



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

September 10, 2019

ROTARY MINUTE



Kent Ostegaard gave the Rotary Minute. He read a letter of appreciation from Eric Earnest, Randy's son, thanking the club for his experience at RYLA.

FOUNDATION DONATION



Diane Zing, on behalf of the Centennial Rotary Club Foundation, presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to ICFS so they can continue to do the good work they do.

GUEST SPEAKER



Today's guest speaker was Curt Harris, the District Governor. Curt joined the Evergreen club in 1997 and 3 years later he was President of the club. Now he is the District Governor.

Shortly after joining Rotary he climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro as a Rotary fund raiser event for a hospital for the Masai tribe in northern Tanzania. On that climb they raised more than \$300,000 for the hospital. He was able to see what extreme poverty really is and to see what Rotary is able to do, especially the Evergreen Rotary club.

In 2003, he visited Tanzania again to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. This time they raised over \$125,000 for a sister hospital.

In 2016 and 2018, Curt lead teams up Mt. Kilimanjaro. On these climbs he had girls accompany him. Tanzanians look down on women climbing the mountain. These girls were graduates from the Kisha (sp?) program which is sponsored by Africaid. Ellie was one of the girls on the climb. She was the youngest of 9 children and had a burning desire to get an education. Girls in Tanzania were not supposed to get an education. They were supposed to do chores, get married and have children. She kept sneaking into school. Eventually, she was able to go to school. She went on to college and graduated. She came back to Tanzania and mentored 125 girls in the Kisha program. Ellie went on and created her own non-profit that would mentor families about the importance of girls getting an education.

Eighteen years ago, the Evergreen Rotary club provided seed money for the creation of Africaid which is headquartered in Denver. Africaid is the organization that created Kisha. Kisha helped 4,300 girls last year and is planning on helping more than 6,000 this year. It is amazing to see what a little Rotary seed money can do and the impact it can have.

In 2001, Curt was asked by Diana Knight (future District Governor) to start a RYLA program for middle schoolers.

2018-2019 Club Officers

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Millennial Satellite Club—Andrea Tagtow

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 17-Taylor Smith, Director of Partnerships
Sept 24-Daniel Wilkins, The C.E.L.L.
Oct 1-International Music Day, Gordon Close at his store
3535 S Irving St, Englewood, CO 80110
Oct 8-Club Assembly
Oct 15-Tri County Health
Oct 22-World Polio Day, KATA Foundation

What came of that is YRYLA which has now grown to be worldwide. Its first camp was in 2002 with 58 campers. In our district camps, 675,000 kids from high school, middle school, and disabled kids were participants this past year.

Curt talked about a girl named Allie. She said that she would not do the zip line because she was afraid of heights. By the end of the week she lead her team up the ladder to the zip line. Curt talked to her mother after the camp, and her mother said what did you do to my daughter? She is behaving and studying. She is doing her chores. A complete turnaround.

There are a couple events coming up for which Rotarians need to be aware. Next summer is the RI convention in Hawaii. On February 8, 2020 is the polio event. The Secretary General of Rotary International is going to speak. So for this year there have been 78 cases of paralytic polio worldwide, most of them in Pakistan. Because of Polio-Plus, 18 million kids are able to walk.

Rotary has a new vision statement. It is:

Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe and in our communities and in ourselves.

CLUB BUSINESS

- As of the Monday before the meeting, the WaterRico team had assembled 310 water filters.
- Ken Hope said they had 473 kiddie underwear. Several members of the club donated more money during the meeting to get to total over 500, the goal.
- Ken Hope said that after next weeks meeting, there will be a Xmas Tree meeting.
- Diane Zing gave an update on Santa Clothes. See flyer on the last page. There are 5 clubs and 4 Kohl's involved.
- The October 1 meeting will be an off-site meeting.



Phil Chipouras received an award of \$100 for selling the most boxes of peaches. He sold 42 boxes.

TRAVEL GIFTS

Roxy Hahn brought some play towels from the US Open which she attended with her daughter.

GUESTS



Lucho, along with his mother, father, and brother attended the meeting. He is studying law in Rome.

BLUE MARBLE



Curt Harris was unable to find the elusive blue marble.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1969 40-KILOTON NUCLEAR DEVICE EXPLODED UNDER COLORADO

This information is from the Denver Business Journal

Long before today's controversies surrounding fracking and oil and gas production in Colorado, a Texas company and the federal government teamed up to test boosting Western slope natural gas well production using nuclear explosions.

Yes, nuclear fracking.

Today is the 50th anniversary of Project Rulison, which exploded a 40-kiloton nuclear device 8,245 below Grand Mesa, 12 miles southwest of Rifle.

The experiment cost millions of dollars, required evacuating swaths of rural Colorado and years of environmental monitoring afterward. In the end, the blasts didn't boost natural gas production as much as hoped, and the gas that was produced proved too radioactive to sell. Go figure.

Project Rulison evacuated 110 people from 35 homes with a five-mile radius of the surface well site on detonation day. About 300 more living slightly further away—and children in the Rifle and Colbran schools—were told to be outside away from structures during the detonation in the unlikely event it triggered earthquakes.

Other precautions included asking the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad to pause running trains through the Grand Valley that day, and closing air space below 20,000 feet in the region.

Monitoring hasn't detected radioactivity above normal background levels there in decades, according to a 2017 report by Colorado regulators.



ROTARY'S 10TH ANNUAL

"SANTA CLOTHES PROJECT"

Takes Place at Various Kohl's Department Stores
December 11th, 2019

Come Join your Fellow Rotarians!

The Centennial Rotary Club, The Centennial Satellite Rotary Club,
Highlands Ranch Rotary Club, Highlands Ranch Satellite Rotary Club, Littleton
Rotary and the DTC Rotary Club

Rotary Partners with Kohl's Department Store to create a season of giving and receiving for children who are in a state of economic and/or financial need. Children are transported to Kohl's, usually by who sponsors them, where they partner up with Rotarians and Kohl's Associates to participate in a "personal shopping spree" for clothes and shoes. The Centennial Rotary Club spearheaded this project in the Denver Metro area 10 years ago, and are now hoping to continue to grow our chapter Rotarian participation to become a district-wide project. Please consider becoming a part of this wonderful project!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED!

Have your club make a donation (\$100 per child)
Get a few Rotarians to volunteer to be a shopping helper THAT DAY!
Have your OWN "Santa Clothes" project (see below)
Or, All of the Above! Some of the Above!

Contact **Diane Zing** (Centennial Rotary Club) for more information at **303-478-4143**.
We can answer your questions, and even get you your very own "Santa Clothes" kit,
which has all you need to start this project with YOUR club!

