

ROTARY CLUB OF ARVADA

DISTRICT 5450

[www.arvadarotary.org](http://www.arvadarotary.org)

7577 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, CO 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, February 8, 2012**

## Meeting Bulletin

**Last Week:** Our ROD was Jerry Jelinek who had as his program, his Granddaughter, Kayley Jelinek, a 17 year old Junior at Dakota Ridge HS. The International Baccalaureate program for high school is tougher than anything most of us went through. Editor's note: With young folks like Kayley around, I feel that the future will be in good hands.

**This Week:** Our ROD will be Dan Hershberger who has as his program the President of the Lakewood Foothills Rotary Club, Ernie Wikucki. Ernie will discuss a fund raising that his club has called, "State of the City"

### Coming events:

02/11-19/ 2012

02/11/2012

02/24-26/2012

03/14/2012

**The Garden & Home Show**

**District Leadership training**

**High Country PETS**

**AWRSAY Recognition Ceremony**

### Who's in Charge:

Date	ROD	Greeters
02-08-2012	Dan Hershberger	Kramer/Paul
02-15-2012	DARK	
02-22-2012	Cathy Gaume	Gracey/ Woodruff
02-29-2012	Rich Kramer	McGee/Henke

### Thoughts:

"The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done." - Arnold Palmer

"When you judge another, you do not define them, you define yourself"  
- Wayne Dyer

**"REACH WITHIN to EMBRACE HUMANITY"**



# Arvada Rotary News

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{ Coming Events }

Feb. 11-19

Colo. Garden & Home Show

Feb. 19-20

Flower Power

Feb. 24-26

President Elect Training Seminar

## 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?

## Inauguration of Excel Academy Interact Club Officers

At the January 11th meeting of the Arvada Rotary Club, the Excel Academy Interact Club became official. District Governor Jim Halderman and his wife, Peggy were in attendance and DG Jim took part in the inauguration ceremony by presenting pins to the officers of the Interact Club and congratulating them and their parents, who were in attendance, on becoming a part of Rotary that emphasizes youth and their service to their fellow man.

President Allix Smith, Vice President Valerie Svaldi, Secretary Lily Plotkon, Treasurer Jason Toennis and Elena De Andrea all received congratulations for their commitment and leadership in their endeavors to serve both the local and the world communities. Since its inception,

the Club has held a coat drive for the homeless in Arvada, had a fundraiser where children had pictures taken with Santa, and did Christmas wrapping for those who bought gifts. They will be helping the Arvada Rotary Club in their Flower Power project after the

Colorado Garden & Home Show. Flowers from the show will be delivered to many assisted living homes in the Arvada area.

Interact Clubs are service clubs for youth ages 14-18. Clubs benefit from sponsorship by individual Rotary clubs,

in this case the Arvada Rotary Club, which provide support and guidance. Interact has a membership of over 250,000 youths in more than 11,000 clubs worldwide. It's one of Rotary's fastest growing programs.



DG JIM HALDERMAN, PRESIDENT RICH NICHOLS, FACULTY ADVISOR JULIE SMITH, JASON TOENNIS, LILY PLOCKTON, VALERIE SVALDI, ALLIX SMITH, ELENA DEANDREA, AND JOYCE CRAIG NEW GENERATIONS DIRECTOR



## The Prez Sez

### A word from Rich Nichols, President of Arvada Rotary Club

In this sagging global economy, Rotary clubs around the world have succeeded in raising more than \$200 million in new funding for polio eradication. Wow! That really does say something. The Arvada Rotary Club's reach extends well beyond the city limits.

In November 2007, the Gates Foundation gave Rotary a \$200 million challenge grant for polio eradication, increasing it to \$355 million in 2009. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by June 30, 2012. Since Rotary completed this fundraising early the Gates Foundation has contributed an additional \$50 million on a non-matching basis. All funds have been

earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where this vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyze children.

Since 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 infections annually to fewer than 650 cases reported so far for 2011. The wild polio virus now remains endemic – meaning its transmission has never been stopped – in only four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. However, India on Jan. 13 marked a full calendar year without a case, paving the way for its imminent removal from the endemic list.

But other countries also remain

at risk for polio cases imported from the endemic countries. In Africa in 2011, Chad and the Democratic Republic of Congo had significant outbreaks. Also in 2011, a small cluster of polio cases in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was attributable to a virus from Pakistan.

Reaching children with the oral polio vaccine in the disease's remaining strongholds is labor and resource-intensive due to a host of challenges, including poor infrastructure, geographical isolation, armed conflict and cultural misunderstanding about the eradication campaign.

Join us... we do make a difference.

## Fundraiser at Brew Pub Success for Arvada Rotary

The Arvada Beer Company held a fundraiser in conjunction with Arvada Rotary Club for the Arvada Rotary Foundation scholarship fund. Tuesday, January 24th was "All Day Beer Day" and a percentage of every beer sold went to the fund established by Arvada Rotary to help local high school students continue their education in trade school or colleges and universities.

The Arvada Beer Company brewed a special beer for the occasion called "Rotary Red". It was so popular among those who came throughout the

day, the brewery is thinking of keeping it on their menu of very popular microbrews.

Many Rotarians and their friends from the surrounding Rotary clubs in Arvada, Wheat Ridge, and Westminster came by at different times during the day to enjoy Rotary Red and fellowship. Thanks to the Arvada Beer Company for their cooperation in this important endeavor and also a big THANKS to all of those who donated to the Arvada Rotary Foundation Scholarship fund to make this a successful fundraiser.

## Arvada Rotary Ready For Garden & Home Show and Flower Power

It is that time of year again. Spring is just around the corner and The Colorado Garden & Home Show is opening for the 53rd year. The Arvada Rotary Club sells tickets at the box office as a fundraiser. The show takes place at the Denver Convention Center at 14th between Champa and Welton Sts. in downtown Denver. It opens on Saturday, February 11th and runs through the

Sunday February 19th.

On Wednesday, February 15th, Flower Power begins with a plant sale at the show with the proceeds going to Arvada Rotary. Many beautiful flowers are taken from the Show's gardens and are available at \$2 each and three plants for \$5.

There are 15,000 flowers in 14 gardens and it promises to be a beautiful show with 600 vendors

showcasing home improvement products and services. At the end of the show 7000 flowers will be delivered to more than 60 nursing homes in the Denver area by Rotary volunteers and their helpers. This "Flower Power" puts a smile on the faces of those not able to attend the show. Thanks to those 23 Rotary clubs who participate in this project!

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