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The President's Corner

By President James Maxon



James Maxon

A Night of Laughter, Fellowship, and Service

What a night!

This past weekend, the Westminster Rotary Club Foundation hosted "The Superintendent Gets Graded," honoring—and, of course, roasting—Adams 12 Five-Star

Schools Superintendent Chris Gdowski.

As Club President, I want to take this opportunity to simply say **thank you**.

An event like this doesn't just happen. It takes months of planning, meetings, phone calls, sponsors, auction donations, ticket sales, setup, cleanup, and dozens of details most people never see. Most importantly, it takes



people willing to step forward and ask, "What can I do to help?" That willingness to serve is one of the

things that makes our Rotary Club so special.

Thank you to **Lori Goldstein and Ryan McCoy**, our

"home room teachers," who



reminding him that being named Colorado Superintendent of the Year apparently does not exempt you from a little Rotary humor!

I especially

want to recognize **Mark Harris and Justin Adcock** for sharing their A/V expertise. When the technology at an event works seamlessly,



someone behind the scenes is making that happen, and Mark did a tremendous job. Another special thank-you goes to our Treasurer, **Loren**, who handled so many important details behind the scenes. Much of that work isn't visible to those attending, but it is essential to making

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Future Programs

SEPTEMBER

30 5th Week Social-
Spotted Donkey Grill
At the Westin Hotel

OCTOBER

7 Seeds of South Sudan

By Sue Counterman

14 Mental Health First Aid

By Dr. Melisa Sandoval

Breakfast

(Buffet service - Sept. 23)

Eggs Benedict

Scrambled Eggs

Breakfast Potatoes

BACON

along with:

Fresh Fruit

Assorted Danish

Plus: juice, coffee, and tea

Menus are subject to change at the whim of our masterful Chef.

Weekly Statistics

(from last meeting)

Total Club Members	64
Breakfast Members	28
Basic Members	22
Corporate	8
Rotary Alumni	6
Paul Harris Fellows	25
Michael Hayes Fellows	29
On Site / Zoom Attend.	18/1
% Attendance	55.2%
Make ups	0
Speaker Meals/Guests	1/3
Sergeant's Fines:	\$38.00
(Ryan -\$8.00)	
Polio Donations	\$1,000
Member website Logins this month	10 (16.4%)

Dee Martin, our Rotarian of the Week



Take a moment to greet Dee this morning. You are even invited to send a card.

Dee was born in Arvada, CO. Later she attended Greenway High School then attended Arizona State University in

Tempe, AZ. Dee is currently the H.R. Director for the City of Westminster.

Dee has volunteered for a group called Kubenda for the Children. Some of her interests are music, theatre, and sports. She also loves indoor rock climbing.

Some of her other favorites are the Star Wars movies, Pizza and Mexican food, Diet Cherry Coke and chocolate. As a child she wanted to work for an international non-profit organization. Her proudest moment is anything involving her daughter, Mikayla. Some of her other favorites are the book Secret Garden, Dilbert, Josh Groban, and the Broncos. She also loves to read, write, and create art. Her motto is "Carpe Diem."

Dee, it's great to have you as a member of the Rotary Club of Westminster, and a member of our Family of Rotary.





THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM...

Fundraising w/ Brittany Petersen, US Rep

Presented by David Aguirre



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September 2026

...is **BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY Month** (as noted on the [RI website](#))

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES	HYBRID Club Meeting 7:10 am Wednesday at Cottonwood Lodge	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	 Doug Hall	12
 IT'S ALMOST FALL YALL!	14	15	 Claire Carmelia	 18-Charlie Botnick	Club Board Meeting 7:00 am Via Zoom	Rotary Roast
 WAY PAST TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES	21	22	 IT'S FALL YALL!	24	Foundation Board Meeting 7:00 am on Zoom	Denver Century Bike Ride
27	 Lisa Chrisman	29	30 Social — 5th Wednesday NO Morning Meeting	Oct. 1	2	3

Advanced Notices



See Rotary5450.com for many functions and programs going on in our district.

