



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

December 3, 2019

ROTARY MINUTE

Don Shattuck presented the Rotary Minute. It is from the Palgrave, Ontario Rotary Club.

"Sometimes when looking for an idea, you find much more.

"While researching topics to present at our Club (Palgrave) for my weekly Rotary Minute, I came across a powerful inspirational video produced by Rotary International Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland. It is a musical with video images coinciding with tag lines.

"You are in a good place. Think about it. Every day, you make a difference. You hit the targets, and sometimes they hit you. You put in the hours, yet you still make time for what's important. You do the hard yards.

"You take responsibility for the success and, sometimes for the failures.

"You weather the storms, and enjoy the time in the sun.

"So think about it.

"You may not realize it, but your skill are invaluable. And now?

"Now it's time to put them to good use, to give something back. To get into a new business, the business of making a difference.

"The business of improving lives, the lives of those who didn't get your opportunities.

"The business of saving lives,, and making lives worthwhile and fulfilled. The business of caring, and sharing your experience. Of restoring pride, and rediscovering dignity.

"Imagine the difference your time could make. That your skills could bring to bear. Imagine a simple "thank you" was your reward. Imagine a smile was your return investment. Imagine the difference you could make."

GUEST SPEAKERS

There were four guest speakers. They were four of the seven students our club sponsors to RYLA and YRYLA.



The first speaker was Eric Earnest, the son of Nora and Randy Earnest. He attended the YRYLA camp. He talked about how he got there and didn't know anyone and some of the games they played. Some of the games were names games, what trait made you unique, and trust exercises and team building. He came away with the ability to better trust other and leadership skills.



Jackie Reilly and Rachel Zing spoke of their experiences. Like Eric, they showed up at the camp not knowing anyone, but they made some lasting friendships. They spoke about integrity and the sunrise hike. The hike was done in silence. They learned about honesty.



Azucena Hernandez attended RYLA. She talked about learning to work with strangers and developing trust. She learned there are different leadership styles. This was her first time at a camp and the first time she spent time away from her parents. She also developed some lasting friendships.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 17—Erik Collect, Norwegian Church Ships
Dec 21—Dark
Dec 31—Dark

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



Janet Shaw was inducted into the club as our newest member. Welcome aboard.

CLUB BUSINESS

- Diana Hall spoke about next year's State of the City event. It will be a luncheon and it will highlight community caring.
- John McCarty spoke about the foundation and consider giving to the Centennial club foundation or the Rotary International foundation for end of year giving.
- The Holiday Hooray is coming up on Dec 19 at the Eagle Bend club house. Cost is \$35.00 per person.
- Samantha Osei Asibey announced that this week she will be sending out an email to the club about the next step in the visioning process.
- Ken Hope announced the Christmas Tree give away is this weekend at the Arapahoe County Library administrative building. Volunteers are still needed for Sunday. Be there at 8 AM.
- Diane Zing announced the Santa Clothes will be December 11.

TRAVEL GIFTS

Debra Jessop brought back from New Mexico two jars of prickly pear sauce and some caso mix

Cathy Smith brought back some coasters from her trip to Morocco.

BLUE MARBLE

Don Shattuck could not find the elusive blue marble. The kitty is over \$400.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1984-EXPLOSION KILLS 2,000 AT PESTICIDE PLANT

An explosion at a Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal, India, on December 3, 1984, leads to the worst industrial accident in history. At least 2,000 people died and another 200,000 were injured when toxic gas enveloped the city.

Bhopal was a city of nearly a million people in India's Madhya Pradesh region between New Dehli and Bombay. The Union Carbide pesticide plant was located in Jai Prakash Nagar, a particularly poor area of the impoverished city. Later, some critics charged that these factors were part of the reason that the plant had outdated equipment, lax management and grossly inadequate maintenance and safety procedures.

On Sunday, December 2, the 100 workers on the late shift were in the process of making the pesticide Sevin. This involved mixing carbon tetrachloride, methyl isocyanate (MIC) and alpha-naphthol. Over the next 12 hours, a series of astonishing errors led to disaster.

The MIC at the plant was stored in three partially buried 15,000-gallon tanks. When there was a problem with one of the tanks, nitrogen was forced in to extract the MIC. However, on this day, the process was not working correctly and both MIC and nitrogen were leaking. At about 11:00 p.m., the gauges began to indicate a dangerous level of pressure in the tanks, but the workers thought the instruments were malfunctioning and took no measures to alleviate the problem. By 11:30, the workers in the vicinity of the tanks were having a physical reaction to the leak, a feeling that many were familiar with because it happened with some frequency. Even then, Shakil Qureshi, the supervisor, decided to wait until after a tea break to look into the situation. By then, it was too late, and panic ensued as an explosion rocked the plant at approximately 12:15 a.m.