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History of the Denver Cherry Creek Rotary Club

The Denver Cherry Creek Rotary club, sponsored by The Denver Rotary Club, was provisional on November 5, 1987 and chartered on December 7, 1987. Club formation was spearheaded by Bill Rima and George Becker. The first president was Mick Stefan who turned the club over to David Walker in July 1988.

One hundred and ten people witnessed Charter night, at the Metropolitan Club in Englewood on January 26, 1988. Representatives from all over Colorado came including 15 Denver Rotarians plus 9 members from other clubs. Past District Governors Bill Reeves, Bob Sears, George Mendenhall, Grant Wilkins and Charlie Peterson all attended.

The Club chartered with 39 members and four new members were added just before Charter Night. Charter Members included:

Charles Hegarty	Carol Marshall	Curtis Roberts
Brooks Waldman	Karol Shupe	John Serini
Andy Kenny	William Bissell	William Robb (deceased)
Thomas Carr	Debra Johnson	Daniel Brotzman
John Simmons	Jerry York	Richard Sharkey
William Chrismer	Jim Vandapoll	Judith Sussman
Jerre Hause	Karen Buss	LaVone Adams
Ronald Lubbers	David Walker	Stan Washburn
Ted Switzer	Mick Stefan, Jr.	Robert Best (deceased)
David Irvine	Holly Hoting	John Reynolds
Jeff Maen	Bonny Brust	Richard Smookler
Margaret Dickerson	Carl Wells	Wolcott Rice
Jim Mayhew (deceased)	Joel Blanchard	Robert Mintz
Rose Panico	Carol Gill	

Charter Board members were:

- Mick Stefan, President
- David Walker, President elect
- Rose Panico, Vice president
- Jeff Maen, Vice president
- Karol Shupe, Secretary
- Ted Switzer, Treasurer
- Lavone Adams, Sergeant at Arms

Charter directors were:

- Carol Marshall, Community Service
- Rick Smookler, Club Service
- John Serini, International service

Meeting were and still are Tuesday's 7:00 AM. The first venue was Cherry Creek Inn at the corner of Colorado Blvd., Cherry Creek South, Glendale, Co. and the Macaroni Grill at First and University. The Club was a vagabond since its Charter and now meets at the Inn at Cherry Creek between 2nd and 3rd on Clayton.

There have been several interesting things about the Denver Cherry Creek Rotary Club

1. Chartered without even one existing Rotarian.
2. The first club to charter with women members and recognized by the district for having 20% women membership. In the Governors monthly letter dated January 1988 it is stated that the newest club in Denver also has the most women in it.

They included:

LaVone Adams	Karol Shupe
Karen Buss	Bonnie Brust
Margaret Dickerson	Judith Susman
Carol Gill	Rose Panic
Carol Marshall	

3. Meetings were unique in rotary being extremely light hearted with singing and kazoo playing, and facial exercises led by David Walker to wake us up before breakfast. We were the first breakfast club in Colorado which led to rapid early growth and popularity as a makeup location for visiting Rotarians.
4. The Club met at multiple locations making it difficult for other Rotarians to find it, kind of like a treasure hunt. Where does the Cherry Creek Rotary Club meet this year?

Locations have included

- a. The Cherry Creek Inn.
- b. The Holiday Inn on Colorado Blvd.
- c. The Denver Country Club.
- d. The Canyon Café.
- e. The Sheraton Hotel later named the Wyndham Hotel (same location as the Holiday Inn).
- f. The Private Reserve in Cherry Creek (they closed without notice so we held the last meeting there in the parking lot. Had breakfast brought in. Everybody brought chairs and we had a great final meeting).
- g. The Welshire Inn.
- h. The Macaroni Grill in Cherry Creek (current meeting place).
- i. The Inn at Cherry Creek

Past Presidents:

1. Mick Stefan 1987-88
2. David Walker 1988-89
3. Bob Best 1989-90
4. Lavone Adams 1990-91
5. Jeff Maen 1991-92
6. Alan Marter 1992-93
7. Gary Williams 1993-94

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| 8. | Karol Shupe | 1994-95 |
| 9. | Steve Rickles | 1995-96 |
| 10. | Robert Mintz | 1996-97 |
| 11. | Jody Braverman | 1997-98 |
| 12. | Dan Brotzman | 1998-99 |
| 13. | Bob James | 1999-00 |
| 14. | Bob Atherton | 2000-01 |
| 15. | Tom Carr | 2001-02 |
| 16. | Sarah Werner | 2002-03 |
| 17. | Nora Olson | 2003-04 |
| 18. | David Trachtenberg | 2004-05 |
| 19. | Mary Verity | 2005-06 |
| 19. | Tom Hooyman | 2006-07 |
| 20. | Jim Hoops | 2007-08 |
| 21. | Debi Bush | 2008-09 |
| 22. | Dick Hayes | 2009-10 |

Jim Mayhew was the Districts Rotarian of the Year in 1997. Jim passed away in 2007. The Jim Mayhew Rotarian of the Year for our club includes:

