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Committee Meetings

MONDAY, JULY 6

Project C.U.R.E. Sort Night
7:00 p.m., Project C.U.R.E.
Warehouse, 10377 E. Geddes
Ave.

TUESDAY, JULY 7

DRCF Executive Committee
10:30 a.m., Teleconference

THURSDAY, JULY 9

New Member Orientation
Session #3
10:45 a.m., Denver Athletic
Club, Mtg Room Denver 2

TUESDAY, JULY 14

World Community Service
Committee
7:30 a.m., Rotarian Pete Wall's
Office, 303 E. 17th Ave., Suite
800

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

RCD Committee Chair Meeting
11:30 a.m., D-Spot Pub &
Grille, 1701 California St. in
the Downtown Marriott

TUESDAY, JULY 21

RCD Board of Directors
7:30 a.m., Mountain States
Employers Council, 18th &
Pennsylvania, Mtg Room 5

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Rotary Connect
10:30 a.m., Denver Athletic
Club, 1325 Glenarm, Mtg
Room TBD

*The Rotary Office Will be
Closed Friday, July 3rd*

For questions about programs
or speakers after 7/1/09, please
contact Doug McLemore,
2009-2010
Meetings Committee Chair, at
(303) 680-4018

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Welcome to the New Rotary Year 2009-2010

**The Rotary Club of Denver
Thursday, July 9, 2009
11:45—1:00p.m.**



Centennial Projects Presentations



Come hear the details on the three
proposed projects to mark 100 years of Rotary in Denver.

-  Permanent Housing for the Homeless in Denver
-  Using technology to learn from the past, to better plan for the future. A partnership of the Colorado Historical Society and the Denver Rotary Club
-  Changing the Lives of 100 Kids Permanently

**You will be asked to vote for your favorite project, so don't miss this
opportunity to hear directly from the Project sponsors!**

*Please join us as we honor New and Multiple Paul Harris Fellows from January
through June, 2009. Be sure to wear your Paul Harris Fellow pins!*

Upcoming Club Meetings

July 16
July 23
July 30

OFFSITE at the Denver Zoo RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
OFFSITE Fellowship Meetings RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
"Denver's Road Home" - Jamie Van Leeuwen

President Sue... A Year in Review 2008-2009



Wow! What a year! Serving as president of this fabulous club has been such an opportunity and privilege. It is a really special feeling to be Denver Rotary Club's President and representative at club events such as the Branch Rickey Award Dinner and the annual Peach Sale, District events, other clubs' events such as charter nights and anniversary celebrations, outside-of-Rotary events such as the National Philanthropy Day in Colorado luncheon, the National Western Stock Show, the Colorado legislature and elsewhere. Not only that, as my real estate law practice has declined with the economy, it's given me plenty to do! Here's the year-end report:

We are still having fun!

- My mid-year report mentioned the fun start to the year with the joint changing-of-the-guard meeting/party with the Highlands Ranch Club, the annual Peach Sale featuring peaches, pancakes and live entertainment by Willie Snider; a great Branch Rickey Award Event, our "Friend-Raising" Dinners, the surprise cocktail party for Sandy Adams' birthday, Top Gear's golf tournament, member mixers at the Cheeky Monk, Hard Rock Café and Pint's Pub; DCIS's "Trunk or Treat", the annual Christmas party with Santa, the Rocky Mountain Children's' Choir and the White Christmas Singers. *Add to that:*
- Another mixer, at the Wine Loft, in March
- "Tango Fandango" in April
- Quite a few Denver Rotarians had a great time at the District Conference in Colorado Springs in May
- The annual Bowling 'n Tacos Party with our High School Scholarship kids in May
- The Old-Fashioned Rotary Picnic at Four-Mile House this month. What a great time was had by all! Lots of great photos are on our website – check them out!

We are still receiving great publicity and recognition:

- My mid-year report mentioned the great publicity and TV air time we received on Channel 9 during our Annual Peach Sale; Governor Ritter's now-annual address to Rotarians in October, our recognition for most outstanding service organization at the 2008 National Philanthropy Day in Colorado luncheon, the continuing kudos received by our Interact Club at DCIS, print and broadcast media for the 2008 Branch Rickey Award, the fact that our programs can now be found on YouTube via our website. *Add to that:*
- Thanks to great work by Darlene and Jamie, committee website liaisons and others, the Denver Rotary Club

Website keeps getting better and better! CHECK IT OUT!

- Colorado Senate Joint Resolution 09-032 honored Rotary in Colorado, and Denver Rotary in particular. Several of your board members and me, along with our District Governor, attended the Senate and House on April 15 to hear amazing testimonials to Rotary given from the floor. The sponsor of the Resolution, Senator Mike Kopp, attended our club meeting the next day to present us with the Resolution and a flown-over-the-Capitol Colorado flag.

Our programs continue to be great:

- My mid-year report acknowledged our many outstanding speakers and off-site programs. *Add to that:*
- We continue to have great programs. Some of my second half-year favorites have been Earl Wright's presentation on Global economics, the GSE Team from Australia, DRCF Celebration Day, the off-sites at Children's Hospital and the Colorado History Museum and, of course, Kapelke & Company's Annual "April Fools Walk In".

We are still giving generously of our time and talents:

- My mid-year report mentioned our monthly group of volunteers who sort donated medical supplies at Project CURE; Rotarians who read to elementary school children, mentor High School Scholars and Denver Kids, guide our Interact Club at DCIS, provide support to vocational scholar students; plan for, send and host international exchange students; screen applicants for GSE, Ambassadorial and Peace Scholarships and seek students to participate in RYLA. Four students went to Rotary Day at the United Nations, and members of our World Community Service Committee spend many hours planning and overseeing more than 40 projects around the world. Members continue to serve this Club's internal functions such as planning memorials. *Add to that:*
- All of this fine work continues unabated!

