his tremendous non-profit projects around the World, the Douglas-Elbert Realtor Association has named Steve Baroch— District 5450 Assistant Governor from Area 5—its Citizen of the Year. Congratulations to Steve Baroch.



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Your Monthly Rotary Quiz

Be the first to respond (to Paul O'Rourke, mopo8@aol.com) and receive a "prize" from District Governor, Jim Halderman, and an opportunity to publicize a project or program in



which you, your committee, or your club is currently engaged or has recently completed. And remember, all questions are taken from this month's *The Rotarian* magazine.

This month's head scratcher:

How and when did Bangkok begin, and to what does its name refer?

Congratulations to Michele Knight (Summit County) for answering—just 17 minutes after it was posted—last month's quiz: Name the two co-founders of the Wings of Angels Foundation and the three Rotary clubs that work with the organization?

(Answer: Dottee Watkins and Fred Berthrong; and the Douglas, Arizona, Logan, Utah, and Agua Prieta, Mexico Rotary clubs.)

District 5450 lapel pins



District 5450 lapel pins can be ordered through PDG Karen Sekich at ksekich@aol.com. The cost to the District is \$1.05 per pin and payment should be made to Rotary International District 5450."