



The Rotary Club of Boulder Valley - April 14, 2026

Tuesday April 14, 2026 12 PM - 3 PM, Village View Room,

Williams Village

Mark Burnett, Our President 2025 - 2026

Fellow Rotarians,

A couple of weeks ago, the 6th cohort of “Rotarians Inspired for Service and Engagement” (aka RISE) completed their six-session course. It was inspiring to meet so many people diving into the concept of servant leadership—especially since one participant hadn't even formally joined a club yet, and many others had been members for less than a year.

That experience brought to mind a quote from leadership author John Maxwell:

“Everything rises and falls on leadership.”

In an organization like ours, where every activity is fueled solely by the passion and energy of committed, unpaid volunteers, this truth is even more critical. In this regard, our club is incredibly fortunate. Our seats are filled with former club presidents, seasoned business owners, and corporate leaders. It is because of this collective and shared leadership that our club, year in and out, is able to accomplish amazing things.

If you look at our calendar over the next few months, the energy and vitality of this club is on full display. It's important to remember that these aren't just events on your calendar; they are doors we are holding open for people to connect and serve. As I have said many times, many people are feeling disconnected from their jobs. Many are struggling to find friends and are feeling lonely. This is evident when noting that the average adult now spends over two hours on social media every day. I believe people are searching for better ways to connect and find purpose.

As we move into this busy season, I encourage you to think about the people in your own circles—neighbors, colleagues, or friends who might be looking for "something more." Inviting them to an upcoming service project or one of our alternative meetings is a simple, low-pressure way for them to:

- **Experience our culture** firsthand without the formality of a traditional meeting.
- **See the impact** of our collective leadership in the Boulder Valley community.
- **Find the connection** they've been looking for.

Our club's strength grows when we bring in new voices. Let's use these next few months to share the community and purpose we have collectively built.

Mark Burnett



Please send JPG photos only (no PDFs) and copy NOT attached to a string of previous comments.

The necessary information is swallowed whole and can't be accessed.

Joan Scott is assisting with the Newsletter and can receive information to be published through leacachjs@gmail.com.

Posts circulated via Clubrunner are provided by our club members who should be consulted regarding any comments or questions regarding the contents. Please read to the bottom of each post for contact information.

For the Speaker, please send a photo, brief biography, and topic description to me for the newsletter!

Articles of interest for our club and Rotarians are gratefully accepted.

I am merely the messenger.

Installation Banquet Save the Date July 23!

Speakers: Rex and Geoffrey



Rex and Geoffrey's Personal Stories

Either we live and die by accident or by plan. We all have had key life changing events. They could be any where from meeting one person, to surviving an accident, to witnessing a birth or a death, or finding a mentor who has influenced us to change our life direction. As we get older it is nice to reflect, share and be thankful for the positive impact of such personal "keystone happenings." The club is full of interesting people with amazing and entertaining stories. Hopefully our members will like the idea of people sharing influential events in their history and will want to schedule personal story telling meetings several times a year.

Please let me know your thoughts. Thanks Geoffrey

An Invitation from RISE Against Suicide

We're so excited to invite your Rotary group to volunteer with Rise Against Suicide for a hands-on project supporting youth mental health in our community.

On **Thursday, April 16 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**, we'll be gathering at our office to paint, decorate, and write affirmations on our giant Jenga blocks. This will become an interactive activity we bring to our upcoming Emerge event, as well as community events and presentations across the county.

It's a simple, creative project, but one that carries real impact. The words your group writes could be exactly what a young person needs to hear in a tough moment.

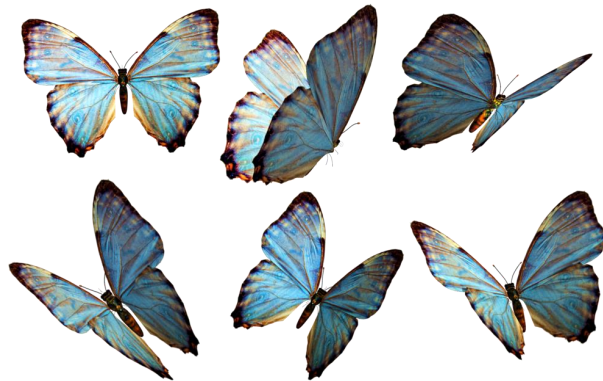
We'll provide all materials and lunch. It's a relaxed, come-as-you-are environment, and we'll be gathering together from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Please RSVP to Jane Engel if you are able to attend. janeengel8@gmail.com or text to 720-936-3525. I will send you directions for parking.

Rise Against Suicide Office

1415 Arapahoe Ave, Boulder

VOLUNTEER FOR THE EMERGE 5K RUN!



May 3, 2026

It's time to sign up to volunteer for EMERGE, the RISE 5k fundraiser. <https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/CO/Boulder/RiseAgainstSuicideEmerge5KRace>

The event is SUNDAY morning May 3 at the Boulder Reservoir. BIG OOPS.... I've been announcing this as May 2, BUT IT IS SUNDAY MAY 3rd. You can volunteer for set up activities starting at 6AM, lots of duties during the event and then clean up starting at 10:30AM. I usually

volunteer early, walk the 5k route and then stay for music and speakers afterwards. I encourage you to stay for at least part of the after race activities. They usually raise \$175,000 - \$200,000 at this event. Sign up here for a

shift <https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/CO/Boulder/RiseAgainstSuicideEmerge5KRace>

