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Big Night in Northern Colorado to Celebrate 100 Years of Service

Loveland, **Colorado**, **USA** – Is there anything that makes for a more fabulously fun time than 100 years of history and two pandemic years of pent-up partying finally unleashed? Probably not. That's why Loveland Rotarians, led by the flagship club that was founded in 1920 (the same year as Loveland's Rialto Theater first opened), are likely to raise the roof in celebration of a century of service above self here in Northern Colorado and across the globe. The Loveland Rotary Club's 100-Year Gala complete with world-class live entertainment, costumed character hosts, and dancing through the decades will delight several hundred attendees on Saturday evening, May 21st, at the Embassy Suites Hotel (4705 Clydesdale Parkway) in Loveland. The media are cordially invited to cover the sights and sounds of the festive evening and will be accorded opportunities to interview speakers, entertainers, and participants. You and your audiences won't want to miss this!



"We have so much to celebrate – our heritage and our pride in having helped Loveland thrive and prosper all these years. Now, we finally get to do it, after having delayed this event for two years because of the pandemic!" exulted Carol Stark, committee chairperson for the 100-year gala.

This once-in-a-lifetime extravaganza will start at 5:00 p.m., at which time **special hosts, performing in-character with their 1920s regalia**, will usher in attending Rotarians and their guests to a *Speakeasy-style* social hour. The celebrants will then transition to a banquet dinner starting at 6:00, during which they'll be treated to a keynote address by Past District Governor Chris Woodruff of Rotary District 5440 and **the comedy brilliance of Nancy Norton**, frequently seen at Denver's Comedy Works, first female to ever win the Boston Comedy Festival, and a performer the *Denver Post* calls, "a laugh riot."

After the laughter subsides, the festivities continue with an extended period of guests either enjoying the 100-year video montage specially produced for the event or stepping out the dance floor to the specially curated musical selections from one memorable decade after another.

Over the past 100 years, Rotarians in Loveland have always been a socially-conscious, as well as a *social*, group. Many community leaders, small business people, and citizens from all walks of life with a heart for serving and meeting vital needs of the local and global community comprise the clubs' membership.

About Rotary

A global network of 1.2 million Rotarians are dedicated to improving lives and bringing positive, lasting change to communities around the world by promoting <u>peace</u>, fighting <u>disease</u>, providing <u>clean water</u>, supporting <u>education</u>, saving <u>mothers and children</u>, and growing local <u>economies</u>. Rotary's top priority is <u>the global eradication of polio</u>. Historically, the 102-year-old <u>Loveland Rotary Club</u> has spearheaded projects such as Hammond Amphitheater, Riverwalk Trail, Loveland Public Library's remodeled Business Center, the KidsPak program for alleviating hunger in Thompson School District, and clean water and dental health in Mexico.