



# Rotary Ridge Runner

The Rotary Club of Wheat Ridge, Colorado Meetings: Mondays 12:10 p.m., Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, 4005 Kipling, Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Board Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays 6:30 P.M. 6827 West. 38<sup>TH</sup> Avenue.

March 3, 2008

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

**PRESIDENT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:** Wilfred "Wilf" Wilkerson  
**DISTRICT 5450 GOVERNOR:** David G. Beall, District Governor  
**DISTRICT 5450 ASSISTANT GOVERNOR:** Jim Halderman

*Our mission is to build a better world emphasizing service activities by individuals and groups that enhance the quality of life and human dignity, encouraging ethical high standards and creating greater understanding among all people.*

**Officers:** President: Greg Garner. Past President: Dick Pierce, President Elect: Barry Hudson, Secretary: Bob Brown. Treasurer: Dick Matthews. **Service Chairs:** Club Administration/Fund Raising: Walt Pettit. Membership: Mike Herman & Steve Parks. Community Service: Jerry Watson. Vocational Service: Bob Timm. International Service: Dean Bryan. Sergeant-at Arms: Jim Kerns. Programs: Chet Myers. Fellowship: Bill Trefz, Newsletter and Public Relations: Barry Hudson. **Board of Directors:** Dick Pierce, Bob Brown, Jerry Watson, Mike Herman, Walt Pettit, Bob Timm, Steve Parks and Dean Bryan. **Wheat Ridge Rotary Foundation Board:** Dan Brennan, Jerry Watson, Bob Brown, Dick Pierce, Sax Wilson, Jim Kerns, Greg Garner, Dick Matthews and Barry Hudson.

## PROGRAM AND SPEAKERS' CALENDAR

March 3	Steve Watson	Home Equity Mortgages for Seniors
March 9	Leah Varnell	Court CASA

SETUP/CLEANUP: Arrive at 11:30 AM please

**Captains:** Captains are responsible for reminder calls to crew and for supplies of disposables such as cups, coffee, sugar and substitutes, creamer and tea. Please inform Rudy, our caterer, if there is a change in catering schedule.

**March Captain:** Jerry Watson. March 3, Dan Brennan & Walt Pettit. March 10, Liz Willis & Kim Buck. March 17, Doug Saba & Ethan Raath. March 24, Dick Pierce & Sherry Feinbaum. March 31, Barry Hudson & Jamie Yrastorza.

**April Captain:** Dick Pierce. April 7, Bill Trefz and volunteer. April 14, Steven Parks and Matt Cloutier. April 21, Dan Brennan and Joe Cassa. April 28, Chet Myers and Mike Herman.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS AND REPORTS

**PETS INFORMATION:** Bob Timm and Barry extend their thanks to the club for sending us to the PETS training last weekend. Incoming Rotary International President's D.K. Lee's theme for the 2008 year is "Make Dreams Real". Our District Governor Elect is Steve Cantrell and we have a new Assistant Governor, Dave Brazeau from Arvada Sunrise RC. Our club is now in Area 4 with Arvada, Arvada Sunrise and Lakewood. We met with the President Elects of these clubs and we all agreed that we could benefit from a joint application for a currently available \$10,000.00 District Public Relations Matching Grant. We agreed to explore the possibility of joint public relations efforts.

**POLIOPLUS:** This project has been advanced in order to insure that we maximize our use of the one hundred million dollar Gates foundation grant. It is now mandatory that each club is expected to contribute \$75.00 per member for PolioPlus in the 2008-2009 club years. The contribution can be made by each member or through a fund raiser. The International has decided that they need to conclude this project during 2008 in order to stop the spread of new virulent viral strains in Africa, India and Pakistan. Also, by completing this in one year, the disruption of our other International initiatives, particularly the water, health and children's' initiatives will be minimized.

Greg and Barry will host two South African Rotary GSE professionals in their homes April 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. Kim Wasserfall is a social worker specializing in street children. Sazi Nyikana is a civil engineer specializing in water issues.

**2008/09 Officers and Boards:** **President:** Barry Hudson. **Vice President/President Elect:** Bob Timm. **Secretary:** Mike Herman. **Treasurer:** Dick Matthews. **Board of Directors:** Dean Bryan, Mike Herman, Steve Parks, Walt Pettit, Doug Saba,

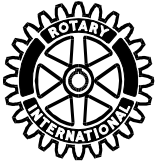
and Jerry Watson. **Past President:** Greg Garner. **Wheat Ridge Rotary Foundation Board:** Dick Matthews, Dick Pierce and Greg Garner (Past President).

**DISTRICT 5450 CONFERENCE.** April 25-27, Marriott Conference Center, Vail Colorado. All members are invited to attend. The new club leadership should attend. Call 1-800-648-0720 to reserve your hotel rooms. Go to the 5450 site to register for the conference. [www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org) Some club contribution to costs may be available.

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE,** Los Angeles, June 15-18, 2008. Again some club contribution is available. Also, Rotary will waive registration fees for larger groups. [www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org)

Steve Parks and Mike Herman, our membership chairs, welcome anyone's help in expanding our membership. Bring a friend to lunch for free. New members are crucial to our club's success.

Visit the Wheat Ridge Rotary Web Site at [www.wheatridgerotary.org](http://www.wheatridgerotary.org) Current and past newsletters are there. Please pass on your suggestions regarding content of the web site or newsletter to Barry. Rotary District Site: [www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org) Don't forget our easy online donations site, [www.givingfirst.org](http://www.givingfirst.org). Enter "Wheat Ridge Rotary Club" and press "Donate".



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