



# The Rotary Club of Boulder Valley - April 21, 2026

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*Tuesday April 21, 2026 12 PM - 3 PM, Village View Room,*

*Williams Village*

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## *Mark Burnett, Our President 2025 - 2026*

Fellow Rotarians,

When we first moved to Colorado, someone told me that the Front Range has three seasons: July, August, and Winter. This sentiment, more than anything, reflects the volatility and unpredictability of the weather. During my time here, I remember seeing snow in September and, as fate had it, snow over Memorial Day in 2019. (Perhaps surprisingly, the weather was better when my youngest went through graduation in December of that year.) However, with little regard to the inconsistency of the weather, the calendar is still the calendar. And this month, despite the warmth and snow, is still April.

For many high school seniors, the end of their time in secondary education is drawing near. They are filled with anxiousness, anxiety, stress, and relief as they look beyond the work of the day and toward the "freedom" they anticipate will arrive in just under a month. Some are a little more concerned as the reality of an ending comes upon them and previously ignored grades and credits move front and center — especially when the counseling staff warns them that they might not graduate unless they pass every class this final semester.

Transitions do not end in high school, though; they continue on through life as we progress from one job to another, as we move from one city to another, or as we move from one phase of life to another. And as we approach each transition, we look back to the familiarity and, sometimes, comfort of the past while looking forward to the challenges, hopes, and uncertainty of the future. It is in these moments of transition that the value of community becomes most apparent. The senior who is uncertain about what comes next, the professional who has just accepted a position in a new city, the retiree who is navigating what identity looks like without a career to define it — all of them share something in common: they are looking for an anchor, a harbor of stability and safety.

Rotary, at its best, can be that anchor. One of the quiet gifts of this organization is that it travels with you. Whether you have been a member for thirty years or thirty days, whether you are greeting familiar faces at your home club or walking into a meeting in an unfamiliar city, there is something recognizable in the room. The Four-Way Test reads the same. The commitment to service does not change. And as I learned at the RI Convention last year, the conversation with a fellow Rotarian feels strangely familiar and comfortable, even with a stranger.

As I look at some of the current seniors whom I have met over my three years at Niwot, and who are now facing, arguably, the first of life's major transitions, I wish I could tell them not to worry — that the fear and discomfort of the "in between" is temporary, and that on the other side of it, there is usually something worth the struggle, the fear, and the uncertainty. And I

would remind them that there are always people who care for them and will, to the degree possible, support them.

And when I look across our meetings and see the faces of new and longtime Rotarians, I am comforted by the enduring support you have given one another — as people, as Rotarians, and as members of this club — through the many transitions of our lives.

Let us continue to “Unite for Good”

*Mark Burnett*



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

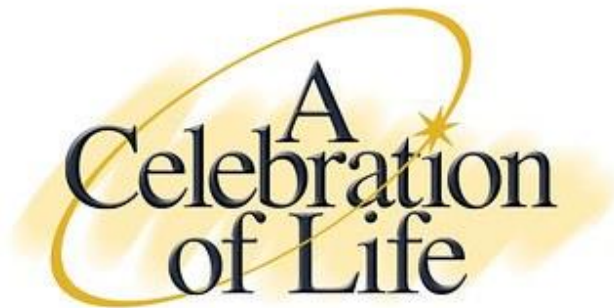
***For the Speaker, please send a photo, brief biography, and topic description to me for the newsletter!***

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

***I am merely the messenger.***

***Installation Banquet Save the Date July 23!***

***Jim Beckley***



Jim's celebration of life service will be on May 17th, from 3pm to 5pm at the Chautauqua Community House.

*Rex van Gorden*

## **Speakers: *Member Moments***

### ***Tree Planting at the Family Learning Center***

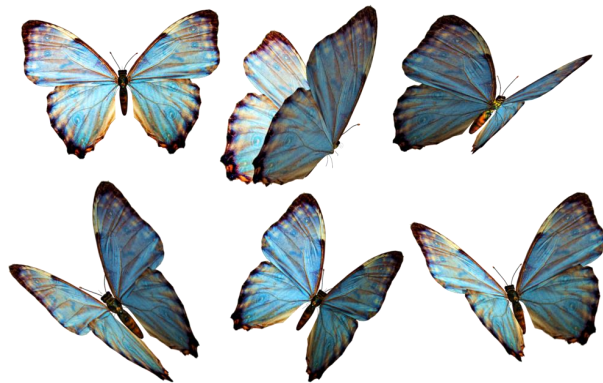


*Boulder Rotary has asked for us to participate in a tree planting project at the Family Learning Center - details below:*

Tree planting on Saturday April 25th from 1:30 to 3:30. at the Family Learning Center at 3164 34th St, Boulder, CO 80301. Drinks and snacks provided. We have shovels and gloves but feel free to bring your own.

*Bob Harberg*

### ***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](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

DO MORE GOOD

The graphic features a world map with red location pins indicating project sites across various continents. A yellow box on the left lists the 2025 global impact statistics. The bottom of the graphic includes the event date and a call to action to plan projects, along with the 'DO MORE GOOD' slogan.



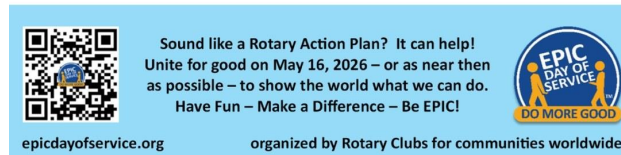
What if all 45,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide... all did any project they like... all on the same day? Imagine the...

**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



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](https://bloomerang.com/volunteer)

Any questions direct to Jeff Strobel. [Strobeljeff@gmail.com](mailto: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*

**RI CONVENTION TAIPEI, TAIWAN**

*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 -*

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