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Rotary Club of Denver  
Club 31

# THE KEYWAY

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## Committee Meetings

### MONDAY, JUNE 1

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

### TUESDAY, JUNE 2

DRCF Board of Trustees  
11:30 a.m., Colorado Bar  
Association, 1900 Grant St.,  
Suite 900

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Rotary Foundation Support  
Committee 8:00 a.m., Village  
Inn, I-25 and Colorado Blvd.

Youth Exchange Committee  
4:30 p.m., Zang Mansion, 709  
Clarkson St.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Programs Committee  
7:30 a.m., Lucille's Cafe,  
275 S. Logan

Membership/Retention  
Committee 10:30 a.m.,  
DAC, Meeting Room TBD

### TUESDAY, JUNE 9

World Community Service  
Committee End of Year Party  
7:30 a.m., The Cherokee on  
12th

Club Executive Committee  
4:15 p.m., Rotary Office, 1900  
Grant St., Suite 850

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



**June 4, 2009**

Denver Athletic Club, 11:45-1:00 p.m.

***Carrie Olson***

***Executive Director, Kepner Educational  
Excellence Program***

***Success at Kepner Middle School-  
"Never Give Up! The KEEP Story"***

Carrie A. Olson is a 6th--8th grade teacher at Kepner Middle School in Denver, Colorado who has been teaching in Denver Public Schools since 1985. Currently, she teaches electives for students who want to participate in academic travel to Washington, DC, and Europe, and a Literacy Skills class at each grade level for students who need to improve their reading and writing skills. In her classes she teaches the Holocaust to students who otherwise would not receive this education.

Carrie is the founder and executive director of the Kepner Educational Excellence Program (KEEP), a nonprofit organization that assists in funding students' academic journeys to Washington, DC and Europe as well as providing significant other support at Kepner, including funding the KEEP Work Program for students taking the academic travel electives, providing mini-grants for use by the school staff and supporting a specialized professional development program for the faculty.

**It's Committee Sign Up Day.... Committee Chairs and/or  
Committee members will be available before and after the  
meeting to answer your questions and assist in your selection.**

## Upcoming Club Meetings

June 11  
June 18

OFFSITE: Old Fashioned Rotary Picnic at Four Mile Historic Park -EVENING EVENT  
OFFSITE: "Colorado Historical Society, Remaining Relevant after 130 Years" Ed Nichols

## Club 31 Welcomes A New Member



**Patrick W. Lewis "Pat"**  
Member Since: 4/21/2009 Active - Ordinary

Business Development  
Van Gilder Insurance Corp.  
700 Broadway, Suite 1000, Denver, CO 80203  
Spouse: Heather Lewis  
9990 S. Apollo Bay Way, Highlands Ranch CO 80130  
Rotary Achievements:

Birthdate: 11/25  
"Insurance - Business Development"  
Sponsor: Jack Green  
Wk Ph: 303.831.5184  
Fax: 303.831.5295  
E-mail: plewis@vgic.com  
Hm Ph: 720.344.2115

As a Business development Specialist, Patrick is responsible for identifying new commercial business opportunities. He specializes in developing programs that are custom designed, implemented and measured to meet his client's professional goals.

Patrick began his insurance and risk management career with Van Gilder in 1997, while participating in the St. Paul Partnership Producer Program, a program designed to locate and develop young producers (business development specialists.)

Patrick earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Finance from Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacagdoches, TX. In addition to his formal education, he has also earned the professional designations of Accredited Advisor in Insurance (AAI), Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC), Certified Risk Managers (CRM) and is currently pursuing the Charter Property & Casualty Underwriter (CPCU).

His professional involvements include: Strategic Connections (Past President), Colorado chapter of the Association of General Contractors (AGC), Professional Independent Insurance Agents of Colorado (PIIAC), Young Agents of Colorado (YAC), Mountain States Employers Council (MSEC) and Captive Resources.

Patrick is also actively involved with several civic and not-for-profit service organizations like Open Fairways, Colorado Christian Services, Young Life, in addition to supporting various charitable causes.

Patrick, his wife Heather, and their three children (Macey 6, Carder 4 and Callie 2) reside in Highlands Ranch. Patrick enjoys most outdoor activities, but has a special affinity for golf and fly fishing... but most of all, enjoys spending quality time with his family.

Patrick was introduced to the Club on May 28, 2009 by his sponsor, Jack Green.