...and of our financial resources, despite this tough economy:

- Mid-year, I reported that net proceeds of the Peach Sale were \$17,455 as we sold approximately 1,700 boxes of peaches and LOTS of pancakes; net proceeds of the Branch Rickey Award were over \$86,500, plus \$7,875 in contributions and pledges to pay for Denver Kids' graduation clothing.
- Final FY stats for contributions to DRCF, TRF and the TRF Polio Eradication fund:

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- Direct contributions to DRCF in as of 6/30/09 totaled \$114,493 (\$48,057 from members, \$4,845 in memorials, \$61,591 in bequests). 164 members (49% of our members) contributed to DRCF.
- Direct contributions to The Rotary Foundation (Int'l) as of 6/30/09 totaled over \$53,271 to Annual Programs Fund. 147 members (44%) contributed to the Annual Fund.
- \$21,545 has been contributed toward our \$25,000 goal for contributions toward the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Polio Eradication Matching Fund. 47 members (14%) contributed to the Polio Eradication Fund.
- We have 16 new DRCF fellows and 15 new multiple fellows.
- We have 12 new Rotary Fund Paul Harris Fellows and 63 new multiple PH Fellows.

Membership has had its challenges:

- As reported, during the first half of the year, our membership was at the "plus one" level several times.
- We have continued to bring in new members, with 30 great new members joining us this year.
- The economy and other factors hit membership hard in the second half of the year, however. We lost 49 members by resignation and 3 to death.
- A study group was formed by the Board, to study how the Club could best help its members in these tough economic times. Adjustments were made to membership policies, and the concept of a dues-assistance fund is still under consideration.
- Doug McLemore has instituted "Rotary Connect" and the "Rotary Business Spotlight", efforts to assist members in their professional and business lives.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT GROWING OUR CLUB WITH GREAT NEW MEMBERS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US!

We are still planning for the future:

- Mid-year, I reported that two new standing committees were created, the Development Committee, with oversight responsibility for all club fundraising events, and the Club Service Committee, which oversees the work of several committees that perform important administrative and internal service functions for us, such as planning memorials, orienting new members, seeking recognition and awards for the club and monitoring attendance. Also, the Centennial Planning Committee, was appointed, and is making plans for the year-long celebration of Denver Rotary's Centennial Year in 2011.
- We instituted a monthly meeting of the standing committee chairs, which has helped greatly to coordinate

the work that committees are doing, leading to avoidance of overlap and great cross-fertilization and synergy among the committees.

- The work of these committees continues, with exciting plans for the Branch Rickey Award and the Centennial. You have already been asked to complete an online survey about what you want the Centennial Year to look like, and on July 9, you will have the opportunity to consider several proposed Centennial Projects.
- The New Member Classes have received and, courtesy of DRCF, will continue to receive an award of funds with which to plan a New Member Class Service Project. This award has been an important way that our new members get an immediate sense of what it means to be a "Service Above Self" Rotarian.

AND NOW...

Although I have agreed to serve as District 5450 Secretary next year, I expect that it will be relatively light duty, and I look forward to returning to the full-time practice of real estate law -- if there are some real estate transactions happening! Please remember me when you know someone who needs a real estate lawyer who puts deals together so that they stay together. You can learn more about what I do at my website, www.foxlegal.net.

Thanks again for the opportunity to call myself President of the Rotary Club of Denver this year; what an honor! I am indebted to the loyal officers, directors and committee chairs, leaders who keep this Totally Awesome Rotary Club humming. And not only the named leaders, but all of you who give so much time and effort to this Club and the people served by the Club.

And of course you know that I have the greatest of gratitude and appreciation to our Executive Director Darlene Mast, and her staff, Jamie Demmitt, Holland Stowell and Steve Engbers, for all they do to keep this club running smoothly!

I leave the office of President in the excellent hands of Roland Thornton and his 2009-2010 leadership team, and wish them a marvelous year.

I am yours truly,



Sue Fox
Rotary Club of Denver President, 2008-2009

Look for more news and photos from the Changing of the Guard in next week's Keyway.

Birth-a-tarians



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(Pictured Left to Right)

Stephen Block, 7/3, Denver Options, Inc., *“Human Services—Developmentally Disabled”*

Rod Greiner, 7/3, American Zang Investment Council, *“Financial Products—Marketing”*

Bob Heiserman, 7/5, Robert G. Heiserman, P.C., *“Law—Immigration and Nationality”*

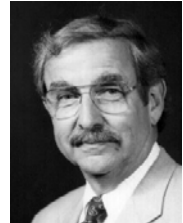
Marilyn Renninger, 7/6, AMG National Trust Bank, *“Counseling—Investment Management”*

Bob Thompson, 7/6, *“Highway Construction”*

Bob Day, 7/7, Weitz Company, *“Construction—General—Warranty Manager”*

Joe Jensen, 7/8, *“Physicians & Surgeons—Psychiatry—Adult”*

Marlin Weaver, 7/9, *“Physicians & Surgeons—Oto—Rhinology”*



PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR ROTARY FAMILY!

It is a Rotary tradition to honor our Birth-a-tarians each week. We also want to rejoice when one of our members receives GOOD NEWS, such as an award, the birth of a child, marriages or business success. Conversely, we want to let you know WE CARE when our lives are not going so well. We often miss knowing when a member's loved one has died, a member is sick or one is experiencing difficult challenges in their life. Forms are available to you at each meeting. They are located on the hospitality table at the back of the room. Feel free to take some home. Please SHARE.

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