Jane EngelRotarian, Adventurer, Sister and Friend

BolderBoulder 10K Race Volunteers



Our club will again be volunteering to assist with passing out drinks during the race. As in previous years our site will be the Mile 3 Aid station at 19th and Floral. The race is Memorial Day May 25th and volunteers are needed to arrive at 6:00am and we will finish around 11:00. If you haven't helped before, I would describe the event as high energy, a party, chaotic, perpetual motion, and fun. For each volunteer our club will receive a donation to our Club Foundation. Kellie Martindale and I will be running the station. All volunteers must register for the event which will give you the opportunity to also order your shirts for the event. The registration for our specific group (BoulderValley Rotary Club) is below. https://www.letsdothis.com/us/o/156050/checkout/ticket?eventId=265326&utm_source=reserved_entry&occurrenceId=21111173769&reservationCode=re_razvz9wtqoux

Thanks for supporting this event along with our club.

Jeff Strobel

Our project for Rotary's EPIC Day of Service

2025 GLOBAL IMPACT
5 Continents
8 Countries
20 States
57 Districts
539 Clubs
613 Projects
6,557 Volunteers
\$151,197 Raised

PUT YOUR CLUBS ON THE MAP!



SAVE THE DATE **MAY 16, 2026** **PLAN YOUR PROJECT**



What if all 45,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide... all did any project they like... all on the same day? Imagine the...

IMPACT... 1.2 M Rotarians 🏆 plus community volunteers

REACH... build awareness 🏆 a membership magnet

ENGAGE... energize service 🏆 retain members

ADAPT... a new fundraising tool 🏆 top club did \$98,000



Sound like a Rotary Action Plan? It can help!
Unite for good on May 16, 2026 – or as near then
as possible – to show the world what we can do.
Have Fun – Make a Difference – Be EPIC!



epicdayofservice.org

organized by Rotary Clubs for communities worldwide

Our project for Rotary's **EPIC Day of Service** is now live, and members can sign up to participate.

This year, we will be volunteering at the food bank at the Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA) in Boulder. During the project, volunteers will help sort, inspect, and organize approximately **20,000 pounds of donated food** so it can be prepared for distribution to local families experiencing food insecurity.

EFAA plays a vital role in the Boulder community by providing food, housing stabilization, and other essential services to individuals and families in need. By helping process these donations, our volunteers will directly support EFAA's ability to ensure that nutritious food reaches households that need it most.

No prior experience is required. Volunteers should be comfortable standing, lifting light to moderate boxes, and working as part of a team.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful day of service.

Sign up today to participate.

- <https://www.epicdayofservice.org/clubs/united-states-5450-boulder-valley/projects/sort-and-prepare-food-donations-at-ffa-b858cb282>

L'Shawn Howard

BV Rotary Upcoming Service Projects



Upcoming Service Projects

We have a lot of opportunities to support our local community with the upcoming service projects! Please bring friends and enjoy this time to work with fellow Rotarians. More information will be coming. If you have questions, contact the person listed.

Ongoing – Harvest of Hope Food Pantry – sign up on your own or with a few friends, see message from Andrea

May 3 – Rise Against Suicide 5k race support

May 10 – tentative- PLAN Boulder Tree planting at New Vista High School with students and their mothers, Caroline (will be part of Caroline's Canopy)

May 13 - Epic Day of Service at EFAA (L'Shawn and Epic Day website to register)

May 16 – BCIS/High Peaks School – tree planting with PLAN Boulder and Caroline's Canopy, let Caroline know if you plan to attend

May 25 – Bolder Boulder Aide Station, 6 -11 am – Jeff
May 30 – The Family Learning Center – tree planting with PLAN Boulder and Caroline's Canopy

June 6 – Habitat for Humanity - our rescheduled work day for the Habitat MOD site is June 6, Saturday. The time is 9-3 and the location is 6500 Arapahoe. No construction experience is needed and any required tools will be provided. You must register to volunteer. *Use the link below.* This link will allow you to navigate the site, here are the steps: First choose individual volunteer, then choose MOD site April to June, Then scroll down to June 6 with the red line and click the box. It says Boulder Valley Rotary. You then will be sent to the page to complete your personal info including adding a photo of your drivers license. Once completed you can go back to the June 6 signup day and click "add to cart". Within a minute or 2 you will get a confirmation of your volunteering for that day.

[Bloomerang Volunteervolunteer.bloomerang.co](http://BloomerangVolunteervolunteer.bloomerang.co)

Any questions direct to Jeff Strobel. Strobeljeff@gmail.com

June 15 – 19 – Autism Society bike training camp – Rex

June 26 – Planned

Caroline Himes

District 5450 Rotarians - *Great Networking Opportunities*



Dear District 5450 Rotarians - see below for great training/networking opportunities. All Zoom sessions will be recorded and posted on the [District website Training page](#).

Save the Date!

TURNING CONFLICT INTO COLLABORATION

Saturday, April 18 | 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

EPIC Campus, Littleton, CO - space is limited

LEADERSHIP LAB

Saturday, May 2 | 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Front Range Community College

WOMEN POWERING CHANGE

Thursday, May 7 | 4:00 to 7:00 pm

University Memorial Center, Boulder, CO

EPIC DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, May 16 - is your club project registered?

GRANTS QUALIFICATION TRAINING

Saturday, May 30 | 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE - registration will open soon

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June 13-17, 2026

There's still time to register!

***** [CLICK HERE TO VIEW CLUB EVENTS!](#) *****

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Interested in becoming an event sponsor? [Click here for more info!](#)

Bev -

Beverly Mendel

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