



ROTARY CLUB OF ARVADA DISTRICT 5450

<https://www.arvadarotary.org/>

Indian Tree Golf Course Club House
7555 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, CO 80003-2762
2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays @ 12:00 pm

Meeting Bulletin – February 11, 2026 “Unite for Good”

ZOOM CALL INFO

Topic: Rotary Meeting

Time: February 11, 2026 11:30 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)
Every week on Wed., 110 occurrence(s)

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ARVADA ROTARY CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

The starting time for meetings at Indian Tree Golf Course club house is 12:00 pm.

The club meeting schedule is:

1st Wednesday will be an evening meeting (fellowship/happy hour) time and location to be determined hopefully by the first of every month.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays will be meetings with a program.

3rd Wednesday will be a business meeting/club assembly/ board meeting.

5th Wednesday will be either an afternoon or evening "field trip", time, and location to be determined. Hopefully TBD by the first of the month in which they occur.

ROD SCHEDULE

Please note that the ROD schedule reflects the Social meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month and a Club Business meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

2/11/26 – Dennis Hein – The program will be given by Christian Todd from Hestra and UCEC and his involvement as Controller.

2/18/26 – Suzanne Ghais - Suzanne's program is Alice Brink and Ed Moehlenkamp. They will speak on leadership development and corporate communication.

2/25/26 – *alternate meeting location due to construction at Indian Tree*

3/4/26 – Social – Indian Tree golf course club house – 5:00 pm

3/11/26 – Dan Hershberger

3/18/26 – **Business meeting**

3/25/26 – Rich Kramer

4/1/26 - Social – Indian Tree golf course club house – 5:00 pm

4/8/26 – Dave Paul

4/15/26 – **Business Meeting**

4/22/26 – Linda Richardson

4/29/26 – **Field Trip?**

5/6/26 – Social – Indian Tree golf course club house – 5:00 pm

5/13/26 – Willem Schrage (?)

5/20/26 – **Business Meeting**

5/27/26 – Robert Smith

6/3/26 – Social – Indian Tree golf course club house – 5:00 pm

6/10/26 – Don Storey

6/17/26 – **Business Meeting**

6/24/26 – Matt Weller

7/1/26 - Social – Indian Tree golf course club house – 5:00 pm

ARVADA CHAMBER NEWS (Provided by Suzanne Ghais)

New item:

- Member Connection Event--a networking opportunity (and chance for us to meet potential new Rotary members). Wednesday, March 18, 8:30–10:00 am. Register [here](#). (I'll be out of town.)

Shared previously:

- Arvada City Council Advocacy Networking Quarterly Briefing--where you can "engage with Arvada City Council Members to ... gain insider perspectives on Arvada's current priorities and have the opportunity to ask questions". Thursday, Feb. 12, 8:30–10:00 am, at the Chamber. More info and register [here](#). This could be a good opportunity to understand the challenges the City is facing and think about where we might be of service. I'll be traveling, hoping someone else can go.
- Chamber Annual Dinner—Friday, Feb. 27, Social Capitol Events, 6543 Wadsworth, \$150, more info and registration [here](#). I will probably go (even though they hiked the price) and it would be great if someone else from the club could come along.
- Nonprofit Network Kickoff Meeting--The Chamber is launching this network to "bring local nonprofit leaders together every few months to share best practices and ideas, discuss common challenges and solutions, learn from one another's experiences and build meaningful connections with fellow organizations serving our community." Friday, Feb. 20, noon–1 pm, at the Chamber office (7502 W 80th Ave, Suite 180). Free, but bring your own lunch. Register [here](#). I'm delighted to say three members have already decided to attend: Pres. Linda, Lorraine, and Linda R.

