

Rotary

Club of Evergreen

2017-2018 Year in Review

Rotary: Making a Difference

The Rotary Club of Evergreen completed yet another great year with strong growth, projects locally and internationally, and selfless giving.

Community Service Committee

This committee, led by **Marianne Temple**, was responsible for giving grants and in-kind donations of \$34,590. 2,740 volunteer hours were donated by RCE members. The following are RCE Rotary Projects and grant recipients for the year.

- 100 Holes of Golf
- Recycle Day
- Imagination Library
- EChO Foodbank collections
- Buddy Bench at Wilmont Elementary School
- Road Warriors semi-annual roadside cleanup
- Mountain Area Home & Garden Show
- Thanksgiving Seniors Luncheon
- Mountain Backpack lunch program
- Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing
- Evergreen Wildfire Awareness Sign

Recycle Day

In September, led by **Tim Eagan**, we hosted our 9th annual Recycle Day where we took in the following:

- 24,500 pounds of TV's and Electronics to Goodwill Hauling
- 122 pounds of Textiles to eco-cycle
- 86 Tires to Big O Tires pounds
- Greeted 277 Cars
- 1,000 gallons of used paint to Sherwin Williams
- Collected \$6,851.86 in donations
- 12,400 pounds of paper to be shredded by All American Records Management
- 2 ½ Tons of Metals to Eager Beaver
- 24 cubic yards of Styrofoam to eco-cycle
- 53 Bicycles for Trips for Kids in Denver. 1,000
- 6 pairs of Crutches for Crutches 4 Africa
- 6 car seats to Colorado State Patrol

Mountain Area Home & Garden Show

As our club's signature fundraiser, we raised approximately \$33,000 gross and the net proceeds will be split between our club and the Conifer Rotary Club. This effort was led by Conifer's Janine Payton, Director and Tim Eagan, assistant Director. Almost 1,000 attendees visited approximately 80 Vendors this year.

St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraising.

Thanks to the leadership of Tim Eagan, \$31,965 in funds were raised to help fight childhood cancer.

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International Service Committee

This committee, led by **John Wingate**, was responsible for giving grants outside the United States. 12 grants totaling \$21,539 were given to organizations primarily in Africa and Central America. 1,800 volunteer hours were donated by RCE members. The following are the RCE Rotary Projects and grant recipients for the year.

- Global Grant, Guatemala
- St Helene community building
- Lily's Laptops, Guatemala
- Zimbabwe Community Empowerment Global Grant
- Peruvian Hearts College Scholarships, Peru
- Peace Core Community Center – Benin, Africa
- Tree Planting, Kenya
- Fresh Water International, Malawi, Africa
- Engineers Without Borders, Rwanda
- Teacher Training, Romania
- Crutches for Africa
- Medical Students scholarships
– in honor of Warren and Gretchen Breggren

Global Grant

Another first with our club is the successful pursuit of a Global Grant. This grant is titled "Young Mayan Women as Engines of Economic Growth in Guatemala through Empowerment and Education" and has a total worth of \$162,150. This grant is being led by **Al Steger** with assistance from **Ted Ning**.

Publicity and Communications Committee

This committee, led by **Holly Brekke**, had another fantastic year thanks to a great team effort. The following are a few items you may find interesting.

- 21 Published Articles in area newspapers and magazines
- Twitter and Facebook social media were updated weekly about RCE activities
- Internship program: Lilly Mott, an EHS junior, wrote articles and raised funds for Peruvian Hearts
- Weekly Bulletins are sent to all RCE members about club announcements and community activities
- Publicity for Club Activities: Assistance in publicity and signage for MAGHS, Polio Plus, Mardi Gras, and 100 Holes of Golf
- Meeting Videos: Jenna Audlin, Shawn Audlin, and Jim Davis posted videos of meeting activities and speakers
- Club Photos: Carolyn Alexander photographed all meetings, social activities, special events and projects, posting to all RCE members as a reminder of the fun we have while doing good
- **Sponsorship Program:** New this year and under the leadership of Tim Grace, this program raised \$10,800 with \$4,780 net of expenses going to the Evergreen Rotary foundation. The following sponsors made possible our monthly Rotary information page in the Canyon Courier. **Thanks to these sponsors:**

