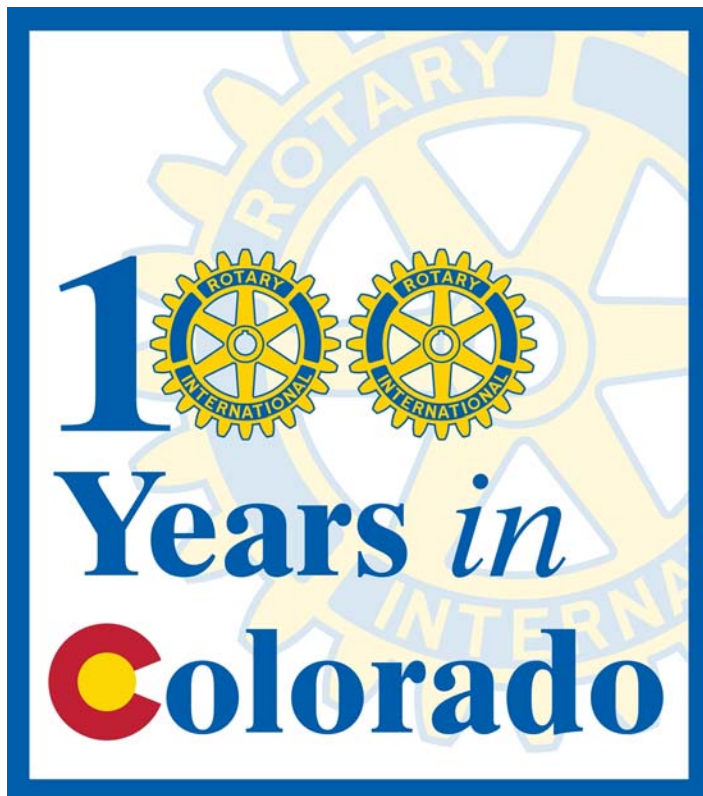


Centennial Year Planning Committee

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The Denver Rotary Club, Club # 31 in the Rotary world, was chartered on December 1, 1911, which makes 2011 our Centennial Year, a year to celebrate our club's long and wonderful history. Many enthusiastic members will be needed for this committee. If you possess any of these skills or attributes, WE NEED YOU! –

- People who love to have fun!
- People who are organized and self-directed while being able to plan as part of a group!
- People with great ideas!
- People with a sense of history!
- People with a sense of the future!





Club Service Committee

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This is an umbrella committee that works through various subcommittees:.

History Committee

Updates the written and photographic history of Club 31. Its work will become especially important in 2011 when we celebrate the Club's Centennial Year. If you are a history or photography buff, this committee is for you!

Awards Committee

Works to ensure that Club 31 is duly recognized for all of the wonderful things we do! It encourages and assists other committee chairs to submit applications to be considered for District awards, and may seek other opportunities to nominate our club for various other community recognitions and awards.

Club Recognition Committee

Recognizes members for perfect attendance and seeks out other ways to publicly recognize and honor the contributions and service of our members.

Memorial Resolutions Committee

Makes sure that we honor the lives of our recently deceased members with memorial resolutions.

Family of Rotary Committee

Seeks to know when members need a personal note of sympathy or condolence, flowers from the Club or a personal pat on the back, and to fill all those needs.



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Jim Goddard, 2010-2011 Chair

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THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE LEADS...

...PUBLIC RELATIONS

The public relations function of the Communications Committee is to lead the effort to create greater awareness within the Denver community about Club 31's mission and its projects, and to encourage involvement in our Club. In addition, our Committee will take opportunities to include the work of Rotary International in our stories and messages to the public. We will also utilize the 100th Anniversary of our Club to promote our successes. The work includes **identifying important stories of our success and testimonials from our members** to relay to the media, and creating press releases and announcements to **build relationships with the media**.

...INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

The committee is also responsible for internal public relations through creation of **content/stories for the Keyway Newsletter**, and through enhancing the work of our Programs Committee to **build excitement around our weekly Club programs**.

...WEBSITE INFORMATION

The Club Website has wonderful functions and usefulness for our members. The Communications Committee will **support driving members and the public to the site** and will help guide the content to support planned enhancements this year.