PRESIDENT LINDA'S CORNER

1. **Club Runner transitioning to Nova** - Rotary International and our District 5450 is ramping up a new website for data and club support, Nova. Our club's transition will happen in the next month or so, so we are ahead of the 'mass' clubs' transition around the new Rotary fiscal year on July 1st. It appears that the changes are mostly on the user-facing aspects, and the key functions, data, and entries have been streamlined. So, whether it is our club's roster,

club goals, or member access, the data is retained. Below are links to some of the webinars available to familiarize yourself with the Nova website. Please let Pres. Linda know if you have any questions or concerns, or input. A date for our club's request for the migration to Nova will be set soon. Many thanks to Club Secretary Dennis Hein and our Web Master Willem Schrage for their work and flexibility during this transition.

Nova Basics: [ClubRunner Nova Basics 01.22.2026.mp4](#) [The Arvada Rotary Club doesn't use any Clubrunner accounting functions. I don't expect we will make any changes on the accounting functions. We do expect to utilize and maintain our club membership and roster, as well as the club goals, functions in Nova.]

Nova Website: [ClubRunner Nova Websites 01.29.2026.mp4](#) (attachment to bulletin)[The Arvada Rotary Club does use and pay for the Clubrunner website function. We do expect to transition to utilizing Nova for our website.]

Nova Bulletin: [ClubRunner Nova Bulletins 02.05.2026.mp4](#) (attachment to bulletin)[The Arvada Rotary Club doesn't use the Clubrunner bulletin functions. I don't expect we will make any changes to this weekly communication.]

2. Arvada Optimist - Youth Contests 2025-6 - The scholarship programs of Optimist International can be found at <https://www.optimist.org/member/scholarships1.cfm> . Attached to this bulletin is a copy of the link flier. I understand the application deadline is February 28, 2026. The contests are meaningful for both their themes but, also, for the breadth of national and international competition.

3. Peach Sale and bank balance report - Club Treasurer Jim Gracey discussed the following reports at our January 21st Business Meeting:

PEACH SALES	2025	2024	
SALES	44,079.02		
COSTS	-33,091.87		
NET	10,987.15	11,194.31	(207.16)

Club accounts balances are \$19,467.86/general and \$9,271.59/Scripts (total \$28,739.45). The Scripts deposit for Q4.2025 was approx. \$100.00. Please let Jim know if you have any questions or need further information. Many thanks to Jim for his intense work resolving the 2025 peach sales with his diligent auditor eye on resolving pallets disposition and deposit locations with overall accuracy.

4. Volunteer opportunities for the City of Arvada:
<https://www.arvadaco.gov/695/Volunteer-Opportunities>

5. RYLA 2026 – Due to unrelenting price increases being incurred (including a 35% increase from the YMCA of the Rockies) the cost has raised to \$800 per conferee. Just to give you a bit of context – all other camps investigated, that are of similar length, cost between \$1900 and \$3500 per camper. The primary reason for the low price is an all-volunteer workforce made up

of Rotarians and Rotary Youth.

Pres. Linda's requests for 2 RYLA (high school) and 2 Young RYLA (junior high) slots for the 2026 conferences have been approved.

The online applications open on Feb 15th at <https://rockymountainryla.org>.

RYLA will be held July 11 – July 17, 2026 (current High School Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors)

Young RYLA-1 will be held June 20 – 26, 2026 (current 7th Grade Students)

Young RYLA-2 will be held June 27 – July 3, 2026

All conferences will be at the YMCA in Estes Park.

6. from the **Guatemala Literacy Project - Thank you very much** for the Rotary Club of Arvada, CO's generous contribution to Guatemala Literacy Project Global Grant #2578323. Your generosity will make possible a better education and a brighter future for many schoolchildren in impoverished Guatemalan communities.

7. **District 5450 Items/Program ideas** - District 5450 maintains a database of speakers and their program at District 5450 Program speaker database. Linda is often contacted by potential speakers; she will try to rotate their information through the bulletins.

