



The Rotary Club of Boulder Valley - April 7, 2026

Tuesday April 7, 2026 11 AM--3 PM, SEEC Room 372

Mark Burnett, Our President 2025 - 2026

Fellow Rotarians,

One of the nation's most influential public radio stations is KCRW. It is hosted on the Santa Monica College campus and started in 1947. It was originally designed to help train students in radio programming. (The CRW stood for College Radio Workshop.) This mission was abandoned years ago when new leadership was brought in during the late '70s and increased the professionalism of the station. (Note: I had friends who hosted weekly late-night shows that allowed them to share their passion and get some radio exposure.) Those days are long gone.

But I still have a connection to this station through a radio show called "Left, Right and Center." It started in 1997 and I probably began listening a few years later. The original host was Matt Miller. Also included on the panel were Arianna Huffington, the late Tony Blankley, and LA Times writer Robert Scheer. The purpose of the show was to allow for multi-sided conversation to take place "outside the talking bubbles that dominate political debate." Over the intervening years, the hosts and panel members have changed; the focus on polite, civil discussion remains. I feel fortunate to live in these times since I can continue to listen to their weekly shows via their podcast feed.

On a different note, Apple Corp celebrated its 50th birthday on Wednesday, April 1. Further, on April 3, the first iPad was made available for purchase — 16 years ago. My wife was an early adopter of the iPad in her classroom, and we still have one of those early devices in our home.

Something to mark on your calendars: Rotary International announced that, due to the uncertainty in the Middle East, the 2027 RI Convention will be moved from Dubai to Barcelona. The dates are June 26–30.

How are these vignettes related? At first glance, they may seem like a random collection of anniversaries and observations. But I think they share a common thread: the enduring value of connection across difference.

"Left, Right and Center" was built on the belief that people with genuinely different viewpoints could sit together, speak honestly, and listen to one another — not to score points, but to understand. That's a radical idea in today's media landscape, and yet it has survived nearly three decades because people are hungry for it.

Apple, for all of its commercial success, has always been in the business of connection too — bringing technology into the hands of teachers, students, and creators everywhere. My wife's early iPad didn't just change how she taught; it changed how her students learned, how they engaged, and how they saw the world.

And Barcelona? The city has seen empires rise and fall, hosted the Olympics, and for centuries welcomed travelers from throughout the world. It is a place that knows how to hold difference with grace. When Rotary gathers again in 2027, as it did in 2002, it will again be bringing people together across national borders, political lines, and cultural distances to work on something larger than ourselves.

This is the Rotary ideal in its purest form. Not agreement. Not uniformity. But the willingness to show up, to listen, and to believe that our connectivity and collective efforts can make a difference. Or as this year's slogan reminds us, "Unite for Good."

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!

Speaker: Michael Dougherty, District Attorney in Boulder County



The presentation is: "Current Issues and Challenges in the Justice System". We will discuss recent issues for community safety, including challenges with mental health and substance abuse, gun violence, and the controversy around ICE and immigration. Each of these 3 issues is having a significant impact on Boulder County and across Colorado. How do we work through these challenges to build a better community and future?

Michael Dougherty has served as the elected District Attorney in Boulder County for the past eight years, Michael Dougherty has earned a statewide reputation for leadership, accountability, and compassion. Michael successfully prosecuted the King Soopers mass shooting case, ensuring justice for victims and their families during one of Colorado's most tragic events. He is currently prosecuting the Pearl Street firebombing case. Before serving as District Attorney, Michael led the Criminal Justice Section of the Colorado Attorney General's Office, overseeing teams handling homicides, financial frauds, environmental crimes, and law enforcement accountability all across the state. He also served as second-in-command in the Jefferson and

Gilpin County District Attorney's Office, where he helped modernize operations, handled major cases, and advanced criminal justice reforms. Earlier in his career, Michael spent over a decade as a prosecutor in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, where he specialized in sex crimes and homicides and ultimately rose to executive leadership. Throughout his career, he has championed victim support, public safety, and innovative reforms to make the justice system fairer and more effective. Michael is married and the proud father of twins.

Cliff Gronseth

Sister Carmen Planter Box Assembly









Today, March 29, we had a Rotary crew at Sister Carmen to help with their community food collection effort. It was a slower day (Palm Sunday) with other volunteers on site as well. That gave us Rotarians the chance to assemble their planter boxes a few days ahead of the Wednesday schedule. Success - all 9 boxes assembled by the diligent crew in the photos!!

Steve Parrish

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

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_razv9wtgoux

Thanks for supporting this event along with our club.

