



## Events

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## Club Leaders



[Donna E. Mercier](#)  
Club President



[Larry Gearing](#)  
Club President-Elect



[Cole Pokard](#)  
Club President-Nominee



[Keri Davis](#)  
Club Secretary



[Doug Linton](#)  
Club Treasurer



[Carol Schack](#)  
Club Admin Director



[Steve Benschmidt](#)  
Charity Fundraising Director

## Program

To attend on Zoom click [here](#).



Heather Schmitt, Director

Stepping Stones Services at  
Hopelight Behavior Health



### Overview of Hopelight Clinic:

Free/low cost  
medical,  
behavioral,  
education, and  
counseling  
services



Richard Samson  
Membership Director



Charlene Santala Gearing  
Club Public Image Director



Gil Sparks  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Laurell Richey  
Club Service Director



Kent Schnegelberger  
Youth Services Director



Ashley Nichols Kasprzak  
Club iPast President

## Calendar/Announcements



**April 11 - 5-7 pm. After Hours at Pump House**



**April 15 - Responses to Membership Survey due (and taxes).**



**April 20 - 8 AM - 11 AM, Clean & Green, Downtown Longmont - Larry Gearing**



**April 27, 8:30 am-4 pm Habitat Build - Tom Basil**



**May 4 - 10 am to 2 pm, OUR Center Meal - Larry Gearing**



**May 3-5, Inbound Exchange Students Weekend - Jane Welford**

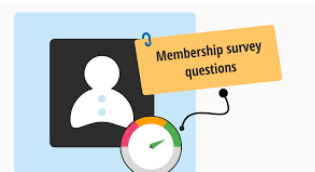


**May 18 - Rotary Day of Service - Laurell Richey**



**May 23 - Flag Installation Day, after Rotary Meeting - PK Schnegelberger**

## Membership Satisfaction Survey



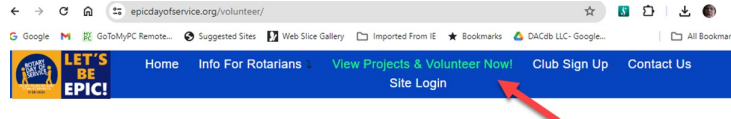
**In your inbox:  
a link to a Membership Satisfaction Survey!**

**Please take a few minutes to give us your feedback right away.  
The survey response will close on April 15.**

## Epic Day of Service on May 18 - Sign Up Has Started!



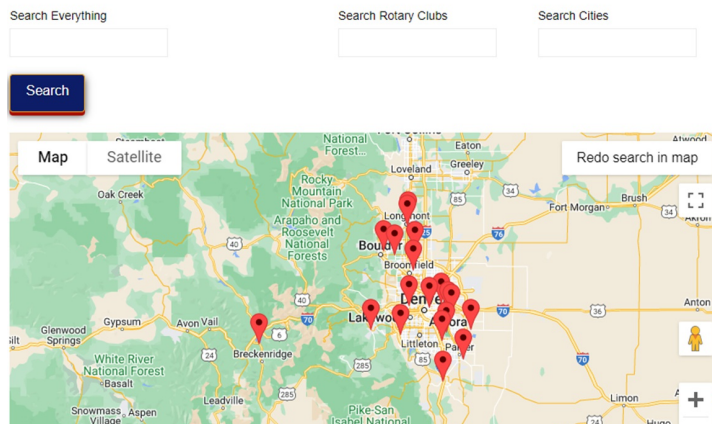
May 18th - Click [here](#) to sign up!



**Volunteer Today!**  
**Help Create an EPIC Day of Service**  
**May 18, 2024**

Rotarians and community members from across 10 states and 6 countries are coming together on one EPIC Day of Service to make a world of difference in their communities. We invite all Rotary members and friends, family and community members to join this amazing project! Our goal is to unite 25,000 volunteers in 750 communities to take action that will deliver meaningful

Scroll down, and you'll see the Search option as well as a map. You may click on pins in the map and learn about the project happening at that location:



Longmont Twin Peaks' project will be our Dickens Farm Nature Center cleanup in the morning. Later in the day Longmont is taking the lead at Growing Gardens. Other nearby projects are being coordinated by Boulder, Boulder Flatirons, Boulder Valley, and Niwot Rotary clubs. Our hope is that Rotarians will feel free to "cross pollinate" and choose to volunteer alongside fellow Rotarians from other clubs.

The Rotary clubs in Boulder County are making a concerted effort to support and feature each other's projects. To learn more about the opportunities for service nearby, [click here](#) to view the video.

Some projects can only accommodate a limited number of people. So, volunteer sign up is opening only for Rotarians during March. In April, the coordinators of this Epic Day of Rotary Service will begin promoting volunteer opportunities to the public. Knowing not everyone is comfortable navigating a registration process like this, Doug Linton graciously offered to fire up the club's laptop for the next few weekly meetings to assist members with the sign-up process.

Rotary clubs throughout our county, district and state are planning service projects to undertake on Saturday, May 18, 2024. In doing so, we hope to draw extra attention to how important being People of Action is to Rotarians.

