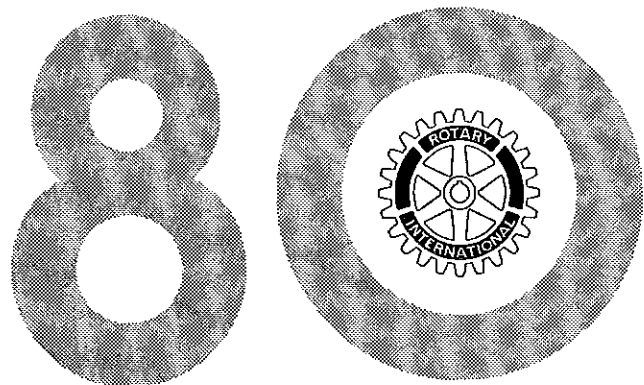


ROTARY CLUB
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A Club And A City

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An 80th Anniversary Supplement
History of the Rotary Club of Denver



FROM 75 to 80 -- ROTARY IN DENVER, 1987-1991

An 80th birthday supplement to "A Club and A City", the Rotary Club of Denver's 75th anniversary history. Please insert.

In the five years since its 75th birthday in 1986, The Rotary Club of Denver went through historic changes. It admitted women to full membership, raised the largest amount of funds in its history for the RI PolioPlus program, restructured its club foundation program, continued its highly successful Artists of America show which helped turn that foundation into a major asset, broadened the Denver Boys and Denver Girls program as the Denver Public Schools declined, and expanded its fellowship and other outreach meeting programs, all while maintaining regular Rotary "Service Above Self."

The Thursday noon luncheon programs at the DAC, held in the face of a severe recession which forced stringent economies, were highlighted in the club's Keyway bulletin, now partially supported by advertising, as follows:

JULY 1, 1987 -- JUNE 30, 1988

July 2, 1987 . . . Jeffrey H. Coors, president of Adolph Coors Co., presented the "Blueprint for Colorado" his committee of the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry prepared in face of the current economic recession. Coors urged Rotary to remain "integrally involved in order for Colorado to reaffirm and maintain its position of unparalleled growth and opportunity."

July 9 . . . The membership voted overwhelmingly (96%) to admit women members if they meet other requirements of bylaws and constitution. The action followed the recommendations of RI and several club discussions and approval of the board of directors.

July 16 . . . Rev. Billy Graham spoke to the All Service Club luncheon before beginning

a 10-day crusade at Mile High stadium.

Aug. 20 . . . Dr. Tom Vernon, executive director of the Colorado Department of Health, spoke on the worldwide AIDS epidemic. To date there have been 425 reported cases in Colorado and 260 deaths.

Aug. 27 . . . Senator Bill Armstrong spoke on the growing air pollution problem in Colorado, and on the Nicaraguan civil war which is of much concern to the Congress.

Sept. 17 . . . Rotary's eighth annual Artists of America show at the Colorado History Museum sold \$480,000 worth of art of which a percentage benefits the club's foundation.

Oct. 14 . . . The club foundation under President Bill Beattie reported assets had passed the \$1,350,000. The annual dinner heard from former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, and presented the annual Distinguished Service Awards for non-Rotarians to Barbara Glaser and Dr. Charley J. Smyth. (Other recipients of the awards which began in 1980 have been Dorothy Heitler, Axsell Nielsen, Ann Love, Larry Varnell, Juliet Norgren, Cyrus Hackstaff, Helen Street, Roy Stafford, Cleo Wallace, Bruce Rockwell, Elizabeth Hayden, and John T. Long).

Oct. 22 . . . The club kicked off its campaign to raise \$500,000 for RI's POLIOPLUS effort to immunize the world's children against polio and other childhood diseases. The Colorado Trust presented the club with a \$100,000 challenge grant toward

the goal. President Dave Fleming administered the oral vaccine to his two-month old grandson at the podium.

