

Wednesday April 25th 2007

Mt. Vernon Country Club

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Cliff Dochterman...material inspired this article. Pardon the length.

Can you imagine the pain associated with being told that a loved one was killed in the Middle East...then, to be further told that the death was a result of friendly fire?

Friendly fire, of course, is a big mistake. It's not the result of someone's plan or premeditated action. It was not the result of some thought process that was meant to kill, yet it does.

Think about these 7 Friendly Fire actions that kill Rotary.

### **1. Perfect attendance**

Perfect attendance is a wonderful accomplishment, but it is not consistent with our very busy and complicated lives. If we place too great an emphasis on attendance, then potential members will decide that they couldn't measure up, so why try.

### **2. No publicity**

It's true that we should do good things for all the right and noble reasons, and publicity should not drive our actions. On the other hand, the old adage, "It's not bragging if it's true" should guide us. Publicity has the power to cause others to want to be part of our club because of the good works we do.

### **3. A strict local focus**

We all believe that charity begins at home, but Rotary is the premier non-governmental organization which has as its purpose to work for better world understanding and peace on a personal level. The good that we do in other parts of the world does more to promote the goodness of America than any other action we can take. To focus only on local causes, limits our effectiveness. Rotary International has developed an ingenious way for even a small chapter to make a difference with its matching grants program. It has to be funded. By pledging just \$100 a year...that's 27 cents a day, we can help fund one of the most effective resource pooling approaches in the world.

### **4. We always sit together**

At church some parishioners have been sitting in the same pew for fifty years. This should not be the way of Rotary. Newcomers want to belong and will either get involved with both feet or slowly drift away based on the way they are encouraged to become part of the inner circle. Make everyone part of the inner circle.

**5. Never bringing a new member to a meeting**

Someone had the idea that you would want to be part of Rotary. If you have not reciprocated, you owe someone. You must not think of the invitation as selling someone something. When you were invited, you were flattered...So what's keeping you from flattering someone else?

**6. Divide and conquer**

Refuse to be part of "club clichés" or sub-groups within the larger organization. It may be impossible to please all of the people all of the time, but a good club tries, but when there are honest differences of opinion, the idea of honoring all opinions trumps the need to be right. Friendship and the promotion of good will is a founding principle. If you insist on being "right" you are insisting that someone else is wrong.

**7. We've always done it that way**

Newcomers want to make a contribution. They will most likely bring new ideas and approaches with them. If we want to embrace all members, we must be willing to embrace their new ideas as well.

**These seven versions of friendly fire will kill Rotary with just as much deadly force as if someone plotted to destroy it. Let's make sure we contribute to Rotary's good health and well being.**

Jim

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**GUESTS**

Ann Beall - Dave Beall

Robert Carroll - Bob P.

Alexandra Morgan - Judi Q.

**VISITING ROTARIANS**

Dave Beall - Littleton

Tom Hobson - Den.

Bart Corfee - Evg.

Dana Moran - Golden

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Exchange student Bruno Vidotto from Brazil, will go to High School in Lakewood with Steve Doppler's kids. May 2 meeting will be a club assembly. Please be thinking of things that Bruno can do around Colorado.

Jim talked about the District Conference held in C/Springs and of the many inspiring and dynamic speakers there. Our Club got an award for growth!

We have 7 RYLA spots reserved and John Jarvis plans to select 5 from Clear Creek and would like the other two from Platte Canyon HS in memory of Emily Keyes, the student killed last fall, naming them the Emily Keyes Leadership Award. Interviews will start the week of 4/2. We also have 3 YRYLA spots to fill. Any volunteers to help in the interviews please contact John 526-4968.

PLEASE BRING IN YOU GOODIES AND MAGAZINES FOR THE TROOPS STARTING THIS WED. John asked that we save our magazines to send to the troops! He continues to look into ways we can each as members adopt a soldier's family.