- 1992-1993 Jim Mayhew
- 1993-1994 Thomas Marshall,D.D.S.
- 1994-1995 Sally Payne-Janover
- 1995-1996 Karol Shupe
- 1996-1997 Gary Williams
- 1997-1998 Gary Williams
- 1998-1999 James King
- 1999-2000 Jeff Maen
- 2000-2001 Nora Olson
- 2001-2002 Jeff Maen
- 2002-2003 Lee Trachtenberg
- 2003-2004 Robert James
- 2004-2005 Rob Brown
- 2005-2006 Midge Nelson & Sarah Werner DDS
- 2006-2007 Joel Russman Esq.
- 2007-2008 Gary Williams
- 2008-2009 Jim Hoops

On April 30, 2010 Jim Hoops was named Rotary International District 5450 Rotarian of the Year for 2009-10. In recognition of his service and devoting his life to thousands of kids, improving and building their lives as a middle and high school teacher for 38 years. He has served as President of Rocky Mountain RYLA and an original founder and counselor for YRYLA. Headed the sponsoring of Five Points Cultural District in 2009. Other areas of involvement include Greenlee K-8 School in Denver: Family Quest to coach single parent families and organize a leadership and character development program at Cherry Creek High School: A two year commitment as a writing coach with College Summit: Helped to develop mentoring programs at East High and Smiley Middle

Schools: Tutors students at Denver School of Science and Technology: Obtains guest speakers for the AVID classes at EHS. We are very proud to have Jim Hoops as a member and past president of our club.

The Denver Cherry Creek Rotary Club has been honored with:

1. 1989 The Ed Bemis Award for “Best Club Bulletin” published by Karen Buxton.
2. 1992 Vocational Service Award by Norwest Bank for the “Women’s Bean Project”.
3. 1992 Scott Metcalf Award for Outstanding Club Project “Dentists to Guatemala”.
4. 1996 Best Club Growth Award
5. 1997 Rotarian of the Year Award by the district “Jim Mayhew”
6. 2000, 2nd Place, Bemis Award for Best Newsletter. Editor, Tom Carr
7. 2003 Scott Johnson D.D.S. received the Service Above Self Award” selected by the Rotary International board. This is the highest honor bestowed on a Rotarian for starting the Dental Mission in 1992 and continuing since providing more then 1 million dollars in free dental care.
8. 2004 Robert Mintz received the “Service Above Self Award” selected by the Rotary International board and presented to Robert at the Cherry Creek Rotary Club breakfast. Mr. Mintz is past president and Charter member. Other areas started by Robert Mintz was getting our club involved in Village banking in the early 1989, was one of the original founders of the Dental mission going each of the 12 years. Has worked for RI taking over the travel department and started the travel points for rotary. We are very proud of him.
9. Multiple presidential awards
10. 2009 Public Service Award for promoting Rotary in the District
11. 2010 World Community Service Award for providing free dental services around Latin America since 1991. Also received the Presidential Award.

The Denver Cherry Creek Rotary Club is also proud of these details.

1. Many Paul Harris Fellows as well as many multiple year Paul Harris fellows, and two benefactors are among our members.
2. Hosted foreign exchange students ten out of 14 years
3. 2003 Sponsored a Temple Buell Rotary Scholar in Australia
4. 2004 Sponsored a Rotary Scholar in England
5. In the past have sent two outbound exchange high school students
6. Have sent at least two students to RYLA each year and two to Junior RYLA

We are proud to have five remaining charter members of the club: Jeff Maen DC, Karol Shupe, Dan Brotzman Esq, Bill Bissell DDS, and Tom Carr. The Jim Mayhew Service Above Self Rotarian of the Year Award named after Jim passed away in 2007, he was also the districts Rotarian of the year in 1997.

Projects completed, continuing, or in which the Club participated include:

1. The Women's Bean Project
2. Village Banking 3 times
3. Urban Peak shelter for teenage runaways
4. The Gift of Life, open heart surgery for children from the Dominican Republic
5. The building of a lookout for handicapped people in the mountains at Wilderness on Wheels on Guanella Pass 1994-5
6. Annies second hand store for Children's hospital for two years.
7. Continuing for 18 years the Cherry Creek Dental Mission to third world countries with over \$2,500,000 in free dental services to children.

Recent grants awarded in 2002-06 include

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| a. Gift of Life. | video service men reading books to be sent home to their children |
| b. Glendale Resource Center. | |
| c. Paint a thons. | x. International Rotary Foundation |
| d. Airline tickets for travel of children with health issues. | y. Amigos Ministries, Inc. |
| e. Gilliam School for GED's and publication of poetry books. | z. Greenlee School (climbing wall) |
| f. Polio eradication RI. | aa. Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center |
| g. Corona Street Residence for handicapped. | bb. Weinberg Food Pantry |
| h. RYLA. | 2007 our Grants included |
| i. Urban Peak shelter. | 1. Rebuilding Together grant \$3000 |
| j. Young RYLA. | 2. Greenlee School K1-8 donating library books and grant for the building of a climbing wall for the student to use in the gymnasium \$5000 |
| k. Dental Missions. | 3. Rotary International Matching Grants \$7000 |
| l. The Cheley Burn Camp. | 4. Cheley Burn Camp \$2000 |
| m. Education Media Center. | 5. Corona Street Residence serving meals \$500 |
| n. Rotavision (supplies for eye surgery). | 6. Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp for four students \$1500 |
| o. Patterson Dental (purchase of dental equipment for dental missions. | 7. Dental Mission \$8000 |
| p. Mizel Museum. | 8. HIV Zimbabwe – Matching grant with Denver Mile High Rotary \$500 |
| q. Pencils for peace. | 9. Jewish Family Services \$3000 |
| r. Africa today (scholarship). | 10. Peace Jam \$400 |
| s. Denver Kids | 11. Matamoros Club in Mexico – equipment for visually impaired \$1500 |
| t. Donations to the Ronald McDonald House. | 12. Shelter Box \$900 |
| u. Denver Architectural forum for high school students. | |
| v. Lend a Hand and Pencils for peace. | |
| w. Sarah Werner DDS started a project with the Aircraft Carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt to | |