ADOPT-A-SCHOOL COMMITTEE

“The Denver Center for International Studies”

Randy Dunn, 2010-2011 Chair

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As a part of our 2005 Centennial Project, Club 31 committed itself to establishing a long-term support relationship with a Denver Public School. Our Club adopted **The Denver Center for International Studies**, a world-class school focused on international and intercultural affairs, serving middle and high school students.

The Committee’s plan is to provide resources, both financial and human, to the student, faculty and staff of the school with the objective of improving student performance in a much challenged school. We have several areas that are highlighted here that we feel need our attention. Our committee is looking to form subcommittees to better manage and meet the needs of the DCIS community.

Academic/Travel:

- a. Travel: This sub-committee can and will have the greatest impact on a student’s life. We have many opportunities to send students abroad through our programs and some individual ones as well. In the past, these trips have been life changing for many students. The committee will review applications for travel and make recommendations on which students qualify. We will continue to travel to Juarez to build houses for the poor, travel to New York for Rotary Day at the UN and help sponsor other educational trips.
- b. Scholarships: We want to develop avenues for the students to find scholarships to help them to continue with their education.
- c. RYLA: Develop a format to select deserving DCIS Interact students to attend RYLA in the summer.

Social/Exchange:

- a. Rotary Lunch Meeting Hosts: In the past, we have hosted many of the DCIS Interact Students at our regular meetings. Especially when the speaker or subject is one of great impact or interest to the students. We will need several members to host and transport students from the DCIS campus to our meetings as needed.
- b. Youth Exchange: This will be one of our most appropriate liaisons within our Club. Many DCIS students are looking for ways to study abroad and the fact that they can study 6 different languages at DCIS makes them exceptionally well qualified for our year long exchanges. The DCIS program is going to look at hosting exchange students both during the school year and through summer exchange programs. This should make it much easier to find host families by using the families of the DCIS school in addition to Rotarians.

We would also like to reestablish the “Expanding Your Horizon’s Program” which was run by Rotary at DCIS some years past. This program would invite students who are interested in a given profession/job--e.g. architect, nurse, doctor, police officer, construction, etc-- to spend time with a person from that field that Rotary has arranged. Additionally, we would offer groups of four students a two or three hour company visit to learn about a field of interest to them (e.g. visit a newspaper, hospital, doctor’s office, radio station, etc.) The Interact Club has developed a list of students that are interested in the program and we are hoping to find that same interest in the rest of the DCIS student body.

JA/Interact Adopted School:

After 3 years of working with Junior Achievement and DPS, the DCIS Interact Club along with Rotarians from Club 31 adopted Greenlee Elementary and taught the JA program to all grades. This was a very successful program and we want to form a subcommittee to make sure we can meet the needs of the program.

Physical/Model UN:

Develop and follow up with projects that will improve the physical aspects of the school. In addition, we will reapply for a matching grant to raise the money to complete the Model UN room in the school for the benefit of the students.

Interact Club

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Interact is a Rotary sponsored service club for youth aged 14-18 years old. Interact allows young people an opportunity to participate in fun and meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and initiative.

In December of 2005, the Interact Club of the Denver Center for International Studies received their charter from Rotary International. The students in the DCIS program have worked very hard to make this come true and are very excited to make their club a model for all the students who follow in the DCIS program. The leadership of the current officers has been no less than remarkable. We have 35 students in the club currently and we are expecting it to grow to close to 40 next school year. In 2007, the Interact Club at DCIS won the Ron Prascher Award as the Interact Club of the Year for District 5450. The growth and strength of this club has been amazing and Cindy will need excited and dedicated committee members to help keep the momentum growing. Everything the DCIS committee does for the school involves the Interact Club. This is a very important subcommittee.

The Interact Club has traveled to Mexico to build homes for the poor, to New York for Rotary Day at the UN, a member of the club went to India to learn about the culture and has done numerous service projects from Trunk-or-Treat to feeding the homeless in City Park.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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The Rotary International Programs Committee is responsible for several exciting programs sponsored by RI. They include Ambassadorial Scholarships, Peace and Conflict Studies Programs, the Temple Buell Scholarship and Group Study Exchanges.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Harriet Downer, Chair

Rotary International has several of the most impressive scholarship programs in the U.S. District 5450, which encompasses 65 Rotary clubs in Colorado, provides this opportunity to several graduate level students selected from the District.