Organ Donation/Transplants Mark McIntosh is an advocate for Live Organ Donor Transplants and the Chair the Host Committee for the Transplant Games to be held in Denver June 18-23, 2026. He is a live kidney donor recipient himself and it is very interesting to hear his story and the need for organ donation in our state. Mark McIntosh: mark@seekvictory.com

Japanese Consulate in Denver Sanae Kanno, Consul, sanae.kanno@mofa.go.jp / 303.534.1151 (c)970.632.0804, can discuss the activities of the Japanese Consulate and her work.

RYLA Program: Rotary Clubs in District 5450 generously support the *Rocky Mountain Rotary Youth Leadership Awards* but many Club members don't have an understanding of how the programs actually work. We are looking for an opportunity to present to Rotary Clubs and to lead an informal overview/discussion of the RM RYLA programs. Mike is a co-Chair for one of this year's Young RYLA conferences, and Terry and Jim both serve on the Rocky Mountain RYLA Board. We are able to discuss both Rocky Mountain RYLA offerings (RYLA, Young RYLA) but we know most about Young RYLA.

- the long history of RYLA
- multi-year leadership development tracks
- specific roles that make RYLA work
- sample activities and the leadership skills each one targets
- the huge impact the programs have had
- how you can help
 - Fund awards
 - Select worthy students
 - Be a Senior Counselor

Here is a link to the official RM RYLA website: <https://rockymountainryla.org> Even if we can't be the featured program, we are willing to provide a brief, 10-minute version if that is the only available option.

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-Terry McCullough

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-Jim Hoops

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Guatemala Literacy Project: Savannah Gulick, (C) 513-444-5048. (W) 513-956-9004, savannah.gulick@coeduc.org.

Jefferson County Library Foundation Their mission is to support and enrich the capabilities, resources and services of the Jefferson County Public Library through fundraising and advocacy efforts that benefit our diverse community. Jefferson County Library Foundation (JCLF), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, provides critical support to Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL), expanding free programs and services to all Jefferson County residents. Through public outreach, advocacy and fundraising, JCLF strengthens JCPL and promotes greater awareness of its valuable resources and services, helping JCPL ensure free and equal access to information and great literature to all Jeffco residents. <https://jeffclf.org/> Contact Jo Schantz, jo@jeffclf.org, 303.403.5077.

8. Link to Chief Brady's Police Unity Tour: <https://mailchi.mp/859cf65dd9bc/police-unity-tour?e=5ee4273243> Donations being accepted thru 06/26/2026.

9. King Soopers Community Rewards - Support Arvada Rotary Club every time you shop at King Soopers! Select Arvada Rotary Club in your digital account, and the Arvada Rotary Club receives a portion of your purchase. Your contributions help fund our vital programming and services, making a difference in our community.

HOW TO HELP

1. Sign into your digital account or create one
2. Enroll Arvada Rotary Club as the organization you are supporting.
3. Arvada Rotary Club will start getting quarterly donation based upon your purchases. Your fuel points are independent of and unaffected by this donation.
4. Funds will be used to support ongoing programs and services.

Thank you for your support!

P.S. Tell other family members and your friends. Everyone buys groceries!

10. OUTBOUND YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS WANTED! We are encouraged to recruit high school applicants to become Rotary International Exchange Students. This opportunity is open to ALL clubs and any qualified students in our District, Rotary relatives and general public. <https://www.rmrye.org/>

11. Eyeglasses and Hearing Aid Collection - Arvada Lions collects thousands of eyeglasses *and hearing aids* from Walmart and King Soopers eyeglass recycle bins. Bin

collection locations are listed at [ARVADA LIONS CLUB EYEGLASS COLLECTION BOX LOCATIONS Jan2024.pdf](#)

WHAT ARE ARVADA ROTARIANS DOING?

Wednesday, February 18 @ 4:30p - Arvada Service Clubs are preparing and serving dinner at Hope House for about 30 people.

