

## LAKWOOD FOOTHILLS ROTARY CLUB - HISTORY

**CHARTERED:** (Admitted April 20, 1967)

Originally chartered as South Jefferson County Rotary Club, the name was changed April 20, 1970, to South Lakewood Rotary Club, and finally on February 18, 1982 to Lakewood Foothills Rotary Club. The club was sponsored by the Lakewood Rotary Club with Harold Smethills, PDG acting as District Governor Lewis Colver's Special Representative. President-Elect of Rotary International George Togasaki gave the principal address. The charter officers were Charles H. Smukler, President; Vern Crayne, Vice President; John Seberg, Secretary; Robert R. Ridi, Treasurer; and John Makris, Sergeant-at-Arms.

**CHARTER MEMBERS:** (19 Members)

Orville Anderson	William Blessing	Vern Crayne
Don Dunigan	Franz Hummel	Rudolph Jacobson
Fred McFarland	Charles E. Meyers	Donald Morrison
John Makris	Robert R. Ridi	Louis Sarriugarte
John Seberg	Charles Smukler	Yutake Terasaki
Neil C. Threlkeld	Hans Von Fumetti	Donald Werking
Ronald T. Wulff		

**MEETING TIME AND PLACE:** Tuesday 12:00 pm    Fox Hollow Country Club    25 Members

The club originally met at the Forum in Villa Italia; in 1973 the meeting was moved to the Tally-Ho Restaurant. The club moved the meeting place to Wyatt's Cafeteria in Villa Italia in 1987; In 1991 the club moved to the Sheraton Hotel; In 1997 the club moved to Warren Tech Restaurant for their meetings: In 2021 the club moved to the Westrail and in 2024 they moved to Fox Hollow Country Club for their meetings.

### PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE LAKWOOD FOOTHILLS ROTARY CLUB:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1967-68	Charles Smukler	1976-77	Ron Magnuson
1968-69	John Seberg	1977-78	Bill Hunter
1969-70	Robert R. Ridi	1978-79	Bill Gates
1970-71	Ray Vanous	1979-80	B. A. Wyatt
1971-72	Lou Sarriugarte	1980-81	Ron Robinson
1972-73	Orville Anderson	1981-82	Russ Gleason
1973-74	Ed Dickson	1982-83	Bob Dunn
1974-75	T Ray Jones	1983-84	Bill Osterberg
1975-76	Bill Winters	1984-85	Byron Tucker

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1985-86	Ed Keller	2022-23	Bill Graf
1986-87	Bob Tone	2023-24	Ron Pieffer*
1987-88	Dick Gritz	2024-25	Paulette Fierle
1988-89	Mike Snider	2025-26	Jo Schantz
1989-90	Ron Pieffer*		
1990-91	Dave Trefz		
1991-92	Stan Van Putten		
1992-93	Lloyd Porter		
1993-94	Gillian Morse		
1994-95	George Davis		
1995-96	Bill Atkinson		
1996-97	Richard Wilbert		
1997-98	Jerry Martin		
1998-99	Jane Cluett		
1999-2000	Jacqueline Hirsch		
2000-01	Joe Woodson		
2001-02	Diana Allen		
2002-03	Dave Wiechman		
2003-04	Bill Austin		
2004-05	Ron Kientz		
2005-06	Jack O'Dell*		
2006-07	Jack O'Dell*		
2007-08	Frances Dickson		
2008-09	Mickie Cameron		
2009-10	Dr. Dick Bryan		
2010-11	Bruce Yapple		
2011-12	Ernie Witucki		
2012-13	Natalie Van Tyne		
2013-14	Dick Sargent*		
2014-15	Donna Connolly		
2015-16	Meegan Miloud		
2016-17	Shawn Hagarty		
2017-18	Dick Sargent*		
2018-19	Ed Mast		
2019-20	Alan Harvey/Ruthe Gleason*		
2020-21	Ruthe Gleason*		
2021-22	John Fitzgerald		

