



The President's Corner

By President Doug Hall

The Four-Way Test – It's Meaning and Purpose



In September 2025 I wrote about the history of Rotary's Four-Way Test. With this article I chose to write about the meaning and purpose behind the Four-Way Test.

Doug Hall

Undoubtedly, the Four-Way Test is the most recognizable principle of Rotary International.

Created in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor, the Four-Way Test was initially created to rescue a struggling company from bankruptcy with Taylor developing four ethical questions to guide decision-making and employee conduct. The approach proved remarkably successful, helping restore trust, morale, and business performance. Years later, Taylor shared the test with Rotary, where it became one of the organization's foundational ethical standards. Simple in wording yet profound in meaning, the test guides Rotarians in both business and personal relationships. It asks four seemingly simple questions:

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 true meaning of the Four-Way Test lies in its simplicity. Rather than offering complicated rules or legalistic standards, it encourages Rotarians and other individuals to pause and

evaluate the consequences of their words and actions.

- "Is it the Truth?" reminds us that honesty and integrity are the foundation of trust.
- "Is it Fair to all concerned?" challenges us to consider equity and respect for others.
- "Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?" emphasizes the importance of relationships and civility, even during times of disagreement.
- "Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?" encourages decisions resulting in positive outcomes for everyone involved.

The purpose of the Four-Way Test extends well beyond Rotary meetings. Rotarians apply it in business dealings, community service projects, leadership decisions, and everyday conversations. Around the world, the test is displayed in business and government offices, classrooms, workplaces, and even in homes as a reminder that ethical behavior matters. It is taught in university ethics programs. Moreover, in times when public trust can be fragile, the Four-Way Test continues to offer a timeless framework for responsible leadership.

For Rotary clubs, the Four-Way Test serves as both a moral compass and a shared language of service, reinforcing Rotary's commitment to "Service Above Self."

For more than ninety years, the Four-Way Test remains one of Rotary's greatest contributions to ethical leadership and human understanding.

Abby Fitch, our Rotarian of the Week



Take a moment to greet Abby this morning. Abby is one of our most active Corporate members and her infectious smile brightens up any room.

Abby is the City Clerk of Westminster. She was born in Idaho Falls, ID and attended Idaho Falls High School. She continued her education at Texas Tech University and then received her MPA (Master of Public Administration) at University of Colorado, Denver. Abby and her husband, Alberto, have two children, Jacob and Clair. Her interests are dance and local government. She loves to travel, read, cycle and hike. She has also been

involved in our Imagination Library program and Movies at the Park along with Westy Fest. Some of her favorites are the movie The Thomas Crown Affair, actress Reese Witherspoon, and actor Mark Ruffalo. Her favorite book is The Goldfinch. She likes the CU Buffs and gymnast, Simone Biles. Her motto is, "Change before you have to." As a child she wanted to be a lawyer, and the worst job she had was housekeeping for Motel 6.

Again, take a moment to chat with Abby, you will learn much more about her. Thank you, Abby, for being a member of the Westminster Rotary Club and Family of Rotary.

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Future Programs

JUNE

- 3 Field Trip to St. Anthony**
By Heidi Wilhelm
- 10 Flight for Life**
By Jon Massey/H.Wilhelm
- 17 7:10 Foundation Golf Tournament- We're DARK**
- 24 Annual Meeting / Installation Dinner, 5:30**

Breakfast

(Buffet service - May 27)

French Toast/Syrup
Scrambled Eggs
Breakfast Potatoes

BACON

along with:
Fresh Fruit

Assorted Muffins /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	65
Breakfast Members	31
Basic Members	20
Corporate	8
Rotary Alumni	6
Paul Harris Fellows	25
Michael Hayes Fellows	29
On Site / Zoom Attend.	22/4
% Attendance	56.9%
Make ups	0
Speaker Meals/Guests	0/0
Sergeant's Fines:	\$68.00
(Mark C. -\$19.00)	
Polio Donations	\$3,445
Member website logins this month	10 (16.4%)



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM...