The focus of the Scholarship Sub-Committee is, first, to increase awareness of the Rotary scholarship opportunities among Rotarians and the community in general and, second, to find outstanding students to nominate.

The final selections are made by District 5450 based on student grades, achievements, community involvement, future leadership potential and financial need. Rotarians believe that if one person at a time can understand we live in a world of differences, we will ultimately develop people who will understand and be able to work toward a better world of understanding, goodwill and peace.

The programs, which these scholars can participate in, include the Ambassadorial Scholarship for single-year or multi-year academic programs. For the Temple Buell Scholarship, the course of study is limited to architecture (land planning, urban planning, landscape and design). The World Peace and Conflict Studies scholarships are available to professionals from around the world to train in the areas of conflict resolution and mediation strategies.



ROTARACT

This program supports Rotary groups for young professionals, aged 18 to 25 years. Currently the club does not support a Rotaract Club.



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE)

Jean Herman, Chair
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The Group Study Exchange Program is financed by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) of Rotary International. It is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young, non-Rotarian, professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 years. The program awards “all expense” paid grants for a team of 4 plus a Rotarian leader, from paired Districts in different countries, to visit the exchange country for four weeks. Rotarian members from several local clubs then host and plan the team itinerary to visit business, educational, governmental and cultural places as well as include social time with Rotary members.

Our GSE committee will recruit young professionals who fit the requirements of the program and the particular outgoing team, as determined by the District, and help coordinate the incoming team’s hosting and itinerary should our Club be chosen to be involved. With 65 clubs in our District, only 5 clubs are chosen to host but all can recruit applicants and meet the incoming teams at our District Conference.

In 2010-2011, our District is sending a team focused on agriculture to Kerala, India, February 2011. Team leader and member applications are due September 1 and Oct. 1. All must be available for District interviews at set times. The incoming team will visit in April 2011. A second inbound team with mixed professions will visit from San Paulo in April 2011. Our District team will visit Brazil in 2012.

In 2009/2010, one team focused in renewable energy traveled to Japan, and another general exchange team went to Southern Peru. In the spring of 2009, our Club hosted a focused group from New Zealand.

The GSE Sub-Committee meets as needed.



MEETINGS COMMITTEE

Bob Lowdermilk & Doug McLemore (Interim)

2010-2011 Co-Chairs

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1st Thursday of each month, 7:30 a.m.

The Meetings Committee is responsible for what happens at the club's weekly luncheon, including the following:

PROGRAM

The program committee has a very important goal--to provide an entertaining, diverse, educational and/or otherwise topical program each week throughout the year. That means, approximately 40 weeks a year the club demands peak performance from this committee. Making this committee work requires planning, preparation and a penchant for uncovering great speakers, whether by word-of-mouth or actual encounters.

Committee members also must have the courage to approach a qualified speaker and ask them to speak at the Rotary meeting for "glory and not gain." Because Rotary is a club dedicated to service and most of the club's dollars are used for charitable purposes, neither fees nor stipends are paid to speakers.

In every poll of the RCD club members, the quality of speakers is at the top of the list in importance. It is an element that attracts new members, retains members and keeps members coming to meetings. The ongoing importance of the Program Committee cannot be underestimated. Fresh ideas are crucial to the health and well being of this committee and, to a greater extent, the club itself.

MUSIC

What would the weekly luncheon be without an occasional song, an inspirational moment and a pledge? Members of this committee have the fun job of leading a song and, when possible, providing musical accompaniment. Any member, who plays an instrument or likes to sing please apply.

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HELP & HOSPITALITY

Because the Rotary Club of Denver is so large and formidable, the Hospitality Committee was established to welcome members, visitors and guests and to help them feel comfortable, at the weekly luncheon meetings. Committee members are available to act as ambassadors to new members to help guide them through the process of getting acquainted. This committee also helps to get information to the secretary for introductions. Committee members may be asked to assist in other ways, such as placing handouts at the tables, taking attendance, clean up after the meeting. Members also help with the registration table or other special events occurring at the weekly meeting.

