



# Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

March 12, 2019

## ROTARY MINUTE



Kent Ostedgaard gave the Rotary Minute. Kent announced Ray Anderson, member of the Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch since 1997, has been selected to serve as District Governor in 2021-2022. Ray was

instrumental in getting the Centennial Rotary Club started.

## GUEST SPEAKER



## CLUB BUSINESS

- The term for three members of the Foundation Board are about to expire. All three have expressed a desire to continue on the board. If anyone else is interested let Roxy Hahn, the Foundation Chairperson.
- Food Drive on April 20 is in need of volunteers. No one has signed up yet. Contact Kathy Smith if you are interested. The food drive is at the King Soopers at Parker and Arapahoe Rds.

## TRAVEL GIFTS

- Diane Zing brought back some Killer Bee Honey from Bisbee, AZ
- John Peterson from his trip to Florida brought back some orange jelly, key lime jelly, and Mango butter.

Bob Bush spoke to us about Wellspring Community. He is the current Executive Director. He filled in for Mary Lou Fenton who was the previous Executive Director and he founder of Wellspring Community.

Mary Lou has a developmentally challenged child and did not know what to do when her child complete high school. She started, one day a week, baking cookies with her child. Other parents with developmentally challenged children started doing the same thing. They would sell the cookies at various events and in certain stores. This eventually grew into Wellspring Community, an organization that helps developmentally challenged children. The state provides services for the child when they are in school, but when they get out of school, there is nothing available to help them.

They are a faith based organization and now has 80+ children in the program. They are currently located in a church in Castle Rock. They have programs everyday for the children. They currently serve 5 counties in the Denver area.

They are especially grateful to Rotary because clubs in this area have contributed money so Wellspring Community can provide vans for transportation of the kids.

## 2018-2019 Club Officers

President—Tim Eunice  
President Elect—Samantha Johnston  
Past President—John Berry  
Secretary—Karen Berry  
Treasurer—Barbara Medina  
Sergeant at Arms—Allen Jackson

## Directors

Technology—John Peterson  
Membership Growth & Enrichment—Samantha Roe  
Rotary Foundation—John McCarty  
Communication—Jessica Sidener  
Millennial Satellite Club—Andrea Tagtow & Katie Guyon

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 19-Classification Talks, Tom Gross and Jeff Oline.  
Mar 26-Dr Migs Muldrow, Village Health Partnership  
Apr 2-Joel Moser, Automation  
Apr 9-LiveWell Colorado  
Apr 16-Raphael, Exchange Student  
**Apr 17-State of the City**  
**Apr 20-Food Drive**  
**Apr 21-Blessing Bag/Homeless Survival Bag Assembly, 4 PM, 15591 E Centretech Parkway, Aurora CO 80011.**  
Apr 23 Rotary Foundation Business Meeting  
**Apr 27-2019 District Conference**

Since the participants are special needs individuals they are eligible for Medicaid which pays for most of the services. About 85 percent of the participants are on Medicaid.

Wellspring Community takes a holistic approach in helping the participants. What skills does the participant have or what skills do they want? The programs are geared for each specific participant.

Recently, some firemen came by and saw what was going on and they wanted to participate. They ended up getting some two-wheel bicycles and teaching some of the kids how to ride bicycles.

Wellspring Community has a café in the church where they meet. The café is open to the public. The participants are taught how to work in a café.

### BLUE MARBLE



Here is Diane Zing drawing the blue marble for a kitty of approximately \$700. Congratulations.

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1888-The Blizzard of 1888

The most severe winter storm ever to hit the New York City region reaches blizzard proportions, costing hundreds of lives and millions of dollars in property damage. Although the storm also struck New England, New York was the hardest hit, with the 36-hour blizzard dumping some 40 inches of snow on the city. For several weeks, the city was virtually isolated from the rest of the country by the massive snowdrifts. Messages north to Boston had to be relayed via England. Even “Leatherman,” a fixture of New York and Connecticut history who had walked a circuit of 365 miles every 34 days for three decades, was reportedly delayed four days by the Blizzard of 1888. Leatherman, who walked during the day and slept in caves at night, was known as such because his clothes were made out of large patches of thick leather.