



# Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

February 12, 2019

## ROTARY MINUTE



Karen Fleck gave the Rotary Minute and reminded us the RI convention this year is in Hamburg, Germany. Next year the convention will be in Honolulu, Hawaii.

## BUSINESS MINUTE



Samantha Johnston gave the Business Minute. She had previously told us about her work, so today she advised us to be certain we have proper security

on our computers to prevent scammers from getting into our computers through our web sites.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Ryan Dunshay of Arapahoe High School was the student of the month. She describes herself as being compassionate, gregarious, and driven.

She would like to go to Emory, Tulane, or UVA. She wants a school that has a good Greek program and a program for overseas study.

She had a major challenge this year when one of her friends died suddenly and tragically. She had to work through the loss which she feels she was able to do.

She plays tennis and coaches little kids in tennis at the Lifetime Tennis Center. She is a member of the Link Crew, where upperclassmen help freshman get used to Arapahoe HS. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Key Club. She also volunteers at Freedom Dog Services and Swedish Medical Center.

## GUEST SPEAKER



Mayor Stephanie Piko, the Mayor of Centennial, was our guest speaker.

One of the major topics she spoke about was infrastructure. Every three years an audit of the roads in Centennial is conducted. They are able to determine which roads are okay and which are in need of repair, either immediately or in the near future. This helps the city in planning and budgeting. The latest audit showed that about 1.6 percent of the roads are in need of repair. The audit also shows what roads are or are not in ADA compliance.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 26-**Off-Site Mtg at South Metro Fire Station, Quebec and Orchard Rd**

Mar 5-Pramod Goel, Placid Way Medical Tourism

Mar 12-Mary Lou Fenton, Well-spring Community

Mar 19-Classification Talks, Tom Gross and Jeff Online.

The City of Centennial now has a fleet of 20 snowplows. This enables the city to clean primary and secondary roads during snow storms. If the snow is too great, they will also do neighborhood streets.

The City of Centennial is continuing to install the fiber optic system. They are installing cameras for monitoring traffic, not for enforcement. This enables the city to vary the timing of lights for better movement of traffic. They are working with CDOT for the timing of lights on Arapahoe Road between I-25 and Arapahoe Rd. The city is also coordinating with the cities of Lone Tree and Greenwood Village with the timing of lights on Yosemite to improve traffic flow. This work is being done under a grant.

The city park is going to be expanded. They may be partnering with the Denver Botanical Garden for a portion of the park.

There are changes coming to the Streets at Southglen. The Sears store has been sold and is going to be converted to apartments. The Macy's store has been sold, but she was unable to provide an update on what will be done with the store. Interestingly, the average income for people living in the apartment at Southglen is about \$150,000.

She said the 2020 census will be an online census. The city has grown about 2 percent since the last census in 2010. She indicated that Colorado may gain one or possibly two Congressional Districts as a result of the 2020 census, so it is important for all of us to participate in the next census.

Out Dave Walcher is under contract with the city to look at the possibility of the City of Centennial having their own police department and not partner with the Arapahoe County Sheriff Department. A decision is to be made sometime this Spring.

### CLUB BUSINESS

- John Weksler is looking for volunteers to help with Flower Power on Sunday February 18, this Sunday. Contact John.

- Samantha Johnston announced there will be an opioid event on March 11 and 12. Volunteers are needed.
- Barb Medina is selling cook books on behalf of our exchange student. This money from the book sales will be used to finance the exchange student trip to the west coast at the end of their visit to the US.
- Diane Zing talked about Nibbles and Sips for the Integrated Family Services. She is trying to find out the level of interest from the club to determine the number of tables we need.
- State of the City volunteers are needed.
- Karen Fleck announced there will be food drives on April 20 and June 22 at the King Soopers at Parker and Arapahoe Rds. She Karen if you want to volunteer.
- Anne West said that invites will be going out for Meals on Wheels.

### INDUCTION



Our newest member, Jeff Online, was inducted. Welcome and congratulations.

### TRAVEL GIFTS

Anne West brought back a tray from Morocco. The tray has sea shells from the Sahara in it. The Sahara used to be an ocean and the shell are from the Sahara. She also said Sahara means desert so saying Sahara Desert is repetitive.