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Meetings: Tuesdays, at the First Lutheran Church
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Meeting Notes

Announcements

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Coming Up

28-March - Russian Life Today

The meeting was called to order by President **Edwina Salazar-Waldrup** by reading the *Four-Way Test*. **Rosalyn Garvey** gave the *Moment of Inspiration*. Music was provided by **Mark Laitos** accompanied by **Ken Miller**. We sang a Rotary version of: "Ragtime Cowboy Joe." **Marcelo Berquist** gave the attendance report:

We had two Visiting Rotarians; **Karin Snyder** from the Carbon Valley Club and **Connie Lehman** from the St. Vrain Club. There was only one non-Rotarian Guest hosted by a club member. **Doug Clancey** brought **Mish Clancey**. Lots of *Make-Ups* were reported. **Vicki Santos** made up at e-Club; **Tom Cobb**, **Mary Blue** and **Clay Douglas** made up at Twin Peaks Rotary; and **Leona Stoecker** made up at the Carbon Valley Club. **Erika Wood**, our guest speaker was a guest of the club. Two member birthdays were recognized: **Quentin Mendenhall** and **Greg Rosener** for a total of 99 years.

Club Anniversaries for this week were: **Dan Bernard**, **Ken Kanemoto**, **Karen Kramer**, **Steve Strong** and **Jane Wolford**.

Family of Rotary

The mystery question this week was: Who in the room just got engaged? Answer on page two.

Van Stow has been inducted into the Boulder County Business Hall of Fame.

Dan Bernard is recovering nicely and will be back soon.

Last week we collected \$111 for the Cole Kugel Campaign.

District Conference. It's not too late to register for the 2006 District Conference. You can do so on the web. The club will contribute \$100 toward expenses for new members who wish to attend. Edwina is the person to contact.

Coat Drive. Last year we started to have a spring as well as a fall coat drive. This is so that coats will be available in the early fall as it can get pretty cold in late September and October. **Phyllis Dwyer** will be asking for volunteers to help with collection and sorting. The drop-off point will again be at ZYLINKS. The coat drive will be from April 3 to May 12. And, yes, don't forget to bring in you unneeded coats.

Annual Compassion Awards – 2006

Since 1978, the Longmont Rotary Club has sought to convey the theme of the "Tower of Compassion" through its annual Compassion Awards program. The purpose of the awards is to recognize those who exemplify:

Love

Empathy

Understanding

Gratitude of All Things

Giving Selflessly of Oneself for the Happiness of All Beings

The Longmont Rotary Club sponsors three different compassion award programs. One program involves the school children of St. Vrain Valley School District.. School principals will select a group of finalists, and the Rotary Compassion Awards Committee members will make their final selection.



Sue Bolton presents a Fishbowl Check for \$304 to **Liz Smokowski**.

Program



Erika Wood is the Development Coordinator for this region of the National Muscular Dystrophy (MS) Society. She has a background in Long Term Care and a degree

from Indiana University and has lived in Colorado for the last four years. She also has MS. Erika is responsible for organizing the MS Walk-a-Thon in Longmont which takes place this year on Saturday May 6.

She told of her first hand experience with MS. It is a chronic disease of the nervous system which affects mostly people in the prime of life between 20 and 50 years old. Nearly 75% of those afflicted are women. It is not fatal or contagious. For some reason, the incidence of the disease is higher in Colorado than in other places. One in 580 have MS nation wide, while one in 400 have it in Boulder and Larimer County. The disease takes two forms. In one case the symptoms come and go, while in the other, aggressive form, the disease is progressive. Symptoms include: muscle weakness on the extremities, (i.e. drop foot), slurred speech, fatigue, and blurred vision. Often times, MS is not easily diagnosed.

The MS Society raises money for research and victim support. The Walk-a-Thon is a key fundraiser for this area. For more information see www.walkcolorado.org.

The Times-Call is a big supporter. Registration forms are available at the Times-Call.

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Where do we need YOUR HELP? We need your help in submitting nominations for the two other Compassion Award programs: The **“Frank McDonough Award”** and the **“Citizen Compassion Award.”** Both awards are presented to individuals who exemplify the five virtues of the Tower of Compassion.

The Frank McDonough Award recognizes a member of the Longmont Rotary Club who best exemplifies Service Above Self and the Five Levels of Compassion.

The Citizen’s Compassion Award honors an individual who exemplifies these virtues in order that we all may become more aware of these qualities and strive to achieve them in our daily lives.

Nomination forms for both awards are available at all weekly Rotary meetings through April 11, 2006.

Forms will also be available on the Longmont Rotary Website: www.longmontrotary.org.

You may send nominations by mail to Longmont Rotary Club, P.O. Box 272, Longmont, CO 80502, or email nominations to **Liz Smokowski**.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

APRIL 28 - 30



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FISHBOWL

Fishbowl Beneficiary – Longmont Emergency Unit, \$79