Jeff Strobel

Dan Booth in Florida

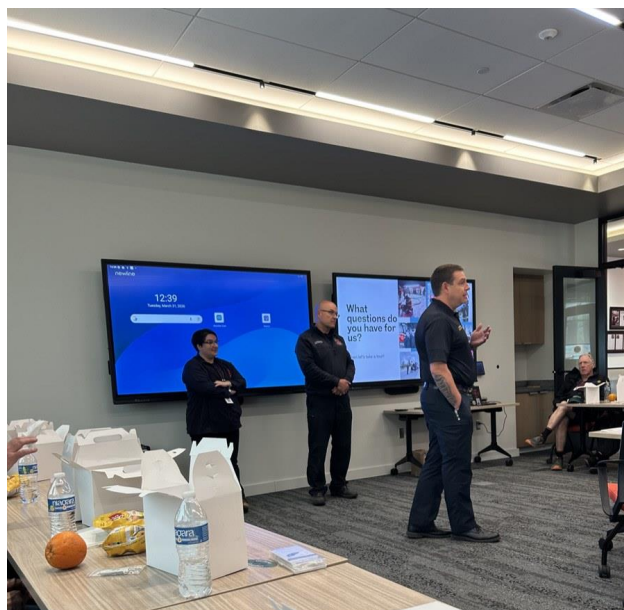


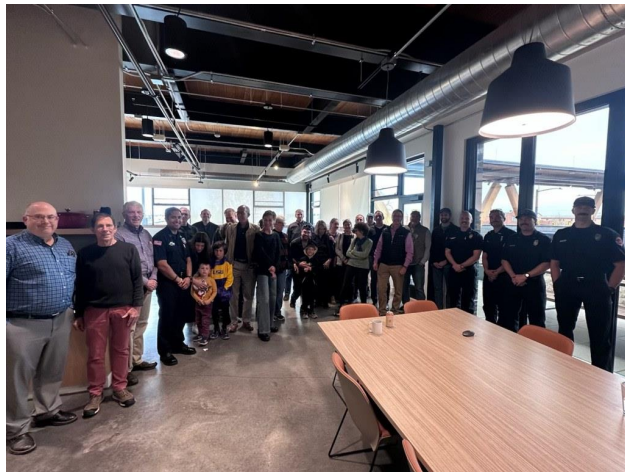
Note to BVRC members.

I'll miss the event at Boulder Fire Rescue, but hope you get to sit in the new truck.

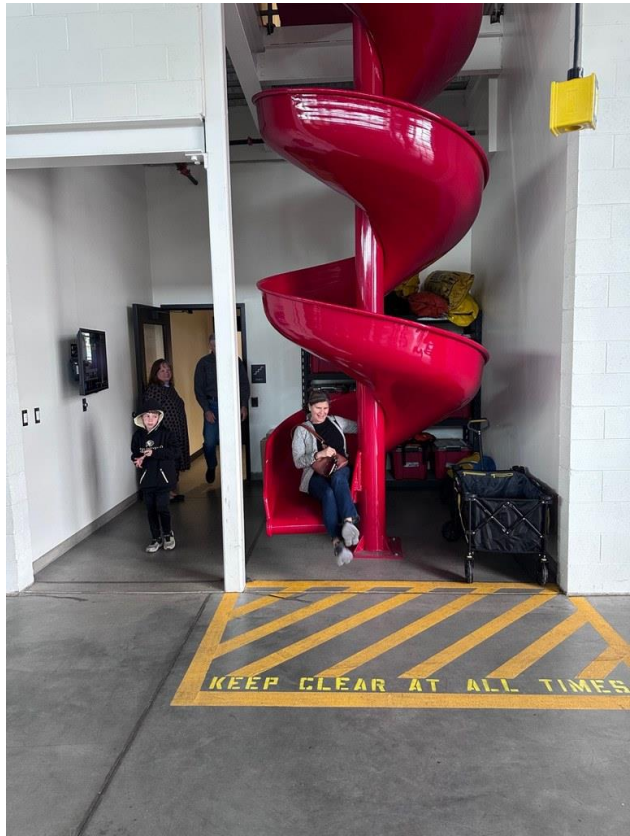
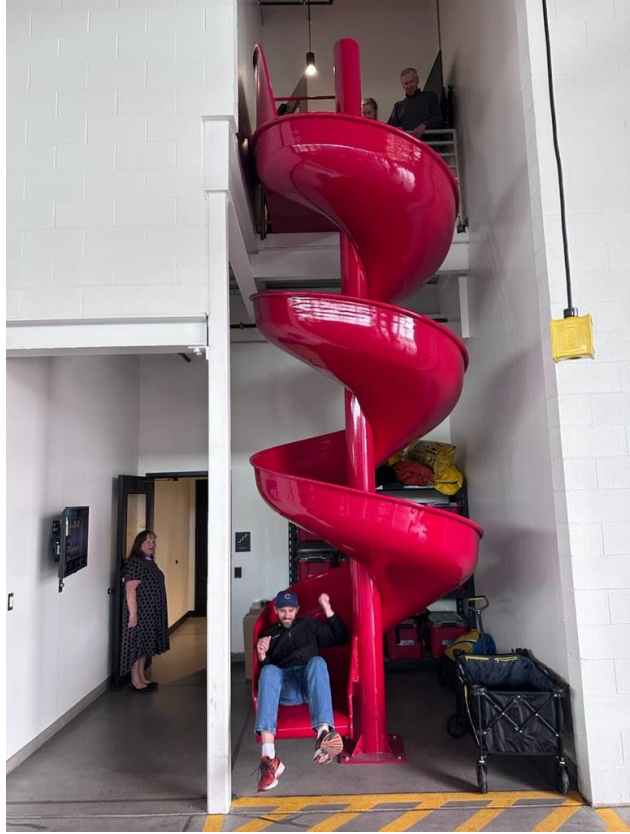
:):) Dan

Boulder Fire Station 3 Visit, 5th Tuesday















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

EPIC DAY OF SERVICE DO MORE GOOD



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!

AT THE TABLE WITH DR. KING

Saturday, April 4 | 3:00 pm at the EPIC Campus

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!

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