



# The Rotary Club of Boulder Valley - January 20, 2026

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*1/20/2026 12:00, View Room, 2nd Floor, Williams Village CU, Cafeteria*

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

Fellow Rotarians,

Whenever I am presenting, either to a group of impact leaders or to students in a class, I have this belief that what I am trying to say is both simple and easily understood. This morning, while

talking during the first class of the day, I had one of those moments when it was clear that: a) I did not explain the assignment very well, b) the written description of the assignment was less than perfect, and c) the students did not hear what I said. On the bright side, the situation was resolved during that class block, and I was able to make some minor updates to both my presentation and the written instructions to make things better for the next group of students.

It's funny how a room full of confusion can be the best teacher! For me, it was a total 'back to the drawing board' moment that reminded me why we value flexibility so much in Rotary. Even with the best intentions, our 'clear' messages can sometimes get lost in translation; sometimes, I just need to retreat and try again.

This morning taught me a few things:

1. Stop and listen before talking. I needed to embrace and understand their confusion before I could remedy it.
2. Progress over perfection. I had to remember that for each student, the goal is to learn and grow—it's not about me having a perfect presentation.

At the end of the day, leadership is just as much about fixing our own 'glitches' as it is about guiding others. It is about relentlessly trying to put myself in someone else's shoes to ensure that every instruction is truly clear and understandable.

Let us always, Unite For Good.

*Mark Burnett*



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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.

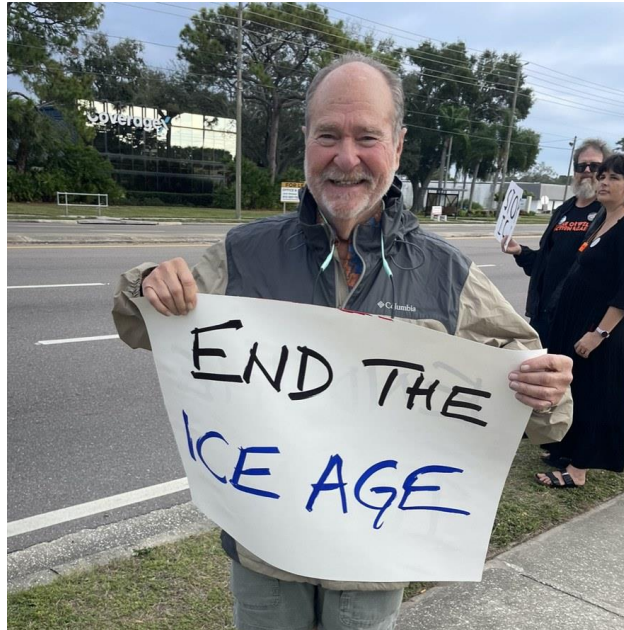
***For the Speaker, please send a photo, brief biography, and topic description to me for the newsletter!***

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

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

## *RCBV Anniversary Party Date and Location TBD.*

### *Dan Booth in Florida*



Hi from Dunedin FLa,

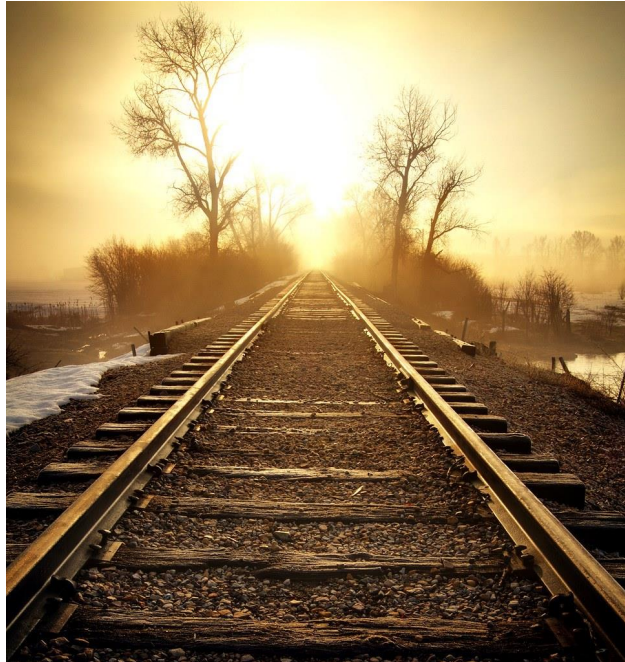
I'm here trying to sell my condo and decided to enjoy the FL weather while doing so.

The outing in the photo was not recreational. I was at (not in) the Clearwater Jail yesterday with an interfaith group that demonstrates every Sunday afternoon an agreement to use the jail as a deportation gulag and empower its police to work with ICE. IMHO new ICE officers are inadequately trained and many new and experienced officers are sometimes over-aggressive, dangerous and sometimes allowed to use unlawful tactics. I was happy to join the demonstration. Someone loaned me a sign and of course I had to send a photo home. ;)

ICE and the current administration need the 4-way test! Can I hear an AMEN?

*Dan Booth*

**Speaker: *Branden Shafer, Train Coming to Boulder, Ft. Collins, and Steamboat Springs***



*1 - Introduction by Eric Rutherford*

## *D.D. Mallard, Our New Member*



### *Education*

In 1973, I received a B.A. degree in English and History and a teaching certificate from Lamar University, the school in my hometown of Beaumont, Texas.