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT

The inspirational moment is a time every week to reflect on each individual's understanding of a higher power, one's relationship to the world around or a moment to settle busy thoughts and claim some inner peace.

The committee's job is to either present the inspirational moment or assign another member to make the offering. It can be presented as a prayer, a poem, a seasonal rendition, or a timely thought for the day. It is a presentation that has, traditionally, been part of the weekly meeting format since the club's inception.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

With the assistance of the Rotary Office, this committee is responsible for preparing and organizing three to four Fellowship Meetings throughout the year. These meetings are intended to promote fellowship among Rotarians by meeting in smaller groups, held at Rotarians' place of work. These special meetings allow members the opportunity to see other businesses and to participate in a more suitable forum to discuss the club's goals and opportunities.

COLORADO ETHICS IN BUSINESS AWARDS LUNCHEON

Members of this committee work with the CEBA organization to get the RCD membership to this event. The luncheon takes the place of one of the Club's regular weekly meetings. Committee members work with the office to coordinate PR, reservations, and follow-up.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Jeff Mason, 2010-11 Chair

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1st Thursday of each month, 10:30-11:40 a.m.

“Membership is the Lifeblood of the Club”

The Membership Committee is responsible for planning, recruiting, orienting, supporting and retaining members of our Club. Our first role is to ensure that each Rotarian has sufficient collateral, promotional material, and understanding of the membership process that he/she can be an effective voice in attracting qualified and committed new Rotarians. Membership is truly the responsibility of each member of the Club. Club 31 has an impressive record of achievements and contributions in the Rotary world. In order to continue this legacy, each Rotarian needs to take personal responsibility for bringing men and women into the Club who are committed to ‘Service Above Self’. A key task of the Membership Committee is to facilitate this process.

The Membership Committee is the first step in the Rotary experience. With the help of members, we recruit and orient the new member in the work of Denver Rotary and Rotary International with several meetings of the New Member Council. We also have the responsibility of helping current members sustain their interest in the work of Rotary through efforts in retention and fellowship as the Family of Rotary.

We are organized in two programs: (1) Membership Extension (Recruiting and New Member Orientation), and (2) Membership Support (Retention).

MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION

▪ **Recruiting**

The Rotary Club of Denver (RCD) has enjoyed membership growth since it was chartered in 1911. Today our membership is approximately 335. Currently, RCD enjoys the status of being one of the “Large Clubs” among over 33,000 clubs in 169 countries in the world. At our peak, we had over 600 members in the late 1990’s; and with renewed effort we can again attract a significant number of community and business leaders to join this outstanding Club.

However, as with any organization, there is an annual attrition and RCD is no exception. This means that this committee is the lifeblood of our club. Committee members must develop and implement plans to seek new members who meet the RCD membership criteria. Even more importantly, committee members are active recruiters of potential members. Our charge in selecting new members from the leadership of the Denver community is to seek broad representation in age groups with diversity in ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

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- **New Member Orientation**

The New Member Council Committee is the gateway for new members to fully experience and understand all the opportunities that are available to help them enjoy their membership in Rotary.

This is the committee that arranges regular orientation meetings, tracks new members, assigns mentors and makes sure new members understand basic Rotary policies including Club and Foundation programs and projects. Also, it's a good idea for these committee members to have fairly good understanding of the committees and what they do so that new members can be advised and directed according to their interests.

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

- **Retention**

This Committee will develop a Strategy for recognizing both new and existing Denver Rotarians who are "at risk" in dropping their membership and implement a program of closer involvement in the Programs, Committees, and other work of the Club so those members have a more fulfilling Rotary experience. In addition, the committee will interview all members who have sent resignation letters to try and salvage the membership or recruit a new member from the same organization.



PEACH COMMITTEE

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The three goals of the peach sale are:

- 1) Member involvement in a quick, easy project with emphasis on new members;
- 2) Fellowship on Pick-up Day in a “working on a common goal” atmosphere; and
- 3) Raise funds to help Our Foundation and Rotary International.