Nov. 5 . . . The club voted to sponsor the new Cherry Creek breakfast club.

Nov. 19 . . . Mayor Federico Peña urged the club to support the new Denver International Airport on which construction is to start in 1989.

JANUARY 21, 1988 . . . Dr. Nancy McAllin of United Banks thinks there will be a modest upturn in the economy this year, despite

the October 1987 stock market crash.

Feb. 18 . . . A "blockbuster" announcement that Stu Moore will be retiring as club executive director next July 1, after serving eleven club presidents and boards. President Dave also said the Club and raised or pledged \$440,000 of its PoloPlus goal of one-half million.

April 14 . . . John Frew discussed the forthcoming vote in Adams County May 17 on whether to allow Denver to annex land for the new airport.

April 28 . . . A vigorous "pro and con" debate on the proposed Two Forks Reservoir on the South Platte. The club also heard that it was over the top on its PolioPlus drive, with \$526,902 as of April 13, by far the largest amount ever raised by the Rotary Club of Denver for a special, single project.

June 9 . . . Gov. Roy Romer told the club about the state's drive to get the Superconducting Super Collider, massive nuclear research facility, as a keystone of the economic development effort. (It finally went to Texas).

June 30 . . . The club held an "Appreciation Day" for retiring Stu Moore, who will be succeeded by Kathlynn Smith. The club gavel passed from President Dave to Richard L. Anderson.

JULY 1, 1987 -- JUNE 30, 1988

July 7 . . . The club met at the historic and newly renovated Paramount Theatre, following on successful off-site visits to Boettcher Concert Hall and the Denver Center for the Performing Arts last year.

July 14 . . . U.S. Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci spoke to an All-Service Club luncheon on the need to reform the Pentagon's procurement system.

Aug. 25 . . . Coach Dan Reeves revived hopes about the Broncos after last year's Superbowl loss. On August 29, President Dick Anderson teed off the first annual Pinehurst Sports Day which was a big draw.

Sept. 8 . . . Chairman Steve McConahey of

the Greater Denver Corporation reported on that organization's success in raising \$8.25 million for the Chamber's five-year economic development fund. Club members Dick Kirk and Dick Schlosberg were leaders in the GDC effort.

Sept. 22 . . . Senator Dan Quayle addressed a joint luncheon of Rotarians and Kiwanians on national defense problems, and Vice President George Bush's son Neil, a Denver resident, also announced support for the Bush-Quayle ticket in the upcoming election.

Nov. 3 . . . Former club president Dick Koeppel appeared for the first time as the new superintendent of Denver Public Schools to a standing ovation.

Nov. 10 . . . Rotarian Dick Deane and honorary member Mayor Federico Peña reported on the progress of the new Comprehensive Plan. Peña also said that new airport construction would start on schedule in 1989.

Nov. 15 . . . Charlotte Tucker and Jack Shapiro received the annual club foundation awards for civic service to non-Rotarians.

Dec. 15 . . . Rotarian Professor John Prosser gave a colorful assessment of Denver's role as a principal continental transportation and communications hub in the 21st century.

JANUARY 5, 1988 . . . Jack MacAllister, CEO of U S West, said the most urgent need for the Denver business community was to unify behind quality education. The club soon responded with a special task force to rally business support for educational reform.

March 9 . . . A board of directors proposed bylaws change would have made it mandatory for every member of the club to join the club foundation. The proposal was defeated by a majority vote. Later the foundation board voted to restrict its support to Rotary club projects.

April 20 . . . Police Chief Ari Zavaras reported the gang problem was getting more troublesome in Denver, with considerable importation of "crack" providing new reve-

nue to gangs.

April 26 . . . The Mile High Rotary Club, a breakfast club meeting at the DAC and sponsored by this club, was chartered.

June 1 . . . A potential Grand Prix race for downtown Denver, and a promise that the race would sponsor the club's AOA show for three years had the membership temporarily aglow. The race later blew its financial tires.

