



The Rotoreador

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MEETING NOTES

President **Roger Jurgens** opened the meeting by leading the *Four Way Test*. **Joan Campbell** gave the *Moment of Inspiration*; she gave examples of two individuals who kept trying – **Jonas Salk**, who said he didn't have 200 failures, but 200 discoveries leading to the success of the 201st experiment that resulted in the polio vaccine; and **Winston Churchill**, who had two opportunities to get it right while repeating a level at school. We sang "America, the Beautiful" led by **Steve Easterday-McPadden**.

HOSPITALITY

Birthdays amounting to 256 years were celebrated by **Don Dreyer**, **Pat Mehnert**, **Gabe Santos**, **Janna Schinke** and **Jane Wolford**. **Tom Clark**, **Mary Lou Franks**, **Shirley Lemmex**, **George Oliver** and **John Poynton** celebrated club anniversaries.

Club members hosted the following guests: **Jack Ashford** welcomed **Ted Rychlik**, **Don Haddad's** guest was **Terry Schueler** of the *Twin Peaks Rotary Club*; and **Billy Sheats** introduced **Ken Resner**.

FAMILY OF ROTARY

Diane Stow is still recovering from her broken ankle, and **Bryan Baum** was in attendance at the meeting after successful surgery.

Don and **Echo Owens** celebrated their 55th anniversary; **Ralph Josephsohn** is a grandpa for the 12th time, and **Roger Jurgens'** daughter is being deployed to Afghanistan.

Roger asked the club to express their appreciation for the great work of their fellow Rotarians: **Jerry Buchholtz**, club treasurer, and **Joe Butler** for the weekly meeting setup.

FISHBOWL PRESENTATION

Sue Bolton presented a check for \$333 to the *Longmont Community Justice Partnership*, which was represented by **Mike Butler**. Mike said that the individuals who participate in the restorative justice program of the LCJP have a 10 percent recidivism rate compared with a 50 percent rate for those who go through the regular justice system.

Honor Flight will be the recipient of Fishbowl proceeds during the month of September, but more nominees are needed. Forms are available from **Darrell Beck**, **Sue Bolton**, **Karen Hicks** and **Jeff Linroth**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Debbie Setlock announced that the *Rotary Winter Warmth Coat Drive* will begin Oct. 11 and continue through the end of November. The steering committee of **Debbie**, **Sheridan Wolfe**, **Phyllis Dwyer** and **Pam Aultman** is still working on details of

the drive; sign up sheets were passed.

Dale Sherrod tempted Rotarians with a preview of the Dec. 28 meeting, which will allegedly feature spectacular feats and talents of fellow Rotarians including: **Dan Pedry** being shot from a cannon by his mother-in-law and landing in a coffee-can container filled with lime Jello; and **Jack Baker** demonstrating his 1912 wing walking skills. Dale asked Rotarians to develop their own three-minute act for this spectacular meeting (fire dancing, anyone?).

Al Carr announced that **Daryl Beck** will host a "Fishing Day" event for Rotarians and their families on Saturday, Oct. 2. The picnic will feature food, fun and fly fishing lessons for all ages. A map to Daryl's farm and lake is included in this week's Rotoreador. Rotarians to help with the next 4-way test in October. Amy also asked for Rotarians to give her suggestions for programs.



PROGRAM

Rotary member and *St. Vrain Valley School District Superintendent* **Don Haddad** needed little introduction before beginning his presentation about the current state of schools. Don said his presentation was part of an ongoing effort by the district to keep the community informed of the successes and challenges of the schools.

An overview of the district:

- District covers 411 square miles.
- 97,000 students, added 700 new this year.
- 50 schools (when Frederick High School and Elementary #26 are finished).
- 4th fastest growing district in the state, and it will soon overtake Boulder Valley in size.