- Bear Paw Stanbro Property Management, Inc.
- Evergreen Jazz Festival – courtesy of Don Unger
- Minute Man Press of Lakewood
- Re/Max Alliance Commercial
- Steven Parks, Master Goldsmith and Designer
- Valentine, SeEVERS & Associates, PC
- Big O Tires of Evergreen
- Farmers Insurance - Bruce Anderson
- Mountain Home
- Scripps, Taylor & Associates - CPA's
- Tall Grass Spa and Salon
- Evergreen Chamber of Commerce

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Membership

Under the leadership of **Doug Turner**, membership chair, our club once again saw solid growth.

- Growth from 107 members at beginning of the year to 114 members, or 6.5% net growth.
- Held new member orientation dinner in February for all new members 2 years or less.

Giving to Rotary International.

Under the leadership of **Curt Harris**, RCE members gave unselfishly to Rotary International and Polio Plus resulting in the following:

- Members gave \$24,171 to Rotary International.
- 9 new Paul Harris Fellows this year.
- Members gave \$5,606 to Polio Plus.
- 20 members advanced to a new Paul Harris Fellow level during the year.

Vocational Service

Under the leadership of **Russell Hammond**, the Vocational Service Committee awards an Ethics in Business Award every year to a business or professional who demonstrates high ethical standards in their treatment of employees, customers and the communities in which they work. The winner of this year's award is The Evergreen Dental Group, owned by Jeff and Bev Sprout. The other nominees were:

- Anderson Insurance Agency, Bruce Anderson
- Evergreen Swims, Courtney McLaurin
- Hearthfire Books, Kappy Kling
- Star Quest Group, Tom Athenour
- Drive Smart
- Evergreen Vision Clinic, Dr. Daniel Hock
- Linda Kirkpatrick

Youth Services

Led by **Ron Catterson**, we had 40 Interact students participating this year, hosting a dance for Special Needs Kids, and they raised \$6,500 for St. Baldricks "Brekke Goes Bald" fundraiser.

Rowdy Rotarians

We had lots of fun with 5 Rowdy Rotarian gatherings. 2 at Wild Game, 1 at Wood Cellar, 1 at Revival Brews and 1 at Evergreen Tap House. Thanks to **Dale Schlinsog** for his fun leadership.

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Awards

Our club did very well with awards given out at the District Conference. They are:

- **Preserve Planet Earth Award.** Given to the best club in the District that made new, significant contributions to sustaining our environment. We know this as our Rotary Recycle Day. Winner: **Rotary Club of Evergreen.**
- **The Kevin Farrell Leadership Award.** This award honors the Rotarian in the District who best demonstrates a sustained commitment to the nurturing of leadership in both youth and adults. Winner: **Curt Harris.**
- **Public Relations Award.** Given to the best club in the District that has generated increased awareness and understanding of Rotary through media and public relations efforts. Winner: **Rotary Club of Evergreen.**
- **The Four Way Test Award.** This award recognizes the Rotarian in the District who best exemplifies the principals of the Four Way Test, in all the things they think, say or do. Winner: **Bill Manning.**

Barb Scripps and Curt Harris are completing their 3 year term as District Assistant Governors for Area 16 and 8 respectively. Barb also coordinated the 2nd annual Polio Plus fundraising event at Tuscan Tavern in addition to serving as our Evergreen Foundation treasurer.

Our contribution to the District was extended by our own Curt Harris being voted as the District Governor Nominee, and he will serve as DG in the 2019-2020 term. We look forward to helping Curt during his term as the home club that year.

We said farewell to our long-time member Wayne Lundhagen who died September 22, 2017. Many members attended his memorial service and thanked his wife Kathe for all he did for our organization.

Respectively submitted,

Larry Caine
President 2017-2018