



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

May 21, 2019

ROTARY MINUTE



Kent Ostegaard presented the Rotary Minute. He spoke on two topics. One, the latest issues of the City of Centennial magazine featured some of our members on the cover. Two, he gave an update

on the RYLA process. Five candidates have been selected for the senior RYLA camp this summer and two candidates have been selected for the junior RYLA camp.

SPEAKER



LaToyus Tolbert from the Cherry Creek Schools, Office of Inclusive Excellence. LaToyus is the Director of the office. She spoke on Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This talk was to be presented near Dr. King's day, but was postponed due to weather.

The Office of Inclusive Excellence in the Cherry Creek School District (CCSD) is responsible for educating teachers to be more inclusive of all students they teach. Students in Cherry Creek School speak over 115 different languages and have a similar number of cultures for which teachers need to be sensitive. There are over 54,000 students in the Cherry Creek Schools.

Dr. King's impact on CCSD includes the moral imperative, empowerment, affirmation, freedom, humanity, justice, rights, love, and voice.

The Office of Inclusive Excellence's (OIE) purpose is to disrupt and dismantle power structures that have historically limited opportunities for students of color and to ensure that every student receives an excellent education. Their charge is to make certain students and parents, teachers, community members, administrators, and staff members can be affirmed in who they are without dehumanizing others in the system, creating an environment where individuals are valued and their authentic identities can exist in the learning environment. Inclusive excellence means raising achievement, eliminating predictability bases on race, and access to all opportunities.

Ethnically the CCSD has a wide distribution of students. Fifty-three percent are white, 1 percent are American Indian/Alaska Native, 9 percent are Asian, 11 percent are black, 19 percent are Latino, 7 percent are multiple races.

The OIE has a systemic framework for inclusive excellence which includes systems and structures for opportunity, racial consciousness, cultural competence, and culturally responsive education.

Their courageous conversation about race protocol includes a compass that includes believing, thinking, feeling, and acting. There are six conditions in the protocol which include 1. focus on what is personal, local, and immediate; 2. isolate race; 3. normalize social construction and multiple perspectives, 4. monitor agreement and condition; 5. use a "working definition" for race; and 6. examine the presence and role of "whiteness".

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28—Matt Seitz, Westminster Club Nicaragua H₂O project
June 4—Randy Pye, Creation of a City
June 11—Classification Talk—Lori Overton
June 25—Debra Jessop and Gordon Close, Guitars for the Troops
July 2—Samantha Johnston, Inaugural Address

LaToyua closed by saying as educators, we are called to educate the youngest child, the middle child, the oldest child, the unexpected, later-in-life child, the wild child, the special child, the strong-willed child, the angelic child, the peculiar child, the intelligent child, the artistic child, the athletic child, the musical child, the out-of-control child, the perfectionistic child, and every child in between. The students at CCSD fall on all ends of the spectrum. The OIE is compelled to labor tirelessly, alongside our community, to ensure that our 54,000 students' exceptional needs are addressed, validated and met.

CLUB BUSINESS

- Polio pigs are due at next week's meeting.
- June 7 is the Millennial event at the Ronald McDonald House. Details and sign-up in in the calendar on the web site.
- June 14 is the Summer Kickoff for the City of Centennial. Details and sign-up is on the calendar on the web site.
- Club Visioning will be June 19. All members are encouraged to attend. More details later.
- Doug Hanna is taking orders for new Centennial Rotary short sleeve shirts. They will be blue or white.
- Changing of the Guard will be June 29. You should have received an invite. If not, contact Trip Butler.

TRAVEL GIFTS

There were no travel gifts this week.

BLUE MARBLE

Barb Medina was unable to find the elusive blue marble.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1932—**Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to make solo, nonstop transatlantic flight**

Five years to the day that American aviator Charles Lindbergh became the first pilot to accomplish a solo, nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean, female aviator Amelia Earhart becomes the first pilot to repeat the feat, landing her plane in Ireland after flying across the North Atlantic. Earhart traveled over 2,000 miles from Newfoundland in just under 15 hours.

Unlike Charles Lindbergh, Earhart was well known to the public before her solo transatlantic flight. In 1928, as a member of a three-person crew, she had become the first woman to cross the Atlantic in an aircraft. Although her only function during the crossing was to keep the plane's log, the event won her national fame, and Americans were enamored with the daring and modest young pilot. For her solo transatlantic crossing in 1932, she was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross by the U.S. Congress.