In 1977, I received a M.S. degree in School Administration from Lamar University.

In 1989, I received a J.D. degree from the University of Colorado.

### *Professional Experience*

After graduating from law school, I worked as an associate attorney at Davis Graham; Stubbs LLP in Denver, where I practiced natural resources law. I joined the Boulder District Attorney's Office in September 1991; there I worked my way up from County Court through Juvenile and into District Court. My caseloads included all types of criminal cases. At the time I was appointed to the bench in 2004, I was the Chief Trial Deputy District Attorney. As Chief Trial Deputy, I carried a felony caseload as was the Supervisor/Chief of the District Court Deputies.

The governor appointed me as a judge in the 20th Colorado Judicial District. I took the bench on February 2, 2004, and retired on July 31, 2015. During that time, I presided over many different types of civil, criminal and domestic relations cases. I stood for retention in the 2006 and 2012

general elections; the judicial performance Commissions made unanimous recommendations for retention both times, and I was retained by a vote of the people.

#### *Family and Community Service Work*

I have three adult children, ages 47, 49 and 51. My husband died in July of 2023 after two years in Hospice. My Goldendoodles, Blanche and Moxie, are my present-day, wonderful companions.

I currently volunteer as a Thrift Store cashier four hours/week for the Tru Community Care Thrift Store. I am also currently on my HOA (Brookfield) Board of Directors, I am a volunteer Puppy Sitter for Paragon Service Dogs, and I volunteer at my church, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder. In every general election year, I am a member of the Judicial Performance Commission. (The Commission evaluates judges up for retention and makes recommendations to voters regarding retention.)

In my spare time I enjoy walking my dogs, spending time with friends and family, taking OLLI classes, taking Pilates classes and attending bookclub meetings and University Women's Club events.

I am looking forward to getting to know the club members and taking part in Rotary projects.

## ***Pickleball Tournament: Denver Cherry Creek and Centennial - Register and Play!***



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**2026 CHARITY**

**PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT**

**31 JANUARY 2026**  
SOUTH SUBURBAN INDOOR PICKLEBALL (SSIA)  
PICKLEBALL ATTIRE

**ALL NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT CHARITIES.**

🌀 All skill levels welcome! 🌀 Teams will play four games.  
🌀 Your entry includes lunch and one Donation Drawing ticket.

**WIN A 7-NIGHT BEACH GETAWAY FOR 6!**

\*Take the family or bring friends along for the ultimate beach escape! Choose from the vibrant energy of Mexico, the serene beauty of Bali, the rich culture of Spain or the tropical paradise of Hawaii.  
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*For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Rad Elekovic at 720-486-5543*

Link to register [birdease.com/33603](https://birdease.com/33603)

Thank you, Rad Elekovic

RC Centennial

***Thirsty*** (Third - Ah) ***Fourth Thursday!***



January 22nd., Rosetta Hall. Join us just to chat and enjoy the food.

This month we will meet again at 5:30pm on July 17th at Rosetta Hall 1109 Walnut St, Boudier Thursday, Rosetta Hall is a 'fancy' food court with several different food and drink vendors. We will try, depending on table or chair availability, to meet on the top floor's open-air patio. It is a venue where guests can hear each other, and the view is great.

You do not have to RSVP but it helps to know how many chairs to hold. Bring friends and family!!

Cheers!

John Kenyon

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## *Boulder Valley Rotary Club Day of Service*



*2 - (similar facility)*

*The Habitat for Humanity Modular Building Facility,*

*January 24, 2026. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

Our club will be leading the build at the new indoor modular factory site at the Boulder Valley School District campus at 6500 Arapahoe Road. This is a learning facility for the Vo-Tech program at BVSD. The homes manufactured at this facility go into the City of Boulder affordable housing program.

You do not need prior construction experience to volunteer for this event. You must however register to volunteer. The registration is a 2 step process. First, if you are not already in the Habitat volunteer program you need to create a profile.

Once that is completed you can then volunteer for a specific volunteer day January 24th is designated for the Boulder Valley Rotary Club which includes our guests. Sign up is by going to FLATIRONS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY The signup process is open. Come and work alongside your fellow Rotarians as you assist in providing housing for those with the greatest need.

*Jeff Strobel*

## ***BV Rotary Service Activities by Caroline Himes***



### ***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.

January 24 (*note the date!*) – we will work at the Habitat for Humanity facility on Arapahoto help build houses at an inside location.

February – Flower distribution

March – Sister Carmen food bank – date TBD

## 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 page**.

### [ROTARY NIGHT AT THE STOCK SHOW](#)

*Wednesday, January 21 | 5:00 pm*

*National Western Stock Show - meet RI Director Wyn Spiller!*

### [CLUBRUNNER NOVA: BASICS](#)

*Thursday, January 22 | 4:00 to 5:00 pm via Zoom*

### [CLUBRUNNER NOVA: WEBSITES](#)

*Thursday, January 29 | 4:00 to 5:00 pm via Zoom*

### [CLUBRUNNER NOVA: BULLETINS](#)

*Thursday, February 5 | 4:00 to 5:00 pm via Zoom*

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

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