Advance registration is open to Rotarians now by going to [epicdayofservice.org](http://epicdayofservice.org) and selecting the View Projects & Volunteer Now menu option.

## Students of the Month - April



**Jaden Gardner**

**Eli Mires**

**Renee Perez Jr**

### **Lyons â€“ Jaden Gardner**

Jaden Gardner is a valued member of our Lyons community and a student who leads with his heart and soul. He has an exceptional work ethic, is goal-oriented, and is kind and generous beyond measure. His respectful nature and positive personality have enhanced our school and community. It is rare to see him without a smile. Jaden has been a member of the Lyons wrestling team since 9th grade and has earned many titles and achievements. This past year, Jaden won the 2A State Champion Title in his weight class and in 2023 he was the runner-up for the state championship. These performances at the state championship come with CHSAA all-state recognitions and Patriot League all-conference awards.

#### *Gary Gantzer (Wrestling coach)*

Once Jaden sets his mind to achieve a goal there is nothing that can stop him. He did just that during this year's wrestling season with the ultimate goal of becoming a State Champion. Jaden's ability to lead by example, promoting a strong work ethic and positive mindset, helped the entire team consistently improve throughout the year. Above and beyond his contributions to the high school team Jaden has been a mentor to our younger youth and middle school wrestlers.

#### *Colleen Ford (Athletic Director)*

Jaden is not only an excellent wrestler and student, he is a mentor to our young middle school wrestlers and supports them as they learn how to wrestle. He attends their matches, cheers them on and gives them pointers and accolades at the end of their matches. He cares about his community and the success of our programs. Congratulations, Jaden. Lyons is proud of you!

### **Silver Creeks â€“ Eli Mire (Counselor)**

Eli Mires is our SOM from Silver Creek. Eli is an outstanding student/athlete who currently has a 4.2 GPA and has taken six AP classes in addition to numerous Honors classes. Eli has excelled in the classroom while also being a three-sport athlete who has been a huge part of Silver Creek's athletic success over the past four years. He played his freshman, sophomore, and junior years on the baseball team and last year they went to state. Eli has been a four-year member of the basketball team and was the starting point guard this year. The team went to state as a #5 seed and got to the Sweet Sixteen for the second year in a row. Eli also played on the



played all four years on the football team. He was the starting quarterback the past two seasons and was all-conference this year. Additionally, Eli is a member of the Silver Creek Leadership Academy and has devoted countless hours to his Capstone Project of supporting special needs students to be able to participate in sports through the Unified Program. Eli got great joy out of helping the Unified athletes receive the same opportunity as he's had to play the sports they love in front of family, friends, and school staff. He has earned this award based on his performance in the classroom, his skills on the football field, the basketball court, and the baseball diamond, but, probably most importantly, for his willingness to give his time to help the Unified athletes get their chance to shine. Well done, Eli!

#### **Longmont â€“ Hunter Knight (Counselor)**

Hunter has an amazing athletic record having participated in both football and wrestling at the varsity level for all four years at LHS. Hunter plans to attend South Dakota State University to study animal science to become a rancher and breeder of livestock. He hopes to join the wrestling team at SDSU. Outside of school and sports, Hunter enjoys outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing. He also enjoys working with his hands doing mechanical work on cars and working in carpentry and metal work. His most recent project was building a beautiful case for his girlfriend's buckles she has won at various livestock competitions.

#### **Skyline â€“ Renee Perez Jr (Teacher)**

Rene is an exceptional young man who embodies the very essence of what this award represents â€“ a well-rounded student-athlete with outstanding character and leadership qualities. Renee has served as captain of the wrestling team, a three-time state qualifier, and the winner of an impressive 37 matches this season. He placed in all nine tournaments wrestled, culminating in a regional championship, and becoming Skyline's first state finalist in over a decade. His dedication to the sport is further evidenced by his two state placements, finishing 6th in 2023 and achieving a stellar 2nd place finish in 2024, solidifying his position as one of Skyline's best wrestlers ever. Furthermore, Rene's leadership extends beyond the wrestling mat. He was awarded the prestigious Falcon Award, recognizing not only his wrestling skills but also his exemplary character, leadership, discipline, and commitment within the program. Rene's academic performance is equally impressive. He maintains a strong cumulative GPA of 3.54, demonstrating his dedication to his studies even while excelling in athletics. Beyond academics and athletics, Rene exemplifies true leadership. He served as captain for both the football and wrestling teams this year, earning all-conference recognition in football. He is a role model for his teammates, inspiring them to work hard and persevere through challenges. He leads by example, with his dedication, integrity, and humility earning him the respect of the entire school community. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need, making him a true asset to Skyline High School.

## **Social Media**

Check these out!

- our club [Instagram](#)
- our club [Facebook](#) page
- our club [website](#) which includes a picture gallery and club documents

## **Public Image Committee**

Charlene Santala Gearing, Chair  
Wendy Frisk and Kay Sparks, writers