



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

April 16, 2019

APRIL 23-OFF-SITE MEETING, KOELBEL LIBRARY,

ORCHARD RD AND HOLLY ST

ROTARY MINUTE



Marc Garfinkel related the story of how President McKinley would visit his sick wife every weekend. While getting on board the train one weekend he was shot by an assassin. Antiseptic medicine did not exist at the time and doctors kept putting their dirty hands in his wound. Eventually, the infection from the dirty

hands lead to his death. Our present knowledge of infectious agents is why Rotary requires hand washing with water projects.

BUSINESS MINUTE



Tom Gross, instead of talking about his real estate business, talked about a committee he is on that advises the Cherry Creek School District in such things as school districts. He spoke about temporary school rooms and why they are used. Basically, they are used to address changing demographics at the school with children aging

out of the school and not having the need for many classrooms. He spoke briefly about full-day kindergarten and effect it is having on school budgeting and teacher assignments.

GUEST SPEAKER

Raphael Schmid, our exchange student, was the guest speaker. He jabbed Americans for no knowing geography so he talked a lot about Switzerland.



Switzerland is less than 1/6th the size of Colorado but has 8,400,000 inhabitants. Historically, Switzerland goes back to 1291, but the Federal Republic was created in 1848. The country is known for chocolate, cheese, watches, mountains and Heidi. The government is a direct democracy. It has four official languages. Raphael said the country is neutral, has a good education system and public transportation system.

An individual can draft a law, and if he can get enough signatures on petitions, the proposed law will be voted on by citizens to become a law. Conversely, individuals can petition to get a vote to throw out a law. He said people in Switzerland are always voting.

The education system in Switzerland is different than here in the US. In 9th grade a student needs to decide if they want to go to college or into "trades". They have to test to go on to 10th through 12th grade to take the college path. Raphael has already tested to take the college path. He wants to go into business or law.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 20—Food Drive
 Apr 23—Rotary Foundation Business Meeting, **Koeble Library**
Apr 27—2019 District Conference
 Apr 30—Club Assembly
 May 7—Wayne Snodgrass, SAR Patriot Chest
 May 14—Ting Internet, Centennial Fiber Internet Rollout
May 15—Board Meeting
 May 21—LaToyua Tolbert, Martin Luther King
 May 28—Babak Behzadzade, State of the Marijuana Industry



This is a picture of Raphael's family. His older brother is in the middle, his sister is to the right, and he is on the far right. Both of his parents are lawyers.



This is a picture of his house. Not the typical Swiss chalet we think of in Switzerland. From his house he can see into Germany and Austria. In his part of Switzerland, the recognized language is German.

Raphael's hobbies include handball (which is different than the handball played in the US), skiing, hiking, and drums.

He said his most interesting experience here is playing for the state high school football championship in Bronco stadium. He was very impressed with the size of our stadiums.

When he gets back home, he has two more years of high school, then mandatory military service, then college. He wants to come back and visit more of the United States. He also put out an invitation for us to visit him in Switzerland.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Maggie Coan, shown above with her family, was our student of the month.

Maggie is a senior at Arapahoe High School where she has a 3.932 average and is ranked 159 in a class of 522. She plays field hockey, is president of DECA, FCA, and unified basketball.

Her biggest struggle in school is when she took AP physics her junior year. She said she never took such a difficult course. To get through it she has to hire tutor, but she made it and didn't quit.

She has applied to U of Oklahoma, Baylor, the U of Nebraska, and CSU. She has decided to attend the University of Oklahoma because it has a good business program. She was to go into sports marketing.

CLUB BUSINESS

- Karen Fleck said the food drive is going on from 8 to 12 this Saturday at the King Soopers at Parker and Arapahoe Rds. **Volunteers are still needed.**
- District Conference is April 27.
- Anne West said Meals on Wheels still has 5 opportunities.
- J Weber exchanged a flag from his new Rotary club in Mexico City.

BLUE MARBLE

Anne West could not find the elusive blue marble.