



Arvada Rotary News

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{ Coming Events }

Sept. 9, 10, 11 -

Fall Colorado Garden & Home Show

Sept. 10 -

Arvada Harvest Festival Parade

THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or 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?

Arvada Rotary Active in Student Exchange

The Rocky Mountain Rotary Youth Exchange program's objectives are to further international goodwill and understanding, enable students to advance their education, give students an opportunity to broaden their outlook, have students act as ambassadors for their countries, and to provide students sufficient time to study and observe another country's culture and share that knowledge and experience with others when they return.

The Arvada Rotary Club has two such students involved in the exchange program. Their inbound student is Franka Bukovec whose home is Zagreb, Croatia. Franka attends a school in her home town of Malešnica, a suburb of Zagreb. The name of the school is "XVIII Gimnazija" which is primarily a lingual school that focuses on languages. Franka has been studying English since she was 8 yrs. old. She has studied the American culture and way of life and is quite fascinated by it. Her interests in school besides language are Sociology and Psychology and she also is studying Math, History, Geography, Biology and Art. Her interests outside of school are tennis, volleyball,

ball, martial arts, drama, basketball, swimming choir and dancing. She will be attending Ralston Valley High School and is being hosted by Rick and Betsy Worley of Arvada. Rick is a member of the Arvada Rotary Club.

Arvada Rotary's outbound student, Monica Weller, has left the USA already and is living in Finland for this next school year. She attends The Denver Center for International Studies. She is fluent in both Japanese and Spanish and has been studying Finnish since she found out she was going to be able to go on the Rotary exchange program. You can follow Monica's experiences on her blog from Finland, www.saunaandcoffee.blogspot.com. Hopefully, she will share much about Finland. Her parent's, Matt and Susan Weller, will not be lonesome while she is gone. They are hosting an exchange student from France, Carla, who will be attending Westminster High School.

The world of Rotary, through the Rocky Mountain Rotary Youth Exchange, gives students such as these an opportunity to learn about other cultures and affords them a chance to make new friends throughout the world.



The Prez Sez

A word from Rich Nichols, President of Arvada Rotary Club

There are times when things happen that you cannot control. As silly as it seems the Arvada Rotary Club recently dealt with a late spring frost which impacted our annual peach sales. Many people were turned away as we only had enough peaches to cover pre-sales. It's a situation that forces us into "Plan B" - reevaluate our budget of annual giving. The bulk of our budget funds scholar-

ship programs for youth. You will hear from the Arvada Rotary Club as we embark on new fund raising activities in the upcoming year.

Young people make a difference. Why? Because young people grow up! As part of Rotary International's "New Generations" we are working to form an Interact Club for students in middle and high school. We want to identify young people who want to

become active in community service in our local area. Do you know any young people who would make a difference?

Membership is on the rise and we welcome you to learn about the Arvada Rotary Club. This is an open invitation to join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm (Indian Tree Golf course) to find out how you can make a difference in your community.

Gayle Laidig Award For Arvada Volunteers

The Gayle Laidig Award committee for 2011 is accepting nominations for volunteers who have served the Arvada community.

The Rotary Club of Arvada and the Arvada Sunrise Rotary Club have come together to honor a volunteer in Gayle's memory with an award to a nominee who supports the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self".

The 2011 recipient was Mary Ross, for her continuing work with Jefferson County Schools and obtaining grants to keep the Back Pack program going.

The purpose of this award is to recognize a person each year who gives their time and effort to projects, causes, community and public services in the Arvada region. The award is to be made annually to a

person who meets the goals of the Rotary 4-Way Test.

The guide lines are as follows:

1. To what extent is the nominee recognized in his/her volunteering activities.
2. What has been the impact of the nominee's activities on the Arvada community.
3. How long has the nominee been actively engaged in this effort.
4. The nominee should not be a member of Rotary.
5. More than one individual may be recognized for the year.
6. The award need not be given every year.
7. The recipient shall be presented a personal plaque and the recipient's name shall be inscribed

on a permanent plaque which will be hung in the lobby of The Arvada Center for the Performing Arts, one of Gayle's favorite volunteer projects..

8. The selection of the recipient shall be made by the Presidents and Directors of Community Services of both The Arvada Rotary and The Arvada Sunrise Rotary Clubs.

If you know a person in the Arvada community who you think espouses the volunteer qualities that Gayle practiced, please contact Bill Edwards at 303-525-6930 or Lila Nigh at 303-601-3038. You can also mail your nominee's application to The Arvada Rotary Club, Box 171, Arvada CO 80001.

Latest Peach Freeze Causes Shortage

Many of those who turned up to buy peaches at the 15th Annual Arvada Rotary Peach Sale were turned away because of a lack of peaches. There were only enough peaches to satisfy pre-sold orders. A late spring freeze

that wiped out one third of the normal crop was the cause of the shortage. The Arvada Rotary Club sincerely apologizes for this inconvenience and thanks you for your support of our projects throughout the year.

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