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Welcome to 2021!

Rotary Friends,

Karoline and I hope that all of you had a joyous holiday season. There is always so much to do, but we find that this time is special because we get the chance to reach out to friends we haven't heard from for a while and to see family. This year was quiet for us with a lot of Zoom meetings with the family. We truly enjoyed ringing out 2020 and toasting 2021 with Rotary friends from our club on Zoom. It turned out to be a very moving time for everyone.

We also got to spend special time as Santa and Mrs. Claus with Rotarians in Greeley and Steamboat Springs. We had so much fun reading for the Fa la la event in Steamboat.

As we begin the new calendar year, we also realize that we are half way through this Rotary year. Wow that first six months flew by. It has been such an honor and privilege to visit with your clubs and to work with the DG team. We have welcomed our new DGND Steve Sehnert from Steamboat to our group and into our planning.

We are all encouraged to see that the vaccines are beginning to roll out. We hope everyone will get access to them soon and that these vaccines will really help kick the virus in the behind. Keep the faith, remain careful and continue to reach out to all of the members of your Rotary family. You must know what a difference this makes. We will get through this together.

Something to remember is that even during this terrible pandemic year, a cruel and devastating virus was eradicated from Africa. We must continue to celebrate the elimination of polio and redouble our commitment to finishing the job. We will eradicate polio, and use our resources to beat COVID! Thank you Rotarians for your commitment and resilience in continuing the fight.

There have been so many great projects in our District this year, from the continuation of Dig Deep Water Project in Navajoland to other global projects in India, South Africa and disaster relief in Central America to all the wonderful projects you do in your own communities. Your response to the fires in Colorado and the rest of our Zone was amazing. Thank you! You truly are people of action and are making our vision statement as Rotarians a reality. I am so proud of all of you and so honored to be your District Governor this year. You are opening opportunities and changing the world.

We look forward to seeing you very soon.

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Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs



The Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs invites you to participate in “Thankuary” 2021 - the first annual community Thankuary. Thankuary is 31 days of showing gratitude and reminding those around you that they are appreciated! Thankuary’s challenge is to send 31 thank you cards, one for each day of the month, to whoever you want to express your thanks for whatever reason! We have even included a calendar with suggestions!

2020 has been a challenge for each and every one of us. Thankuary will kick off the new year with love, gratitude, kindness, connection, and hope. And you know what the best thing is? Giving thanks and gratitude makes you feel as good as the person receiving your thanks!

Create a Thankuary that works best for you. Send Rotary Thankuary cards, send your own cards, send an email, or give a phone call. If you participate in any way, you are an important part of Thankuary!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Loved one	2 Nurse
3 Firefighter	4 Friend	5 Neighbor	6 USPS/ FedEx/ UPS	7 Child	8 Police officer	9 Grocery store employee
10 Doctor	11 Teacher	12 Parent	13 Business owner	14 Military	15 Grandparent	16 Retail worker
17 Coworker	18 Restaurant worker	19 Yourself	20 Politician	21 Sibling	22 Trash Collector	23 Long lost friend
24 Boss	25 Someone who has inspired you	26 School employee	27 A person you see daily	28 Healthcare professional	29 Someone who won't expect it!	30 Liftie
31 Athlete						

*"Do your little bit of good where you are;
it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."
- Desmond Tutu*

Rotary Club of Cheyenne

2021 Ford Bronco Sport or \$20,000 Raffle for Cheyenne Rotary Foundation Fundraiser

Starting in January through the end of May, the Cheyenne Rotary Club is raffling tickets for a chance to win a new 2021 Ford Bronco Sport or \$20,000. All proceeds being raised will go towards the Cheyenne Rotary Club Foundation to add to the impact of Rotary's charitable work in Cheyenne. This fundraiser will help Cheyenne Rotary build the endowment to reach the \$1million goal which will ensure long term, sustainable local community service.

Only 2500 tickets will be sold. Raffle tickets can be purchased online or from any Rotary Club of Cheyenne member. Tickets are being sold at 1 for \$50 or 3 for \$100. You can also check out Cheyenne Rotary's Facebook page or visit Spradley Barr Motor for more info about this sporty 4x4 vehicle.

