

# Rotary Club of Club of Centennial **Centennial Colorado**



## Centennial, Colorado

## July 17, 2018



Hans Helmuth, above, gave a talk on Growing Up Amish.

December 11, 1941 the United States declared war on Germany and Hans was born to an Amish family in south central Kansas. Hans was the 10th of 10 children.

The Amish broke away from the Mennonites in 1693 to practice a more conservative lifestyle. In 1737, twelve families from Switzerland and southern Germany resettled in Pennsylvania. This was done because of their Anabaptist stance, and religious intolerance and pacifistic beliefs. In 1815, approximately 3,000 more families settled in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and New York.

Today there are approximately 300,000 Amish in the United States with about 500 Amish in Colorado, mostly in the San Luis Valley around Monte Vista.

Hans' father left the Amish church when Hans was a child. His father left because he wanted a phone, electricity, a tractor, a car, and a truck. He was allowed to have a tractor but it had to have metal wheels with lugs. Kansas had a law this type tractor could not be driven on the road. Hans' father was then given permission by the church to have a tractor with rubber tires, but the tires could not be inflated. Eventually he was able to get the tires inflated.

Hans' presented the eight lessons he learned from being raised in an Amish family and they are.

- 1. The importance of family. Even to this day, his family gets together every Sunday in the afternoon to have a family dinner.
- 2. Community. He pointed out how the Rotary Club of Centennial is a community because the members know and support each other. The Amish gets to know and support each other. During harvest season they will work together on each others farms to bring in the crops, as an example.
- 3. Be content with what you have. As he said, "too many people buy things they don't need, don't want, and can't afford, to impress people they may not know."
- 4. Have good, clean fun. He mentioned a game called Dutch Blitz which is available on Amazon
- 5. Honesty and integrity. Integrity is telling yourself the truth. Honesty is telling the truth to other people. If you tell the truth, you only have to remember one story, the true story.
- 6. Stay away from iniquities and vices. Iniquities and vices includes smoking, drugs, drinking, and swearing.
- 7. Be hungry for going beyond the status quo. It isn't about what you accomplish in life, it is about what you inspire others to do.
- 8. Be optimistic.

#### **CLUB BUSINESS**

- A West announced that August invites to Meals on Wheels will be going out shortly.
- Aug 8 will be the next Millennials meeting. Details will be provided later.
- D Whye announced the peach sales are starting. Forms have been sent out to all members.

# 2018-2019 Club Officers

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## Directors

Club Administration-John Peterson

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

JULY 21, 22-READY, SET, SCHOOL JULY 24-SANDY MORTENSEN, **DISTRICT 5450 GOVERNOR** JULY 27-PRIMETIMERS HAPPY HOUR, URBAN SOMBRERO JULY 28-PRIMETIMERS URBAN HIKE, 9:30 AM JULY 31-HASSEN LATIF, SECOND CHANCE AUG 7-CLASSIFICATION TALKS; CATHY SMITH & JOHN HOLZMANN AUG 14-MARC GAFFINKEL, GRETA'S STORY AUG 21-PRESTON LANDIS, SR. S GUMPERBER; LESS STRESS AMERI-CA

# **CLUB MAKEUPS:**

http://bestrotary.com/gallerycollections/video-galleries

Www.rotaryeclubone.org

R Hahn reminded us that Ready, Set, School is this weekend. Meet at the Target at I-25 and Arapahoe Rd.

#### **INDUCTION**



Jon Bellum was inducted into the club. Welcome.

### TRAVEL GIFTS

- J McCarty brought back some coasters from the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe, NM.
- J Peterson brought back some soap from France.
- P McGuire brought back some Ken-• tucky Horse Patties and a couple of bottles of Kentucky bourbon.

## **BLUE MARBLE**



Paul Horiuchi had his number drawn, but he was unable to find the elusive blue marble.

## **ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

## 1776

## Congress learns of war of words

On this day in 1776, the Continental Congress learns of General George Washington's refusal to accept a dispatch from British General William Howe and his brother, Admiral Richard Viscount Howe, opening peace negotiations, because it failed to use the title "general." In response, Congress proclaimed that the commander in chief acted "with a dignity becoming his station," and directed all American commanders to receive only letters addressed to them "in

the characters they respectively sustain."