June 9-11 . . . Some 80 club members attended the District Conference at Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge, CO., and managed the program in support of member and District Governor Bill Hornby. It was the first conference held away from the Broadmoor Hotel.

JULY 1, 1989-JUNE 30, 1990

July 7 . . . Brand-new President Garth C. Grissom presented a club budget of \$433,800 for the year.

July 27 . . . Denver is now the capital of gold mining in the United States, according to Gordon Parker, Chairman, CEO, and President of Newmont Mining Co., a worldwide holding company now headquartered here.

Sept. 7 . . . America is not in decline, according to Philip M. Burgess, president of the Center for the New West who was described in the Keyway as an oxymoron, "a cheerful economist." Fifty-two per cent of Colorado's exports now come from small business.

Oct. 19 . . . Jack Harper, chair of the club Vocational Service committee, reported on a fifteen-month study of the Denver public schools, and said that 20 per cent of the club's members had volunteered for mentoring or other assignments.

Nov. 16 . . . The club foundation delivered its distinguished service awards to Harry T. Lewis Jr. and Jean Yancey, and Dr. Evie Dennis, new superintendent of schools, was guest speaker. The club's oldest member, Bill Hilbert, who joined in 1923, was saluted on his 99th birthday.

JANUARY 4, 1990 . . . Del Hock, CEO of

Public Service Co., said that the Colorado economy should improve in 1990 with the opening of the new convention center. The future will continue to be bright for Denverites willing to help make things happen.

Jan. 18 . . . The National Western Stock Show has grown to where 58,000 head will sell in two days, and 1,000 cowboys will compete for \$400,000 in prize money, according to Chairman Nick Petry.

March 1 . . . The Colorado Advanced Institute of Technology, a state agency charged with recruiting high tech industry to the state, said its is focusing on the state's strengths in biotechnology, information sciences, advanced materials, and computer software. Biotech is the field of Dr. Thomas Cech, CU's recent Nobel Prizewinner.

April 12 . . . Rotary should get behind the drive to bring major league baseball to Denver. The club formed a committee headed by Roger Kinney to spark the effort.

May 21 . . . Rev. David M. Clarke, S.J., president of Regis College, reported on the school's new satellite campuses and its many flexible programs to bring education to the workplace.

June 21 . . . The club visited the huge new convention center, a "miracle of construction — on time and under budget."

JUNE 29, 1990 — JULY 1, 1991

June 28 . . . Carroll Speckman took the gavel as new president and introduced Grant Wilkins who reported on his visit to the new Moscow, Russia Rotary club.

July 15 . . . The new City Librarian Rick Ashton described the forthcoming \$91.6 million bond issue for replacement of the central library on Civic Center and improvement to its many branches. DPL now has 375 employees, a \$14.5 million annual budget, and 1.6 million visitors a year.

Aug. 31 . . . The club's World Community Service committee has started a village bank in Celaya, Mexico with a \$2,500 donation from the club foundation.

Sept. 13 . . . Lewis I. Sharp, the new director of the Denver Art Museum, spoke to the 10th annual Artists of America luncheon. The show later sold more than \$600,000 worth of art to benefit the club foundation and the Colorado Historical Society.

Oct. 25 . . . John Nelson, Continental Airlines executive vice-president, says that if Denver could increase its share of the national tourism market by just one-tenth of one percent, it would yield \$270 million a year!

Nov. 15 . . . Bernard Valdez and Anna Jo Haynes are winners of the annual club foundation medals for civic service. The foundation reported that over its ten years, the AOA show has contributed \$1.2 million to the club.

JANUARY 4, 1991 . . . The Keyway pictured 10 couples who are both Denver Rotarians, and 10 father-in-law/son-in law, one brother, 18 father/son, one uncle/nephew, one brother-in-law, and one mother/son combinations.