This will be the seventh year of the sale. The Colorado grown fruit we have had in the past years has always been beautiful and delicious which is why we have been able to sell more each year.

The date of the peach sale is August 28th, Saturday, at DCIS school from 7 am to 1 pm.

PICK-UP DAY IS A BLAST! Rotarians are needed at the check-in table, managing the database, cooking and serving at the peach breakfast, as well as keeping those boxes moving from the truck into the cars of our Buyers. We also hold a Pancake Breakfast and with the help of Rotarians and the DCIS Interact Club last year we served many hungry Rotarians and Happy Peach Customers.

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Come join the fun! You will have a Peachy Good Time!



PROJECT C.U.R.E.

Wynn Gandera, 2010-11 Chair

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1st Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m.

As a sponsored activity of the World Community Services Committee, the Denver Rotary Project C.U.R.E. Volunteer Team meets at Project C.U.R.E.'s headquarters/warehouse the first Monday of each month to sort and pack donated medical supplies for shipment to developing countries around the world. From 7 to 9 PM at 10377 E Geddes Ave in Centennial (a 1/2 mile east of I-25 & Dry Creek) a fluid group of about 10 to 14 Rotarians, family members and friends works in a casual, comfortable setting sorting a myriad of medical supplies. The activity is educational ("What on earth do you suppose they use this for?"), immediately productive, satisfying and fun. A great way to get to know some of your Rotarymates in a different way and monthly participation is at your discretion. Come join in - the more the merrier.



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Warren Donder, 2010 Chair

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Branch Rickey Award Mission

The mission of the Branch Rickey Award committee is to identify and honor Major League Baseball's humanitarians who personify "Service Above Self." These individuals, by their actions, inspire young people to recognize the possibilities within themselves.

Funds raised through Award activities support and enrich the lives of young people.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Jay Yake, Chair 2010-2011

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The mission of this committee is to encourage Rotary members to have more social interaction. They are passionate in their belief that the best way to get members to participate in the club is to provide social venues where they can meet and interact with other members.

The committee, very specifically, does not raise money for Rotary causes but offers a way for Rotarians to have fun and, in a pleasant way, congratulate the members for a job well done on their other committees and fund-raising events. Money earned from events planned by this committee goes back into planning for other “seriously fun” events like road rallies, dances, etc.

This committee makes their meetings social events, meeting at fun places around town. The committee meets as often as necessary to plan and execute any upcoming social activities.

FAMILY PICNIC

Many Denver Rotary members aren't aware that the annual summer picnic has been a Denver Rotary tradition for over 70 years. It's a legacy that provides a time when Rotary members can share with their spouses, kids, grandparents-the whole gang- and get to know other Rotary families. The members and families, in attendance, will assert that this is always a casual, fun, stuff-yourself-event.

The picnic also provides a wonderful opportunity to host our Denver Kids, scholarship recipients and Youth Exchange Kids. These kids are part of the Rotary Foundation's mission to fund and create safe, caring experiences for kids at risk and foreign exchange students who will, hopefully, act as international ambassadors for better world tolerance, understanding and communication.

In recent years, this event has taken place at the Denver Zoo and the Rockies baseball game and 4-Mile Historic Park.. The committee is encouraged to use their imaginations and come up with a fun venue for this event.

HOLIDAY PARTY

One of the two family events of the year is the family holiday party, which is held in December. Committee members start planning in early fall for this festive occasion. They begin by finding holiday entertainment such as children's singing groups, mimes, clowns or magicians and, of course, someone has to play Santa in December.

Another unique aspect of this holiday gathering is that the kids are invited to shadow the officers and actually help to run the meeting. It's a fun way to introduce kids to Rotary and the beginning of a legacy of giving and caring that could be instilled in future generations.

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CENTRAL CITY OPERA

The Central City Opera is one of only seven companies that provide summer opera productions in the United States and once a year Rotarians have the opportunity to travel to Central City for a day of opera, fellowship and fine dining. This very special event has been an annual tradition for more than 20 years.

The Rotary's Opera Committee plans bus transport for members and their guests from Denver to Central City and then to a gourmet dinner.

This is another of the committees devoted to increasing the fellowship aspect of Rotary membership and another way of having fun, with panache.

