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## DISTRICT 5450 NEWSLETTER – JULY 2007

### Featured Rotarians

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#### Rotary's "Dynamic Duo"

Dick and Jean Bedell from the Rotary Club of Boulder are quite the "Dynamic Duo." Having served in the same club for a total of 30 years (Dick for 20 and Jean for 10), they are true believers in publicizing Rotary in as many ways as possible. As you will see, their license plates say "Rotary2." They originally purchased Rotary license plates as a fundraiser for Rotary International. However, the laws changed and the Rotary license plates were no longer available. So, to continue publicizing Rotary, they changed their plates to the current "Rotary 2" wording.



They have worked as a team for many years. Both being in the same club, they were the first husband and wife team in the Boulder Club; however they make a point of always sitting at different tables. They have both held various leadership roles, including serving as Vice Presidents, and as Committee Chairs on the district level. Both are multiple Paul Harris Fellows and Benefactors. Both have won numerous awards for their Rotary work. In 1983, Dick won the District's "Service Above Self" award. Both won the "District Humanitarian" award in 1997, and both have been given a "Compassion Service Above Self" award by the District. Jean was most recently a GSE Team leader to Mexico. They have established four matching grants for work in

India, and have been approved for two Individual Grants for work in India. They will spend this August and September working as volunteers in India. Dick is a pediatrician and Jean is a nurse. They will spend their time teaching classes to the medical community, and looking for the need of another Matching Grant. Jean, a mediator, will also teach conflict management workshops.

The Bedells have four children, three of whom are Rotarians, and 10 grandchildren.

Jean and Dick are proud to be Rotarians and encourage all Rotarians to publicize Rotary. Jean said, "When I was in Mexico, I saw so many completed projects with the Rotary Wheel. They were everywhere, in parks, clinics, retirement facilities, schools etc. Rotarians in Mexico are so proud to be Rotarians that they wear their pin all the time. It is very recognizable and considered to be an honor. I would encourage our members to proudly wear their Rotary pins and continue to live the motto of "Service Above Self."