Achievements relating to gains in test scores:

- The ACT, which is required of all 11th graders, showed strong gains at all high schools; one student scored a perfect 36 and a number scored in the 30s and higher;
- CELA (Colorado English Language Assessment) showed high gains;
- 1,552 AP (advanced placement) tests were administered compared to 400 just four years ago. Fifty percent of schools in the United States do not offer AP classes; Longmont High School has 20; and
- 17 out of 22 St. Vrain schools offering the IB (International Baccalaureate) program outpaced the world average for IB tests.

Additional signs of progress:

- All elementary schools now have an early childhood education program in recognition of the importance of early learning.
- The district schools emphasize a strong academic core but are supplementing the core with integrated math and science classes. The result is that two-thirds of students are now taking algebra and geometry classes in middle school.
- Technological improvements including the goal of having wireless campuses by the summer of 2011 and ensuring equity in technology by providing older schools with “smart carts” that provide laptops, document cameras, projectors, etc.
- An online learning program to be implemented next year that will offer credit recovery and enrichment for St. Vrain students but also be a revenue generator among rural schools by providing classes for a cost that are not available at those schools.
- A 62 percent graduation rate for minority students compared to 51 percent several years ago.

Challenges the district is facing:

- Preparing for a potential \$1 billion shortfall in state education funding knowing that 65 percent of the district’s income comes from the state.
- Being efficient and effective with \$34 million in reserves, much of which is earmarked.
- At a time of diminishing funds facing increased demographic challenges.
- Potential impact of Amendments 60 and 61 and Proposition 101 in upcoming November election, which could reduce state revenue by \$42 million.



Joan, as always, is inspirational



Steve, always faithful, tries to help the Rockies with song



Safety Chief Mike Butler, receives Fishbowl proceeds on behalf of Restorative Justice.



Debbie kicks off the Annual Coat Drive

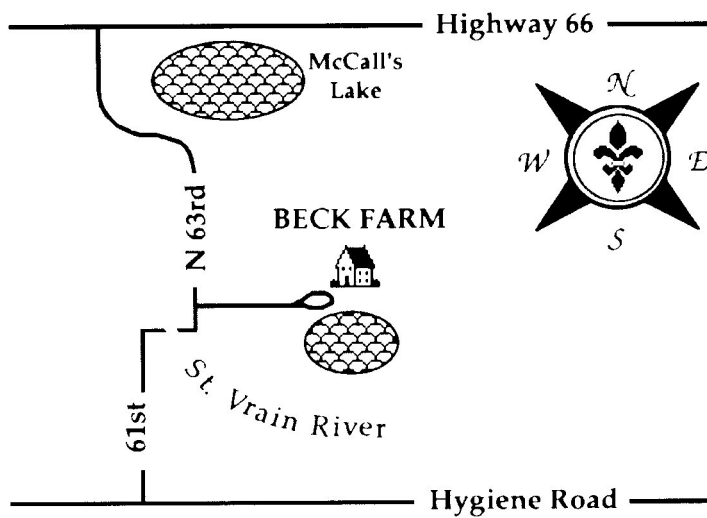


Steve asks for nominations for the Frank McDonough Award



Dale asks for 3 min. acts for the year-end show and suggests a possible one for Dan Pedry.





Map to Beck Farm for the Fishing Derby

Around Us

Longmont St. Vrain	Wed 7 AM	First Lutheran Church, 3rd & Terry
Longmont Twin Peaks	Thu noon	First Lutheran Church, 3rd & Terry
Broomfield Crossing	Tue 7:10 AM	Omni Interlocken Hotel
Boulder Valley	Tue noon	Spice of Life Event Center
Boulder Flatirons	Wed 7:15 AM	East Boulder Rec Center
Boulder	Fri noon	Angel Pines Country Club
Erie	Wed 7:30 AM	Colorado General Golf Club
Westminster	Thu 12:10 PM	Front Range Community College
Niwot	Thu 7:10 AM	Eye Opener
Broomfield	Thu 6:30 PM	Eagle Golf Club
Coal Creek	Thu noon	Lodge at Balfour, Louisville