DISCOVER COLORADO TRIP

This adventuring group of Rotarians organizes weekend trips to interesting, diverse areas of Colorado. Several years ago was a highlight, discovering the magical area of Mesa Verde National Park. We, through our Rotary connections, were honored to have the Park Superintendent, Larry Weiss, give us private tour of the cliff dwellings, national treasures of artifacts are resident from the 1300's. A personal and intimate insight into the 24 different local American Indian tribes was something very special. We also were privileged to a personal art tour and dinner with Veryl Goodnight, internationally known sculptor and painter and longtime friend of Denver Rotary and our Artists of America Program. This year, by popular request, we plan another visit through Southern Colorado and Mancos Valley, and with some new surprises of history, cultures, art, and archaeological treasures.

MEMBER MIXERS

The Social Activities Committee, from time to time, also sponsors, plans and stages other social events for the membership. The committee is encouraged to find small or large events that the membership will enjoy that are outside of the regular weekly events.

This committee, in the past, has made their meetings social events, meeting at fun places around town. The committee meets as often as necessary to plan and execute any upcoming social activities.

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The Rotary Foundation Support Committee

Jim Johnston, 2010-11 Chair

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1st Wednesday of each month, 8:00 a.m.

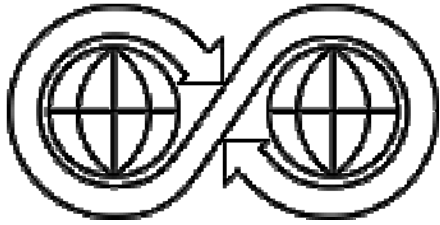
This committee's purpose is to support through education and initiative The Rotary Foundation (or "TRF"), or what some consider to be the engine of Rotary International (or "RI"). This foundation is the larger of the two foundations that are directly supported by our club members and is sometimes referred to as "the international foundation." (The other is the Denver Rotary Club Foundation which was started by our club.)

The Rotary Foundation supports the efforts of Rotary International in its mission to achieve world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational and cultural programs. The Rotary Foundation Support Committee supports the Rotary International by:

- 1) Sharing information with Club 31 members about The Rotary Foundation's mission and its dynamic programs;
- 2) Actively reminding all Club 31 members to give \$100 or more every year to TRF in line with RI's message: [*Every Rotarian, Every Year*](#);
- 3) Promoting the Rotary's *Polio Plus* program and encouraging members to financially contribute to eradication efforts;
- 4) Encouraging Club 31 members to become benefactors and major donors to The Rotary Foundation;
- 5) Recognizing members who have reached the Paul Harris Fellow/Multiple+ levels and Major Donors during club meetings throughout the year.

The Rotary Foundation funds the grants for our World Community Service matches, polio eradication, 3-H Projects, Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange Teams, World Peace Scholarships, University Teacher exchanges, Clean/Safe Water projects and much more.

Please come join us and help us to promote and sustain the amazing work of Rotary worldwide!



WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Sandy Purcell, 2010-11 Chair

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2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 a.m.

This committee actively pursues projects and coordinates with developing nations. Over 30 projects are ongoing annually in 20 countries such as Brazil, Senegal, Guatemala, China, Zimbabwe, South Africa, India, Ukraine, Thailand and Nepal.

Using a seed money budget supplied by the Denver Rotary Club Foundation, the committee applies for Matching Grants for specific projects in various places throughout the world. Each project is developed and outlined in detail by one or more members of the committee, and once approved, the progress of the project is monitored through liaisons with members of Rotary Clubs in the project countries. Project funds approved by our WCS committee are matched by District 5450 and The Rotary International Foundation, and also often by other Rotary clubs in the US and abroad, and even by other philanthropic organizations, thus leveraging DRCF's money, often four-fold or more. Projects involve such things as supplying educational equipment, medical equipment or systems such as water wells and hand-washing stations.

Inspiration for projects comes from many sources. Many times the connection to foreign lands and people comes from Rotarians taking vacations or making business trips, visits to families, etc. and then visiting other clubs while traveling.