### Proposed New Member

#### **John Finegan**

American Cancer Society  
*Sponsor:* Jane Barnes  
*Classification:* TBD

*Should anyone have a comment regarding this proposed new member please contact Darlene at the Rotary office ASAP.*

### Membership Updates

#### **Resignations**

Alex Cranberg  
Bruce Dawson  
Anna Maria Larsen  
Wilfried Streicher

## Pride-a-tarian News



Jean Jones



Grant Wilkins

Congratulations to Rotarian Jean Jones on receiving the Civis Princeps Award from Regis University! Jean was honored on May 2, 2009 with the University's Highest Honor. Jean was recognized for her work with the Girl Scouts, involvement in the community and Rotary. The award is granted to Colorado Citizens who have manifested integrity in ideals, concern for fellowman and service to mankind.

Grant Wilkins was featured in an article in *The Villager* on May 14, 2009. The article focused on Polio survivors and working towards eradication.



Former Club member Trish Shepard lost her courageous battle with pancreatic cancer and passed away on May 24th. Trish was 69 years old and was a member of our Club for almost 5 years, having just resigned in March. She is survived by two daughters, Catherine Casson Matthias and Christine Casson Bagshaw, both of Denver, and two grandchildren. Trish was preceded in death by her husband of a couple years and long time Club member, Dr. Gus Garcia. Her services

were held Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Food Bank of the Rockies, Denver Hospice or the American Cancer Society. Please keep Trish's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Eleanor Diss Sabin, daughter of member Bill Diss and sister of member Fred Diss passed away on Monday, May 25th after a long battle with cancer and many victories in life. Services are being held today, May 29th at 1:00 at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, a donation to March of Dimes for the prevention of birth defects would be appreciated. Please keep the Diss family in your thoughts through this difficult time.

**Nominations for Rotarian of the Year and New Rotarian of the Year are due this Monday, June 1st. Turn in your nomination today!**

*Summer Job Needed!*

Top student at Lincoln High School needs summer employment.

Works hard. Reliable. Wants to learn and grow.

Computer facile. Creative. Good mechanical skills. Interested in Engineering.

Prefers full time, but would accept part time.

Please call or email Chuck Everill (Adrian's high school mentor) [charleseverill@comcast.net](mailto:charleseverill@comcast.net) or 303-795-3480

**DON'T FORGET!**

We will be OFFSITE on June 11th and 18th

Turn in your reservation for our Rotary Family Picnic at Four Mile Historic Park on June 11th from 5-8 p.m. Reservations are due June 5.

The following week, June 18th we will be at the Colorado History Museum. Our program is titled: "Colorado Historical Society, Staying Relevant after 130 Years" Reservations are due June 12.



**Queen City Jazz Band Benefit Concert Presented by Rotary Club of Littleton June 7, 2009**

For 50 years the Queen City Jazz Band has kept its focus on performing the great sounds of New Orleans-style Dixieland Jazz. Join them for this terrific benefit concert presented by the Rotary Club of Littleton.

All proceeds and donations received will help Rotary raise funds to meet challenge grants received from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to work toward eradicating polio in the world.

Visit [www.townhallartscenter.com](http://www.townhallartscenter.com) to Purchase Tickets or phone the box office at 303-794-2787 x5

# Denver Rotary & Club Members Honored at the 2009 District 5450 Conference



## World Community Service Award

The Denver Mile High Rotary Club established the World Community Service Award in 1994 to recognize another club in District 5450 for making an exceptionally significant contribution to world understanding through an international project. The award consists of a permanent plaque plus \$500 to be used by the club for any of its international projects.

This year, the Denver Mile High Rotary Club is pleased to present the Lakewood Foothills, South Jeffco and Denver Rotary Clubs with the 2009 World Community Service Award. A multifaceted construction project engaged members of the three Denver clubs and high school students from the D'Evelyn Interact club. In addition to fundraising and constructing prefabricated homes in Colorado, members of these clubs then went down to Juarez, Mexico to work with local Rotarians and the new homeowners to erect the houses together.

This hands-on international project is an example of teaching our students about the world and connecting people with people in a highly personal manner while engendering goodwill and understanding between the people of the United States and Mexico.



## Rotary Club of University Hills Les Bevans Pacesetter Vocational Service Award

Named in honor of PDG Les Bevans, this award was established in 1987 to recognize a Rotarian whose involvement and example has contributed significantly to the ideal of Vocational Service in his or her community, as put forth in the Second Object of Rotary.

In selecting Ved. P. Nanda for this award, University Hills recognizes his efforts in International Law as a teacher, author, world-circling lecturer and special confidant to leaders around the globe. Professor Nanda has been instrumental in establishing the International Law Fellowship Program, a cooperative between Denver University, Moscow State University in Russia, Denver Rotary and the Colorado Bar Foundation (CBF). Begun in 1999, this program annually brings a Russian law student to study at the Denver University College of Law, under the sponsorship of DU, Denver Rotary and the CBF. Without Professor Nanda's efforts and stature, this program would not have been able to have begun or to continue. The eight fellows of this program have taken back to Russia an important appreciation of the American "Rule of Law" and the importance of Rotary Creed.

