



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

June 18, 2019

ROTARY MINUTE



Kent Ostegaard presented the Rotary Minute. He announced that Kroeger's is cancelling the discount cards he has been selling. Instead, you can go to the King Soopers web site and enter your card. Here is the web site <https://www.kingsoopers.com/account/>

[communityrewards/](https://www.kingsoopers.com/account/). Select Centennial Rotary and click on enrolling. Every time you use your card, Centennial Rotary Foundation will get a donation. The Sprouts card is not effected.

BUSINESS MINUTE



Anne West presented the Business Minute. She talked about her travel business and showed slides of her recent cruise to Alaska. She is a travel agent that specializes in cruises.

SPEAKERS

The speakers were our own Debra Jessop and Glen Close. They spoke about the program they have started called Guitars for the Troops. This is a program that provides guitars to troops that are on active duty, wounded warriors, or suffering from PTSD. The program was started about 10 years ago, and, to date, they have donated about 750 guitars to troops. Their goal is to offer 1,000 guitar packages per year. They started the program when they were members of the Rotary Club of Fitzsimons.



The program provides a guitar, guitar case with the Rotary emblem on it, pics, strings, and an instruction book. The entire package is worth about \$600.00 but they are able to do it for \$200.00 per guitar package. The guitars have gone to a lot of troops in Iraq and Ft. Carson. They were saying there are approximately 1,000 troops at Ft. Carson suffering from PTSD.

The company that provides the guitars is owned by Gordon. It is his own brand—Harvest.

During the presentation, they showed a video of the program and sang three songs.

They had a booth at New Orleans Rotary Convention and are planning on having one at the Rotary Convention next year in Honolulu, HI. Other Rotary clubs from around the world are picking up this program which allows Glen and Debra to send out more guitars.

They have received several letters from recipient's of the guitars thanking them for guitars and stating that the gift saved them from committing suicide.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 18—Debra Jessop and Gordon Close, Guitars for the Troops
June 25—Off-Site Mtg at Koebel Library
July 2—Samantha Johnston, Inaugural Address
July 9—Tricia Halsey, Big Ideas Project

CLUB BUSINESS

- Doug Hanna announced the new Centennial Rotary shirts have arrived.
- Samantha Johnston reminded us the next meeting will be an off-site meeting at Koebel Library.
- Tim Eunice read a letter from the District Governor reminding the clubs that Rotary is a non-political organization and that we do not endorse candidates. Also, if a club has a controversial topic, both sides of the topic should be presented at the meeting or at successive meeting.

TRAVEL GIFTS

John Holzmann brought back some rum from Madagascar. The rum is boot leg rum.

Andres Osuna visited Disney World and Jamaica. He brought back a vase made from mango wood.

Catherine Smith brought back some peach cooler cookies from Savannah.

BLUE MARBLE



John McCarty was unable to find the elusive blue marble.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1812-WAR OF 1812 BEGINS

The day after the Senate followed the House of Representatives in voting to declare war against Great Britain, President James Madison signs the declaration into law—and the War of 1812 begins. The American war declaration, opposed by a sizable minority in Congress, had been called in response to the British economic blockade of France, the induction of American seaman into the British Royal Navy against their will, and the British support of hostile Indian tribes along the Great Lakes frontier. A faction of Congress known as the “War Hawks” had been advocating war with Britain for several years and had not hidden their hopes that a U.S. invasion of Canada might result in significant territorial land gains for the United States.

In the months after President Madison proclaimed the state of war to be in effect, American forces launched a three-point invasion of Canada, all of which were decisively unsuccessful. In 1814, with Napoleon Bonaparte’s French Empire collapsing, the British were able to allocate more military resources to the American war, and Washington, D.C., fell to the British in August. In Washington, British troops burned the White House, the Capitol, and other buildings in retaliation for the earlier burning of government buildings in Canada by U.S. soldiers.