The Cheyenne Rotary Club would like to give a special THANK YOU to Spradley Barr of Cheyenne for their generous donation of this new release from Ford and for their continued dedication and service to Rotary.

To purchase raffle tickets online, visit the following links:

1 for \$50 ticket: <https://cheyennerotary.org/event/ford-bronco-raffle-ticket-purchase/>

3 for \$100 ticket: <https://cheyennerotary.org/event/ford-bronco-raffle-ticket-purchase---3-for--100/>

To purchase raffle tickets by mail, please send a check by May 31, 2021, to:

Cheyenne Rotary Club Foundation
P.O.Box 511,
Cheyenne, WY 82003-0511

Include a note with the name, address and phone number that you would like included on each ticket, as well as the mailing address that you would like the tickets mailed back to. For questions or to buy tickets over the phone, call [307-773-0355](tel:307-773-0355).

Prizes will be given as follows:

First Place Prize: 2021 Ford Bronco Sport or \$20,000

Second Place: \$1,000

Third Place: \$500

Drawing on June 2, 2021. Title, taxes, insurance extra. All sales final.

Per IRS, the cost of raffle tickets purchased from nonprofit entities is not deductible as a charitable contribution.

Miscellaneous

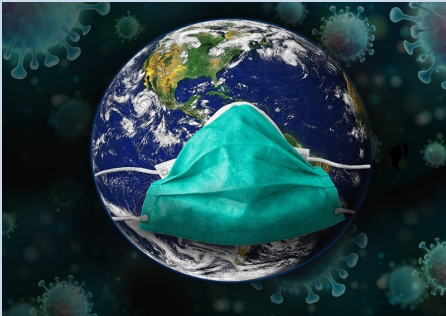
Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Greeley for sponsoring our newest Interact Club - the Interact Club of Frontier Academy Greeley! In these challenging times our clubs and youth keep moving forward and I am so proud of them. If you would like to reach out to the sponsoring club for support / ideas, contact Scott at scott@scottbright.net.

Did you know that our district has a Facebook group? We currently have 219 members and would love for each of our members to join! Here is the link to the group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/358286021326438>

Upcoming District Events

We look forward to the days when we can fill this page again with lots of great Rotary District events **in person**. Until then, stay safe and healthy!

Kick that virus!



District 5440 is using Zoom for our video conference meetings. Some clubs are now meeting in person and some are having hybrid meetings, in person and virtual. There is a list of clubs that are doing virtual meetings on the [District website](#). If your club is not listed and wish to be listed, you can email Kellie at rotary5440@yahoo.com.

Rotary

COURAGE FOR TODAY

January 21st | Noon to 1:00 pm | Virtual Meeting

All Rotarians Welcome!

Keynote: Jennifer Jones
The Rotary International President-Nominee has accepted a special invitation to speak to District 5440. Join us!

RSVP as a Club or Individual: Rotary5440@yahoo.com
Co-Hosted by Rotary Clubs of Casper, Five Trails, Ft. Collins, Jackson, Lander, Laramie, and Thermopolis.

All Rotarians Welcome!

The Rotary Clubs of Casper, Casper Five Trails, Fort Collins, Jackson Hole, Lander, Laramie & Thermopolis would like to invite you to a virtual meeting featuring keynote speaker: Jennifer Jones, the first Rotary International President-Nominee.

- [President Elect Training Seminar \(PETS\)](#)

Mar. 19, 2021, 12:00 PM - Mar. 20, 2021, 1:30 PM

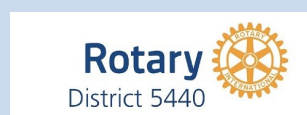
PETS 2021 will be a virtual event. Please visit the [High Country PETS website](#) for more information and registration links.

- [Rotary District 5440 Conference - 2021](#)

What should have been in 2020. Stay tuned for details.

<https://rotary5440.org/>

District Governor—Chris Woodruff



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