Feb. 28 . . . Governor Roy Romer reported on positive growth signs in Colorado since the 1985-86 recession . During 1990, the state added 29,000 jobs, reduced unemployment to 5 percent, saw personal income grow 6.1 percent, and increased exports by 67 percent.

March 29 . . . Denver Rotary has moved to new offices in the Bank Western Building, 718 17th St.

April 18 . . . Rotarian Dick Kirk, current president of the American Bankers Assn., described the national banking scene as relatively optimistic, and said the national capital supply is adequate, though loaning requirements are more stringent.

April 25 . . . Three mayoral candidates, club member Auditor Wellington Webb, District Attorney Norm Early, and lawyer Don Bain appeared on a club panel. Rotarian Webb later won to become the city's first black chief executive.

May 9 . . . A veteran of the Gulf War, Captain Micahel Coffman, told the club the hos-

tilities bear no resemblance to Vietnam. He was given a standing ovation.

May 31 . . . Our Rotary District 5450, with now 36 clubs in its reconfigured metro-Denver area, has been awarded the RI Presidential Award of Honor in the category of World Community Service for support of Mexico.

June 13 . . . Dr. James Pierce of the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities discussed "The Five States of Colorado", describing the varied cultural and historic districts of the state.

June 27 . . . The gavel passes to President Seymour Simmons, who introduced a club budget of \$450,300, about the level of recent recession years.

JULY 1, 1991 — DEC. 1, 1991

July 18 . . . Colorado ranks 46th in state funding for higher education and has generally stagnated in this area the past few years, according to Dr. Albert C. Yates, president of CSU.

Aug. 8 . . . Mayor Wellington Webb told the club "Downtown needs our attention . . . we must eat, talk, make it the thing to do to go Downtown . . . the state will be judged by the health of its capital city." Earlier the club nominated Grant Wilkins for a seat on Rotary International's Board of Directors, the first Denver Rotarian so honored since the late Ray Jenkins. (Wilkins was later nominated by the Zone with election to follow).

Aug. 15 . . . Martin Marietta Co. hosted the club at its 12,000 person, \$650-million payroll facility, where the bodies of the Patriot missiles used in Desert Storm were manufactured.

Sept. 5 . . . Rotarians toured the new international airport site as part of their fellowship meetings. The 53-square mile airport is starting to take shape.

Sept. 26 . . . The new Temple Hoyne Buell Theatre in the expanding Performing Arts Complex, named for departed Rotarian "Sandy Buell", was the site of a pre-opening club meeting.

Oct. 24 . . . Judith Albino, new President of the University of Colorado, said the modern, research-oriented, multi-campus university is far different than the original CU, but educating the student is still its paramount goal.

Dec. 12 . . . The Rotary Club of Denver celebrates its 80th birthday, having been granted Charter #31 of Rotary International on December 1, 1911. Historian Tom Noel of the University of Colorado/Denver took the club on a slide journey through eight decades of Denver business and professional life, and everyone got some birthday cake.

ROTARY STATISTICS

Some 80th birthday statistics, to compare with page 62 of your club history:

As of October 1, 1991, there were 595 members of the Rotary Club of Denver, including 321 Active, 259 Senior Active, 13 Additional Active, and two Past Service. The '91-'92 club budget is \$450,300.

Denver Boys Inc. has mentored 2,159 boys to date, with Rotarians having contributed \$800,707 and thousands of hours of volunteer time to the effort. Denver Girls Inc. has now served 695 girls, with \$205,793 contributed by Rotarians and similar amounts of volunteer time by the Ladies of Rotary, recently renamed the Rotary Associates.

Denver Rotarians have now contributed a total of \$938,683 to the Rotary International Foundation since its inception. There are now 164 Paul Harris Fellows and 80 Foundation sustaining members in the club.

The club's own Denver Rotary Club Foundation now has a present net worth of \$2,082,367, and has made \$964,681 in charitable contributions since its founding in June, 1980. The club foundation now restricts itself to supporting only club projects.