A riveting example is when a Rotary member had visited and met members of a club in Turkey. Subsequently, there was a devastating earthquake. As soon as communication could be established, the Turkey Rotary club was called with an offer of assistance. Food, blankets, medical supplies and other supplies were gathered and money donated to help these battered people recover. All of this came from a friendly visit while a Rotarian was on a vacation.

Some of the other efforts of this committee include providing better health for the people of Southeastern Nepal, a shipment of medical supplies to Russia via Project Hope, an x-ray machine for a hospital in Brazil, and building wells for safe drinking water in Bangladesh.

This is one of the largest committees in Denver Rotary. It allows members to fulfill one of the Four Avenues of Service—Service to the World.



YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE

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HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Alison Clark-Hardesty, Subcommittee Chair

This program is among the oldest activities of Club 31, tracing its roots to the 1920's when food and clothing were given to needy students. Through this committee, The Denver Rotary Club Foundation provides grants annually to approximately 40 economically disadvantaged Denver high school juniors and seniors. The objective of the grants is to provide financial assistance as well as mentorship and emotional support to the recipients through regular contact with Rotary members.

Committee members meet their scholarship recipient monthly for at least 30 minutes to provide council and guidance as well as to deliver the scholarship check. Often this interaction develops into a deep mentorship that can last for many years after the student graduates from high school. In addition, it is an opportunity for these students to better understand the mission, vision and values of Rotary and to hopefully become Rotarians as adults.

COLLEGE COUNSELING INITIATIVE

Donna Hultin, Subcommittee Chair

This committee supports Denver Rotary's mission by providing counseling and identifying financial resources for students with financial needs and above-average grade point averages who are pursuing a college education. Specifically directed to students involved with Denver Kids, Inc., The Rotary H.S. Scholarship program, RYLA and Denver Center for International Studies, this assistance provides students with college scholarship counseling services through the College Counseling Initiative program.

We are looking for one or two committee members who would assist the chair in monitoring the counseling service providers and take over as chair of the committee in the next year or two.

SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS COLORADO

Todd Bacon, Subcommittee Chair

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Colorado is part of the national Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Program that has encouraged and recognized young artists and writers since 1923. The Colorado program is a collaborative effort of such organizations as the Colorado Art Education Program, SCFD, Colorado Language Art Society, The Colorado Writing Project, The Colorado Trust, and The Rotary Club of Denver. This program provides talented students with an opportunity to exhibit their work, be judged against their Colorado peers, and to compete against peers on a national level.

The committee members have provided significant advice, guidance and expertise on governance and financing needs of the Scholastic Art Awards, Colorado Region (a 501 (c)(3) organization). Rotarians can also be involved in soliciting and securing funds for the project, expanding the participation of schools and Rotary clubs statewide, assisting in hanging the display and judging of the annual exhibition held each winter, as well as the annual awards ceremony in January.

CHILDHOOD LITERACY

The Rotary Club of Denver has an award-winning Childhood Literacy Committee that has been active since 1996. The primary goal of the committee is to promote literacy in the Denver Public School system through the use of a volunteer tutor spending one hour a week, one-on-one with an elementary school student, helping him or her with reading skills.

In order to ensure greater focus and impact, the committee decided to concentrate on reading skills only. The program has been very successful at Munroe Elementary, a low-income school in the Denver Public School system. A major benefit of the program at Munroe is that we provide individual attention and associated support to kids that need it most. Because the schools are in low-income areas, a major benefit of the program is providing the individual attention and associated support that some of these kids don't have in their home environment.

The teachers and principals of the schools involved have enthusiastically endorsed the program. More volunteers are needed so any Rotary member with an hour-a-week of tutoring time to give is encouraged to join the committee.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD (RYLA)

Donna Hultin, Subcommittee Chair

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is a program for junior and senior high school students officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971. Conducted on a District level, RYLA offers Rotarians a special opportunity to take part in developing qualities of leadership and good citizenship among the young people in their communities. A leadership camp is conducted at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, serving 250 high school students. The camp generally occurs the last week of July or the first week of August. The camp provides a five-day opportunity for Rotary Clubs to combine their efforts in a project to acquaint youth in our community with opportunities for service. Students learn the benefit of living in a free society and gain an understanding of the greatness of the free enterprise systems, and realize the value of the 4-Way Test in establishing moral values.

