



# Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



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Bill Kirton gave the inspiration at today's meeting. It deserves to be included in our newsletter.

Inspiration is the prompting of the mind to exalted thoughts, to creative activity. Oxford-English Dictionary

In light of the terrible incident in Florida, which is being described as terrorism, I thought it appropriate not only to mourn the massive death and injury by a lone gunman, but to consider the word "terror."

"The word terror means 'the installing of fear.' According to Robert Sardello, a Jungian Psychologist and one of my spiritual teachers, "Terror instills fear within the whole of our being. The purpose of terrorism is to produce a world condition of permanent chaos where negation of spirit and soul rules. A world of no reverence, no honor, no truth, no morality, no unity, no imagination, no ideals. Violent acts of terrorism are merely the visible seal, the stamp of negation replacing the values of life with the power or death. In acts of terror, someone else's destruction spreads itself beyond itself and incorporates those not involved.

"What is the appropriate response? More terror? More violence?"

"We must eradicate from our souls all fear and terror of what comes toward us out of the future. We must look forward with absolute equanimity to all that may come and we must think only whatever comes is given to us by a world direction that is full of wisdom." Rudolph Steiner

Another spiritual teacher, who happened to be Jewish, said it this way: "Do not be afraid."

**Guests:** Nancy Duffy, a friend of our speaker.

Abbie Patton, granddaughter of our speaker.

Cecilia Egidi, an exchange student from the Dolomites region of Italy.

**Travel Gifts:** Randy Ernest brought gifts from East Berlin and the Amsterdam van Gogh Museum

Phil Chipouras brought gifts from Greece.

**Blue Marble:** John Petterson could not find the blue marble.

Today's speaker, Mary Haddon, gave two talks. One talk was on our flag on Flag Day and the other was on Honor Flights.



When the American flag is folded it is folded 13 times. What to the 13 folds mean.

1. The first fold is the symbol of life.
2. The second fold is our belief in eternal life.
3. The third fold is made in honor or remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.
4. The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.
5. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries may not always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.
6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 16—SAVOR CENTENNIAL BEER SALES

JUNE 18—CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT BYRON KOSTE, 17766 E. JAMISON AVE

JUNE 21—KATHLEEN STAKS, ASST DIRECTOR OF ENERGY

JUNE 28—MEETING IS AT TOP GOLF

JULY 5—CLUB IS DARK

JULY 12—NICOLE DAVIES, INCOMING PRESIDENT

JULY 19—CLASSIFICATION TALKS—MARK PALLER, AUDRA WALKER & ROBB WALLEN

AUG 12—AREA ASSEMBLY

- The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our Republic.
- The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
- The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.
- The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.
- The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

When the Flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our Nation's motto, "In God We Trust." After the Flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who followed by the comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

The next time you see a Flag ceremony honoring someone that has served our country, either in the Armed Forces or in our civilian services such as the Police Force or Fire Department, keep in mind all the important reasons behind each and every movement. They have paid the ultimate sacrifice for all of us by honoring our Flag and our Country.

The second part of Mary's speech dealt with Rocky Mountain Honor Flights. This organization, twice a year, flies veterans from the WWII and the Korean War back to Washington DC to tour the monuments representing the services and individuals that have made this country.



Ken Hope received a plaque for his work on the Little Libraries.



Cecilia Egidi received a Rotary Club of Centennial flag to take back to Italy.

Special thanks to Cheryl Sartain for the large flags on our tables and to Byron Koste for the small flags on our tables.

Special thanks to Paul Horiuchi for the flashing American flag bowtie that Randy wore during the meeting.