13. Adelante Foundation – micro loans in Honduras (village banking) \$5000
14. Gates Camp Boys and Girls club \$2000
15. Steel Street Elementary School \$1500
16. Joshua Station (family temporary shelter) - \$1500
17. DCCR Dental Mission - \$5000
Patty Kelly (surgical instruments to Africa) - \$2000
18. Gates Summer Camp - \$2000

Grants for 2008

1. Jim Mayhew Memorial - \$5000
2. Regis University (international literacy) - \$5000
3. Denver Architectural Foundation - \$900
4. Computer Lab in Ecuador - \$5000
5. Camp Colorado (youth diabetes camp) - \$1100
6. Alta Vista Autism Center - \$1000
7. Greenlee Elementary K-8 - \$5000
8. District 4 Way Test Committee - \$500
9. Cheley Children's Hospital Burn Camp - \$2000
10. Jewish Family Services - \$2500
11. U.S.S. Mesa Verde (literacy) - \$500
12. Friendship Bridge in Guatemala - \$1000
13. RYLA - \$825
14. Rotary Youth Study Exchange - \$1500

Grants for 2009

1. Al Imtiaz Academy \$1000
2. The Adoption Exchange \$6799
3. Cheley Burn Camp \$2000
4. Denver Cherry Creek Dental Mission \$4214
5. East High School Angel Foundation \$2000
6. Gates Boys & Girls Camp \$2000
7. Glendale YMCA \$500
8. Greenlee K1-8 Books \$123
9. Interact Club GW \$116
10. Joshua Station \$1193
11. Literacy Program – US Navy \$828
12. RI Foundation Matching Funds \$1940
13. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards \$1500
14. East High School Basketball “With Love Inc.” \$2000
15. Rotary Youth Exchange Program \$2245

Grants for 2010

1. Cheley Burn Camp \$2000
2. Denver Cherry Creek Dental Mission \$7276
3. Five Points Rotary Club \$823
4. Haiti-Shelter Boxes \$4515
5. Polio Eradication \$3100
6. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards \$1500
7. Washington Park Cares \$1500
8. Kenya Water Project \$1000
9. Bonfils Blood Center Lowry-Landscaping Project \$1000

Within the first two months after charter the board decided to fund the Cherry Creek Rotary Foundation with 10% of all money collected with a goal of accumulating \$50,000 before grants were to be awarded.

Fundraising has been a very important activity of the Club.

1. The Walter Haily seminar was the Clubs first effort. The seminar was entitled "The Power of Persuasion". It was very successful with over 400 in attendance and net proceeds of \$16,000, all of which went to the Clubs foundation.
2. For twelve years members manned a soda booth at the Cherry Creek Arts Festival to raise funds for the dental mission.
3. The Cherry Creek Shriek was a Rocky Mountain News Worthy Halloween costume party with live music and a silent auction raising about \$5000. Similar fundraisers continued in this fashion for three years.
4. Raffle for travel to fabulous destinations were run for two years also raising about \$5000 each year
5. The Club is now in its 14th year of the Cherry Creek Rotary Open Golf Tournament for the benefit of the Cherry Creek Rotary Foundation. Last year \$26,000 was raised for the Clubs foundation, which is the source of the Clubs grants. Totals raised over \$186,000
6. The Capital Steps is starting in 2006 renting the Paramount Theater for this political satire group to raise money for the Foundation and Project PAVE raising nearly \$50,000

The Denver Cherry Creek Rotary Club is small presently with 30 members but is proud of the many accomplishments that help its local community and international beneficiaries as well.

Members who have passed away:

Jim Mayhew 2007

Dr. Tom Hooyman November 2008 Motor Scooter Accident

Gary Williams Past President 1993-4 and Foundation Chair: Plane accident February 1, 2009

Lee Trachtenberg MD Program Chair and Board member for ten years, February 1, 2010

Our first Memorial Grant is to honor of Dr. Tom Hooyman was valued at \$5000 and given on November 17, 2009 for Ethiopian Read Project a new library.

Our second Memorial Grant to honor Gary Williams totals over \$6000 for Joshua Station and the Sun Valley Center.

I am sure that many grants and projects have been omitted from this historical prospectus and for that I apologize.

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