Several years ago, a Young RYLA Camp was established for 75 eighth grade students in Larkspur, Colorado. This is a beginning leadership camp introducing students to the qualities found in effective leaders.

Volunteers are needed to interview and select students, provide transportation to and from camp, participate in camp activities and to teach the various workshops at camp. The process of selection of students takes place from February through May each year.

SHINING STARS

Dougal McDougal & Jim Wilkins, Subcommittee Co-Chairs

Rotarians and the Denver Rotary Club Foundation assist the Shining Stars Foundation in providing sport, recreation, and outreach programs for children with cancer and life-threatening diseases at no cost to them or their families. Hospitals throughout the State of Colorado (and the Western Rocky Mountain States) select children from their patient list every year that can most benefit from our support. Each year our Rotary Club Shining Stars Committee helps with activities that include attending sporting events in the Denver area, a summer reunion, attendance at cultural and community venues such as museums, the Symphony, 4-Mile Historic Park, Denver Zoo, etc. The largest annual event hosted is the National Winter Games, which is a weeklong outdoor ski and recreation camp in Aspen.

All family emotional and sensitive needs are monitored through a network of volunteers. As Rotarians, your help can be as focused or as expanded and varied as your time allows. Support is needed in organizing the various "outings" and our yearly fundraising event. The more help we have on this committee, the more hope for the future we can provide - which in turns provides a will to live - for these special children. The gift of hope truly makes a difference in their lives!

VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Russ Haskell, Chair

This committee assists high school students who are interested in attending a particular vocational program. Volunteers on this committee select scholarship recipients. A mentoring program has also been set up for the scholarship recipients, pairing each with a Rotarian on the committee and/or mentor who is familiar with the trade or technical field that the student is pursuing in school.

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Debbie DeMuth, Subcommittee Chair

Each year our District (5450) attracts nearly 30 international students of high school age and provides an opportunity for the same number of local area youth to participate in educational exchanges around the world.

Committee members participate in interviewing and recommending students, who can be children of Rotary members, Denver Kids and other students in Denver public and private schools to travel abroad. Volunteers also help find host families for international students staying in Denver, and organize/sponsor activities with the students such as taking them to an Avs game or Rotary luncheon. It is an opportunity for Rotarians to be ambassadors to the world, to share experiences and introduce world guests to our American culture.

Summer exchanges are also offered and volunteers are needed to host and/or entertain students from June through August. The Denver Rotary Club Foundation provides funding annually to offset expenses for the international students and their host families, as well as provide needed assistance to outbound students.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES (Youth Mentoring)

Wynn Gandera, Subcommittee Chair

Community Resources Inc. (CRI), now in its 36th year of serving DPS students. Their goals are to utilize the talents of community members to increase students' knowledge, to strengthen the partnership between school, families and business, and to provide opportunities for students to learn outside the school environment. DRCF's annual grant specifically funds their Academics Mentors Project in which high achieving at-risk students in grades 4-8 with a career dream or area of passion are matched with accomplished community volunteers (Rotarians) for a short-term academic/career experience. Volunteers are also needed as board members, advisors, mentors, classroom speakers, family night readers and science fair judges.

With the exception of Childhood Literacy, all of the Youth Services Subcommittees are supported by grants from our Denver Rotary Club Foundation.



Harriet Downer, 2010-2011 Chair
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**Denver Rotary Club sponsors two days
at 9HealthFair**

Rotarian volunteers are needed for this great opportunity to serve our community! The Rotary Club of Denver provides cashiering services (no accounting experience required!) at the 9HealthFair in April! More than 600 participants are expected each day and we step forward to be cashiers, reconciliation assistants and cashier supervisors. Our site also has a new screening test to offer. We need 20 to 25 Rotarians. This event is always lots of fun – and we get to handle the money (check, cash and credit cards)!

As in the past, we have 2 hour shifts available or you can join us for the full time on either day, or both days. If you have any questions or want to sign up, please contact Harriet Downer at HSDowner@LogicalConnections.org. Of course, training will be available.

Come and join us for this great opportunity to help so many of our community in true Rotarian style!