US Workers in Manufacturing Global Value Chains

Presented by Bhavya Sinha, PhD



May 2026

...is Youth Service Month (as noted on the [RI website](#))

Are you wearing your Rotary pin every day?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>HYBRID Club Meeting 7:10 am Wednesday at Cottonwood</p>					<p>1  Marcy Rose</p>	2
<p>3  TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES</p>	4	<p>5  Gary Cooper</p>	6	<p>7   Peggy Reed & Dylan Bain</p>	8	9
10	11	<p>12  Tom Wilson</p>	13	14	<p>15 Club Board Meeting 7:00 am Via Zoom</p>	<p>16  DO MORE GOOD</p>
<p>17  WAY PAST TIME TO PAY YOUR ROTARY DUES</p>	18	19	20	21	<p>22 Foundation Board Meeting 7:00 am on Zoom</p>	<p>23  Scott Williams</p>
24/31	25	26	<p>27  John Inman</p>	28	29	30

Advanced Notices

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

June 17, 2026 - Westminster Rotary Scholarship Scramble. Time to get your Foursome together and register.
NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR CLUB MEETING.



ANOTHER THOUGHT FOR TODAY

**When everything is coming your way,
you're in the wrong lane.**

Thanks to Mark Harris

Coming In June



June Rotary Fellowships Month

Rotary Fellowships

“Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotarians, Rotary spouses, and Rotaractors who join together to:

1. Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities
2. Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others in the same profession
3. Make new friends around the world
4. Explore new opportunities for service

Have fun and enhance their experience in Rotary

How Rotary Fellowships Operate

1. Each fellowship is operated independently of Rotary International, with its own rules, due requirements, and administrative structure.
2. Membership in fellowships is open to Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors.
3. Fellowship must be international in nature with active members in at least three countries.

4. Each fellowship elects at least three officers to oversee the group's administration.

Fellowships are expected to facilitate communication among their members and maintain regular communication with RI.

Benefits of Rotary Fellowships:

1. Fellowships provide opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country.
2. Fellowships contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace.
3. Fellowships serve as an incentive for attracting new members to Rotary and retaining existing ones.

For more information about Rotary Fellowships click this link: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>

Thanks to [District 6970](#) for their help with this article



Why I'm A Rotarian



Those who serve others are happier in their personal and professional lives.

As a Millennial, I know that the trend of joining service organizations is on the decline. Being the youngest Rotarian in my club at 29 years old reminds me of this every week. I enjoy my weekly lunches with our Capital City's local business leaders. I've received significant business opportunities from the networking. I've heard interesting and important messages from our guest speakers. The most important thing I've experienced, though, is a Rotary International core principle – **Service Above Self**. I didn't know what it meant until Mark explained it, but now I understand – Every Rotarian is happy to help and serve every other Rotarian, as well as the community at large, and the world. Todd and Jenn demonstrated that to me. That Ideal of Service is something that I want to be a part of. It's something that I'm proud to invest my time and energy in. And it's why I'm proud to be a Millennial Rotarian.

Matthew Anderson, MS, MBA, Leadership Coach and Author
East Lansing Rotary Club



What Paul Harris Wrote



Paul Harris believed, and the history of Rotary confirms, that creating a climate of fellowship in which people find common ground is the ultimate form of diplomacy. Peace is based on shared interests; war is based on non-shared interests. Since both are always present, stability will depend on which interests people choose to emphasize.

“Rotary's program of promoting better understanding between different racial groups and between devotees to different religious faiths, so simply and yet so auspiciously begun in the year 1905 has met with greater success thus far than the negotiations of diplomats. It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement. Rotary has satisfactorily demonstrated the fact that friendship can easily hurdle national and religious boundary lines.”

(Paul Harris, *This Rotarian Age*, page 61.)



The Rotary Foundation Giving Program 2025-26

As of 05/10/2025

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	57/65 (goal)	\$6,500	\$7,231	111.5%	\$126.86	\$5,000	\$3,445	\$10,676

Scenes from Around the World Picture by Ed Moss

Are you wearing your Rotary pin every day?



As noted by Ed Moss, when in Rome, do as the Romans do. Ed is currently on a visit to Rome. He found a 1/10th scale model of the Altar of Peace, the original built by Ceasar Agustus in 26 BC. As the plaque says, this model was financed and donated by the South Rome Rotary Club.

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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 well as to the E-club One website.

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.