Saturday, February 28 Arvada Winterfest, Olde Town Arvada Square, 5726 Olde Wadsworth Blvd., 11a - 4p. Winterfest features several free activities and performances that are suitable for all ages. For the second straight year, Winterfest will be held in the Olde Town Square in the heart of Olde Town Arvada! Attendees can expect a similar event layout as the Second Saturday Concert Series hosted by the Olde Town Business Improvement District in the summer. Winterfest features several free activities and performances that are suitable for all ages:

- Live cultural performances, including dragon and lion dances by the [Colorado Asian Cultural Heritage Center](#)
- Land acknowledgement and drum and dance performance by the [Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce](#)
- Live ice sculpting
- Craft vendors and food trucks

Volunteer shifts are available starting at 7:30 a.m. for set up through 5:30 p.m. for tear down. Sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0445A8A928A0FF2-60975342-winterfest#/>

Saturday, February 28 - Epic Experience - Beyond Cancer, Hearts & Hope Gala 2026, 5:30pm, Four Seasons Denver <https://cbo.io/app/public/bidapp/epic26> Epic Experience's Mission is

Epic Experience's pinnacle program is a weeklong adventure camp at no cost to adults who have been diagnosed with cancer. We are committed to showing participants that cancer no longer defines them. Through outdoor activities and virtual programs, we seek to engage individuals in the healing process and establish a supportive community among fellow thrivers. As the "2020 Nonprofit of the Year" for the Arvada Chamber of Commerce and recorded in the Congressional Record by Representative Ed Perlmutter, Epic Experience has been nationally recognized and helped put Arvada on the map as a place of love, compassion and family.

March 20-22 President-Elect Training Seminar, "PETS" Conference

Sunday, April 12 - Arvada Kite Festival 11a - 4p, [Kite Festival](#)

Saturday, April 18 - TURNING CONFLICT INTO COLLABORATION Saturday, April 18 | EPIC Campus - 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Pres. Linda proposes any club members who can attend be reimbursed by the club for the registration cost, \$35. This is a one-day workshop designed to give anyone the tools to deal with the most difficult communication challenges. Through guided discussions and real-world exercises, participants will learn to:

- De-escalate conflict

- Transform challenging interactions into constructive conversations
- Effectively manage strong personalities
- Navigate difficult conversations on divisive issues
- Control emotions in challenging environments
- Enhance leadership and communication skill

The workshop will be lead, in part, by our own **Suzanne Ghais**, Ph.D., who is Programs Director at Convergence Center for Policy Resolution, where she facilitates multi-party consensus building on divisive public-policy issues. She has three decades' experience in conflict resolution, facilitation, mediation, and consensus building, dealing with a wide range of issue types from consumer and community disputes to workplace conflicts, to civil wars. She is the author of *Extreme Facilitation: Guiding Groups through Controversy and Complexity* (Jossey Bass/Wiley, 2005) and numerous articles and book chapters.

Thursday, April 30 - AWR SAY Graduation Award Ceremony. More information to follow.

Saturday, May 2 - [13th Annual Hope House 5K & Fun Run](#). **Registration is now open.**

Saturday, May 16- District 5450 EPIC Day of Service <https://www.epicdayofservice.org/>. Ideas for possible service projects, include Community Table; Angel Heart (decorate delivery bags)(maybe in Covenant Village arts & crafts activity room); and/or Rocky Mountain Health Foundation (decorate Boxes of Sunshine)(Children's Health Foundation, Theresa Joseph, 303-839-6782).



ARVADA SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB

Club Meeting Information

1st Tuesday of each month – Zoom Meeting

2nd Tuesday and 4th Tuesday of each month – In-person Meeting @ 7:10a
Greater Arvada Chamber of Commerce, 7502 W 80th #180, Arvada, CO 80003

Note: Enter lower level, east side of Canvas Credit Union building

3rd Tuesday of each month – Social @ TBA

5th Tuesday of month – Service project @ TBA

Join Zoom Meeting:

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