Sept. 26, 2026 -- Denver Century Bike Ride Support our Bike riders with your generous Donation. Visit www.westyrotary.com to get more details

Sept. 30, 2026 — 5th Week Social at the Spotted Donkey Grill in the Westin Hotel, 10600 Westminster Blvd., Westminster. Gather at 5pm. Dinner when you're ready.

Are you wearing your Rotary pin every day?

ANOTHER THOUGHT FOR TODAY

If your coworker ever calls in sick for work, you can do the same 1 to 3 days later. Your boss will think you have the same thing and it's "going around the office."

Thanks to Mark Harris

"Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all!"

President's Corner

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an event like this successful.



ners, everyone who donated auction items, and every person who attended, bid, donated, volunteered, set up, cleaned up, or helped in any way.



And with an event involving this many people, I know I will inevitably miss someone. **If I failed to mention your name, please know that your contribution was noticed, valued, and sincerely appreciated. This was truly a team effort.**

Beyond the laughter, there was an important purpose. The funds raised help support our Foundation's work in **literacy, leadership, scholarships, and community grants.**

Saturday night demonstrated something I love about Rotary. We can serve our community, build friendships, accomplish something meaningful—and have a great time doing it.

That is fellowship. That is **Service Above Self.** And that is how, together, we **Create a Lasting Impact.**

Support Westminster Rotary Riders



Every mile ridden helps strengthen our community. The Westminster Rotary Club is proud to participate in the Denver Century Ride, and we're inviting you to support our riders as they take on this challenging and inspiring event.

Your donation directly supports Westminster Rotary local and international service projects, helping us make a lasting impact where it's needed most.

From youth leadership programs and student scholarships to community improvement initiatives and humanitarian efforts around the world, Rotary members work year-round to create positive change. By sponsoring our riders, you're helping turn every pedal stroke into meaningful service. Go to www.westyRotary.com to make a generous donation.

What Paul Harris Wrote

 "Why did Rotary come into being in the year of our Lord 1905? Social movements, like individuals, are subject to the laws of heredity and environment. Rotary inherited the growing spirit of tolerance and the "I WILL" spirit of Chicago, the incorporeal hereditaments of many generations.

No president or officer of Rotary International, no district governor, no club president has failed to leave his imprint, and as the individual member is in turn the product of heredity as well as environment, it is necessary to look far back into history to find the Why of the rise of Rotary in Chicago in 1905."

(from Page 254 "This Rotarian Age" 1935, Paul P. Harris.)

The Rotary Foundation Giving Program 2026-27

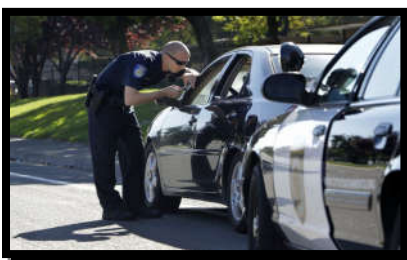
As of 09/10/2026

Club Name	Number of Members	Annual Fund Goal	Annual Fund Giving	Goal % Annual	A.F. per Member	Polio Fund Goal	Polio Fund Giving (Act.)	Total Rotary Foundation Giving
Westminster	58/60 (goal)	\$6,500	\$2,790	42.9%	\$21	\$5,000	\$890	\$3,680

More Fun Stuff

Thanks to

When the light turned yellow, the driver stopped at the crosswalk instead of speeding through. The tailgating woman behind him honked, shouted, and gestured angrily. A tap on her window interrupted her tirade. A police officer ordered her out and arrested her. After being searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and detained, she was released. "Sorry for the mistake," he said. "I saw your Christian bumper sticker, license plate, and fish emblem—and assumed you'd stolen the car."



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NEED A MAKEUP?

Do you need to make up a meeting? Take a moment to visit our web site:
www.WestminsterRotary.com. There you will find links to District 5450 and to Rotary.org as

The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say, and do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The Westy Vision

The Westminster Rotary Club is a vibrant group of Coloradans who join for Breakfast, enjoy lively Banter, and provide meaningful Service to communities throughout the world.