- Served more than one Presidency

## **AWARDS PRESENTED TO THE LAKEWOOD FOOTHILLS ROTARY CLUB**

### **YEAR   AWARD**

- 1975 Sponsors Award by Alameda Jr Baseball Association
- 1976 Bemis Award – To Cogwheel Editarian Jack Pierce by Littleton RC
- 1978 Certification of Appreciation- From Robert G. Weiland School
- 1979 Award for Largest Percentage Growth for all District 5450 Clubs
- 1980 RI Trustees Gratitude for Exceptional Financial Support
- 1982 Bemis Award – To Cogwheel Editarian Don Schley and Joe Woodson by Littleton RC
- 1983 RI Trustees – 2900% Rotary Foundation Club
- 1983 Proclamation of Outstanding Service - City of Lakewood
- 1984 Awarded “Paul Harris Award for Club Excellence”, presented for the first time by District Governor George Mendanhall at the District Conference
- 1986 Scott Metcalf Award – Rotary for Mexico Project
- 1986 The Silver Bell Award for the Highest Percentage of Members at District Conference
- 1986 Bill Gates won the “You are the Key” Award for Organizing 6 New Clubs in District 5450
- 1987 RI Outstanding Project Award – Rotary for Mexico Project
- 1988 RI Trustees – 10,000% Rotary Foundation Club
- 1990 Nobel Peace Prize Nomination, Rotary for Mexico Project, RI’s Largest International Community Service Project, Valued at \$25 Million, Headed by T Ray Jones
- 1993 Club Attendance Award – District 5450, District Conference
- 1997 RI Presidential Citation – For Outstanding Leadership
- 1997 Vocational Service Award for Warren Tech Project – District 5450
- 2000 Presidential Citation – District 5450 Presidential Citation Program
- 2000 World Community Service award – Rotary for Honduras by Denver Mile High RC
- 2001 Bemis Award – To Cogwheel Editarian Jacqueline Hirsch by Littleton RC
- 2004 Commendation for Service – Jefferson County CO, Foster Parents and Children
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- 2006 Humanitarian Award by UpLift International for Operation Taghoy
- 2007 Presidential Citation – District 5450 “Lead the Way” Program
- 2008 RI Presidential Citation for Rotary Shares
- 2008 Certification of Appreciation – Operation Iraqi Freedom by 140<sup>th</sup> SECFOR
- 2008 RI Zone 25 Literacy Award
- 2008 RI Presidential Citation - District 5450 Rotary Shares
- 2009 RI Polio Plus Award – Certification of Appreciation
- 2009 Certification of Appreciation – UpLift International for Operation Taghoy
- 2009 RI Presidential Citation for “Make Dreams Real”
- 2009 District Governor’s Citation Exceptional Service Award, District 5450
- 2010 District Literacy Award – District 5450
- 2010 RI Presidential Citation Exemplary Service Award to Strengthen Rotary Future

- 2010 World Community Service Award – Juarez Mexico Housing Project
- 2010 RI Presidential Citation for Fellowship and Service
- 2011 RI Polio Plus Award – for Dedication, Vision, and Leadership
- 2023 Letter of Appreciation – Jeffco Schools Foundation, “Serving Kids” Program

## **LAKWOOD FOOTHILLS HOSTED DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

### **Russ Gleason 1992-93**

#### **District 5450 Conference Committee**

Bill Hunter Chairman

Orville Anderson Vice-Chairman

Bill Gates DG Aide

Ron Pieffer Registration. Credentials, Badges

John Strasheim Treasurer

Joe Toscano Audit

Gill Morse Budget

T Ray Jones Protocol

Gus Stolz Sergeant-at-Arms, Regalia

Lee Sugg Decorations/Sales

Bill Atkinson La-De-Da

Duncan Ross Publicity/Promotion

Dick Bryan Youth/GSE

Don Werking Medical

Stan Van Putten PDG Reception-Dinner

Ron Pieffer Resolutions

Dave Trefz Sports Events

Marilyn Gleason Hostess/Spouse Events

Marlis Gates, Ann Hunter Assistant Hostesses

Dorothy Anderson Hospitality/Information

Orville Anderson Housing/Food /Beverages

Orville Anderson Programs/Events/Entertainment

Lloyd Porter was the President of Lakewood Foothills Club during 1992-93.

## **AWARDS SPONSORED BY LAKEWOOD FOOTHILLS ROTARY CLUB**

**SCOTT METCALF AWARD** – Initiated in 1977, this award is given to the Rotary Club in District 5450 for the Outstanding New Project for the Rotary Year. For a project to be eligible it must demonstrate one of the Four Avenues of Service. This award honors the memory of Scott Metcalf Sr. a Past District Governor of District 5300, and former member of Lakewood Foothills Rotary Club, who best depicted Rotary’s Motto, “Service above Self”. More information is available on District 5450 website.

**GEORGE K. DAVIS** – Initiated in 2002 and named for the late Geoge K. Davis, a Lakewood Foothills Rotarian and Professor of Civil Engineering Technology, Metro State College, Denver, Colorado. This award is given to the Rotary Club in District 5450 that has sponsored a significant Water Project to a community which increases potable water, sanitation, hygiene, irrigation, prevents flooding, prevents soil erosion, or a combination of these criteria. More information is available on District 5450 website.

Information Compiled by Ron Pieffer, Past President and Club Historian, 2024