## Rotary International Service Above Self Award



“**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**” is a long-standing and important principle of Rotary. Service itself is a reward to Rotarians who reach out to give aid to those in need. In 1991, the RI Board of Directors created the Service Above Self Award to recognize those Rotarians who truly embody Rotary’s principal motto. While many Rotarians distinguish themselves through service, the Board felt it was important to recognize those outstanding few who have made service a way of life. The Board considers this “...to be Rotary International’s highest honor to bestow on a Rotarian, selected following an intense review of an exemplary group of nominees.” Only 150 of these awards are given worldwide each year.

IF THERE IS ANYONE who epitomizes the Rotary motto, “Service Above Self,” it is C. Grant Wilkins of the Denver Rotary Club. A Rotarian since 1969, Grant has served as club president, governor of District 5450 and a director of Rotary International.

While governor in 1984-1985, he raised over half a million dollars for The Rotary Foundation, a record that has hardly been equaled anywhere. He has served on the R.I. Finance Committee, been a delegate to the Council on Legislation and has served as the R.I. President’s Representative to District Conferences across the U.S. and in 10 foreign countries. He is responsible for the placement of bronze statues commemorating Rotary’s fight against polio in both downtown Denver and at Rotary’s world headquarters in Evanston, IL.

Grant has been involved with Rotary in Russia for 18 years, starting with the chartering of their first-ever Rotary club in 1990 (Moscow), and then helping to spread additional clubs in Siberia. He was also instrumental in obtaining a \$300,000 Rotary 3-H Grant which has been used to establish over 100 Rotary Health Fairs across Russia.

Space does not permit listing all of the Rotary International committees he has served on or the conferences he has chaired. Locally he founded Denver Rotary’s Artists of America, an outstanding art exhibition and sale which over its 20-year existence raised over \$3 million for the Denver Rotary Foundation and the Colorado History Museum. In 2005 he chaired Denver Rotary’s Centennial Project, which placed a bronze statue of baseball’s Branch Rickey at the entrance to Coors Field.

It is truly fitting that Grant Wilkins should receive one of the only 150 Service Above Self Awards to be presented world-wide in 2008-2009.

# Congratulations Ved and Grant!

# 2009 District Conference—The pictures say it all!



# *DRCF Thank you letters...*



On behalf of the Denver Kids Board, Staff and students and families we serve, thank you and the membership of the Denver Rotary Club Foundation for our 2008-2009 grant proceeds in the amount of \$165,000 to be dedicated to our general operating support. We are so grateful to the Denver Rotary Club for the long-term support of our mission.

As you know so well, this grant is extremely helpful in providing assistance to students who need additional support structures to be successful in school. We continually seek ways to broaden our base of support so that we can, without in any way sacrifice quality, expand the number of students served. We know that there is no shortage of students in the Denver Public Schools who would benefit from the long-term educational counseling and mentoring that Denver Kids provides. We look forward to sharing our progress as our new strategic plan is developed and implemented.

Each time we write a thank you letter to Denver Rotary, it seems impossible to convey how truly grateful we are for everything that you and the membership do for the students of Denver Kids. Again, our sincere thanks for your partnership.

Sincerely,

Glenna Norvelle  
President/CEO

Vickie Puchi  
Vice President of Development



*COMMUNITY  
RESOURCES, INC.*

On behalf of Community Resources, Inc. and the students that we serve I would like to thank you and the Denver Rotary Club Foundation for your continued support of the Academic Mentors Project. It is heartening to know that sixty children will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity thanks to the generosity of your members.

We are also thankful for the willingness and desire of Rotarians to give of their valuable time and knowledge as volunteers within the various programs offered by Community Resources, Inc. We love their energy and commitment.

Again, thank you. I am excited about our continued and deepening partnership as together we serve the children and families of our community.

Gratefully,

Sue Edwards  
Executive Director

# Birth-a-tarians



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*(Pictured Left to Right)*

**Todd Bacon**, 5/29, Colorado Data Mail, Inc., *"Mailing Service"*

**Jeff Pryor**, 5/29, Anschutz Family Foundation, *"Consultant—Charitable"*

**Blair Gifford**, 5/30, UCD, College of Business, *"University—Private—College of Business—Professor"*

**Ralph Schwartz**, 5/31, *"Savings & Loan Associations—Federal—Administration"*

**Don Burkhardt**, 6/4, The Burkhardt Law Firm, *"Law—Estate Administration"*

## 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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