Dave Talbot reported on the Crutches4Africa campaign. He has already collected enough crutches for one container!!!! Safeway was happy to set up a barrel for our collection in their store, also Evergreen Liquor. Evergreen Stained Glass and the General Store in Kittredge will take barrels. These are plastic barrels about the size of a 55 gal. drum but light weight and easy to move around. We're looking for good locations to place a barrel for two or three weeks, so please coordinate with Dave. He has a supply of brochures we can use when speaking with location controllers to better describe the Crutches4Africa.com program. CALL DAVE AT 303-877-2803 AND HE'LL BRING A BARREL TO THE MEETING FOR YOU. Tom H. will build a web link on our MFRC site to Crutches4Africa. Dave's now collecting crutches via

Craigslist. Dave told us about a man from Ghana who ships merchandise regularly to Africa and 90% of his containers are not full. He is willing to fill them up with crutches, etc. for no cost.

Maren has printed out 3000 brochures for the Golf Tournament. She has sent out 70 invites to those who participated last year. She has a web site set up... [www.specialneedsgolf.com](http://www.specialneedsgolf.com) and has Pay Pal set up so golfers can sign up on line. This year's golf tournament will take place at Hiwan Country Club on Monday morning July 9th. Please call Mac and volunteer to help him out with this event. Mac is working with Michelle Sterling, Jeff Thompson's publicist, to improve advertising opportunities. Wealth Design will cover most of the hole sponsorships and goody bags. Michelle suggested more involvement of special needs kids. Please call Mac 670-2280 to volunteer to help out. Only 2 1/2 months to go! Think about selling some tickets to this event. Maren is looking for sponsors to donate items for the goody bags or for the silent auction. Please have sponsorships and prizes turned in to Maren by May 1st so that your sponsor will be properly promoted. Astronaut Dave Ashby will be the guest of Joann S. and Anne S.

Judi Q. is coordinating our travels to the International Convention in Salt Lake City on June 17 - 20 2007. What a great opportunity to experience Rotary up close and the International flavor of Rotary too. Pull up [www.rotary.com](http://www.rotary.com) and register on line.

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PROGRAM

Dave Beall, our District Governor Elect, was our speaker. He joined Rotary in 1970 in Newport News, VA. He has been twice Rotarian of the Year. The theme for his administration is Rotary Shares. Rotary shares time, talents, money, kindness and love.

Goals for his term are; a 5% increase in membership by keeping members from resigning; support Rotary Foundation; literacy, health, hunger and water; 2 Ambassadorial Scholars; have FUN!!

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Judi Quackenboss, our most excellent Program Chair, asks that all members please advise her of any potential speakers for our group. Please contact her at 303-674-2852 or [quackje@aol.com](mailto:quackje@aol.com)

## APRIL - Rotary Magazine Month

25 Dave Beall - District Governor Elect - Fireside Chat

## MAY - District Conference Month

2 Club Assembly - How can we help the Dopplers?

9 Life Care Center Evergreen

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## PLANNING AHEAD

ROTARY MAKE-UPS ARE FUN, EASY AND ENCOURAGED!

Note: New eClub One URL for make-ups (Book Mark It!)  
eClubOne, [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org) (7 x 24 x 365). Be sure to get a

printout to turn in for meeting credit.

Some Nearby Rotary Clubs:

Evergreen Rotary, Friday, 7:00 AM - El Rancho Restaurant  
Conifer Rotary, Tuesday, 7:00 am - Mountain Resource Center  
Golden Rotary, Tuesday, 7:15 am - Rolling Hills Country Club  
Lakewood, Tuesday, 7:15 am - Lakewood Heritage Center  
Lakewood Foothills, Tuesday, 12:10 pm - Warren Tech Center  
South Jefferson County, Tuesday, 7:15 am - Fox Hollow Country Club  
Clear Creek County, Friday, 7:00 am - Rocky Mountain Village, Empire  
Gilpin County Peak to Peak, Thursday, 12:00 pm - Farraday's Rest., The  
Isle of Capri Casino, 401 Main St., Black Hawk

Rest of the World: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
Dist. 5450 Web Site: [www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org)  
Our Club Web Site: <http://mountainfoothillsrotary.org/>

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