



The Rotary Club of Boulder Valley - February 10, 2026

Tuesday February 10, 2026, 11 AM--3 PM. The View Room, Williams Village

Mark Burnett, Our President 2025 - 2026

Fellow Rotarians,

At most church weddings, it has become almost cliché for a reading of 1 Corinthians 13 to be included in the service. After the famous passage that begins, “Love is patient and kind . . .” there is an often-overlooked phrase in the final verse: “But now faith, hope, and love remain.”

This week’s meeting featured a talk from Michael Bloom regarding the status and challenges of homelessness in Boulder. At the end of his comments, he invited a woman to share her journey from homelessness to being housed. She spoke about her initial efforts to get involved at the shelter by taking on various tasks. Over time, her energy and engagement landed her a job at the shelter—work she continues to do today. One thing she emphasized was the pivotal role that hope played in her transition. In a poignant, almost offhand comment, she noted that her road away from homelessness truly began once she rediscovered hope for her future.

In my opinion, providing that hope is the primary mission for Rotarians. Due to the lingering impact of social isolation, the rising cost of living, and the influence of social media, 1 in 5 adults in the U.S. suffer from active depression or daily loneliness (about 50 million people). Among our youth, over 40% report persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness. Furthermore, a recent *Fast Company* article reported that 71% of Millennials (now aged 30–45) feel disengaged at work. I would argue these are all signs of a population that has, to some degree, lost hope for their personal future.

Fortunately, through our acts of generosity, our willingness to provide service, and our personal engagement with others, Rotary is seen as a source of hope for many. The community we have created at BVRC can be a source of both fulfillment and connection. We simply need to reach out to those who are searching and enable them to engage with us in creating a better future for our community and the world.

For many professionals, our midweek meeting time can be an obstacle. That is where: a) the Companion Club can serve as a bridge for those who cannot commit to a midday meeting, and b) our alternative meetings in March, April, and May—along with our regular service projects—can provide ways for busy individuals to connect. With our collective energy and hope, we can make this world a better place. It all happens because we 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.

RCBV Anniversary Party Date and Location TBD.

Super Bowl Squares Game/Fundraiser!

It's time for the third annual Super Bowl Squares game/fundraiser! Help support our scholarship fund by buying a "square" (or more than one!). No football knowledge necessary!

Here is a link to the game: <https://www.superbowlsquares.org/BVRC> Feel free to forward the link to friends and family as well! We'd like to get all 100 squares "picked" as soon as possible.

Mark Lumsden

Speaker: Sarah Harrison, Vice president of Programs at Community Foundation, Boulder



The Community Foundation Trends Report

The Community Foundation gathers a vast amount of information about Boulder for their Trends report. Trends provides community data to residents, organizations, and civic

leaders in order to engage minds, inform decisions, and inspire action. Explore indicators on housing, income and economics, education, arts and culture, environment and sustainability, health and wellness, and more. The database of this information is all on-line now and access is very user friendly. Go to <https://www.commfound.org/our-work/trends/> to experience the Trends report.

Sarah Harrison, Vice president of Programs at Community Foundation, Boulder County Sarah Harrison has a 20-year career in the field of philanthropy. Sarah is the Vice President of Programs at Community Foundation Boulder County and oversees discretionary grants and the Foundation's leadership programs.

Prior to her work in philanthropy, Sarah worked in homelessness services, after school and family programs, early childhood education initiatives, and higher education.

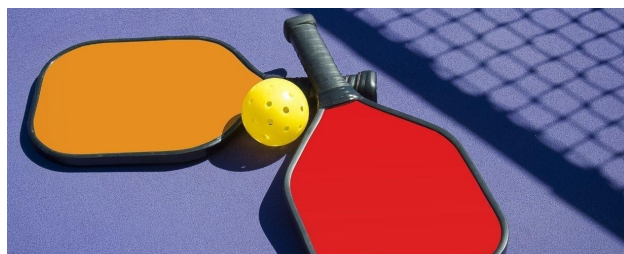
With a doctorate from Bowling Green State University in the field of Leadership and Policy Studies, Dr. Harrison has been an adjunct professor at the University of Colorado Denver and Bowling Green State University for almost 20 years.

Currently residing in Boulder County, Sarah has been involved in the community and has supported higher education opportunities for Latino/a young adults.

Dave Gardner

Jane Engel

Save the Date – Pickleball & Fellowship!



Get ready for a fun, casual evening of **fellowship, food, and pickleball** with Boulder Valley Rotary!

Thursday, March 19

4:00–6:00 p.m.

Relish Food Hall & Pickleball

550 S McCaslin Blvd, Louisville, CO 80027

Whether you play or just want to cheer and socialize, this will be a great time together. More details to follow!

L'Shawn Howard

BV Rotary Upcoming Service Projects



Please plan ahead to join in some or all of these upcoming service projects, bring friends and consider getting together with fellow Rotarians before or after the event to add a more social component.

February – Flower distribution – CANCELLED – the Flower Show has a different manager and they have decided to not go forward with this distribution.

March – Sister Carmen food bank – date TBD

April – Possible work with PLAY Boulder, perhaps Caroline’s Canopy

May – this is our big month of service!- Rise Against Suicide support for their 5k event-

EPIC Day of Service – many details to follow- Bolder Boulder Aid Station support

Caroline Himes

District 5450 Rotarians - *Great Networking Opportunities*



Dear District 5450 Rotarians - see below for great training/networking opportunities coming up through February. All Zoom sessions will be recorded and posted on the **District Website Training pag**

ROTARY 101

Thursday, February 12 | 7:00 to 8:00 pm via Zoom

***** FREE QUEEN SLEEPER SOFAS & LAMPS for non-profit organizations.** Must pick up in Breckenridge. Contact [Drew Roberts](#) for information. *******

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