



# The Rotary Club of Boulder Valley - June 16, 2026

***Tuesday, June 16, at 12:00 Noon, we meet at SEEC-120 AB***

***Hello All,***

All of the tickets have been taken for Twelfth Night so registration is now closed.

Margot is bringing a salmon for the picnic before the show. As a reminder, we will be getting together at 5:30 for the picnic.

**Please email Margot ([margotcrowe@gmail.com](mailto:margotcrowe@gmail.com)) to let her know what dish you will be bringing to share.**

**Also please bring your own nonalcoholic drinks.** We do not have a permit that allows alcohol.

Thanks,

*Dave*

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

Fellow Rotarians,

Every year I try to run a trail race or two. This year I decided to attempt one that I have not done before, the Cougar Classic 26K, which takes place in September up in Vail. Since it is only a few months away, I have started training more intently than I recently had been. One of the challenges of increased training — at least for a person who has joint issues from too many years of playing and coaching volleyball — is the possibility of knee pain, IT band problems, and plantar fasciitis. So far I've dodged those particular ailments, but I did buy a new pair of running shoes recently since my current ones were getting a little long in the tooth. Buying new shoes, especially trail shoes, is not a simple process when one has extra wide feet. (When I was in elementary school, my mother used to joke that it would be easier to just buy the shoe box.) My search eventually led me to New Balance and the Fresh Foam X Hierro v9 in extra-wide — not the most poetic name, but they fit. On a trail, that's all that matters.

So what does any of this have to do with Rotary? Arguably very little. But the analogy is worth examining. Very often we have goals and projects we want to pursue, and the attainment of those things requires not only personal and team discipline but also getting the right tools and the right people in place. You can have all the motivation in the world, but if you're trying to run a trail race in ill-fitting shoes, at best you may come up short, or at worst you may be limping home. (I used to tell my daughter that one of the problems of trail running is that regardless of what happens, you have to find a way to get off the hill — you can't just call someone on the phone to pick you up.)

The same is true for our club's largest fundraiser of the year, the Chili & Beer Fest, coming up on September 12th in Superior. A successful event requires the coordinated effort of beer vendors, the Town of Superior, and our small army of club members. Behind the scenes, that means recruiting vendors, completing permits and insurance documentation with both the state and the city, and coordinating all the moving pieces on the day itself. The funds we raise go directly toward the youth programs and community projects that define who we are as a club.

Right now, about four or five members are carrying most of that load — and they're doing it well. But like a trail runner who could use a pacer for the hard miles, we could use a few more hands, especially right now as we work to recruit vendors. If you have connections to a brewery or would like to help with reaching out to past and prospective vendors, we'd love to have your help. Otherwise, we hope to see you there on September 12th.

The race is in September. So is the Beer Fest. Preparation for both is going on now.

*Mark Burnett*



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***in documents***

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 JPG 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.***

## *Julie, Director of Ed, and Emily Adams, DD-PPRM*

### **Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains-Gamm Fund, Recipient of Education for the Disabled**

Julie is the Director of Education at Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, where she oversees staff & programs in Colorado and New Mexico. Julie has been educating youth and training adults with PPRM for over 24 years. She co-authored and published the book 'In Case You're Curious: Questions about Sex from Young People with Answers from the Experts'. Julie's favorite parts of her work are interacting and learning from youth, answering unpredictable questions, and finding humor in most situations.

*Diana*

## *June 30, 5th Tuesday at the Great Dharma Chan Monastery*





Greetings, Mr. Mione,

Thank you for your inquiry!

We would be absolutely delighted to host your group on **Tuesday, June 30, 2026**.

We have a lovely visit planned for you. Upon your arrival, we'll start with a **half-hour guided tour** of our grounds, followed by about **30 minutes for lunch**. Afterward, our **Abbot** would be happy to share the history and mission of our organization with you. If your group is interested, the Abbot can also lead a session on a **simple, accessible form of meditation**.

Regarding lunch, please keep in mind that we are a **vegetarian community (vegan, but dairy is ok)**. We kindly ask that any lunch or snacks your group brings along adhere to these dietary guidelines out of respect for our traditions.

We are looking forward to sharing our space and community with all of you. Please let us know if you have any questions or if there is anything specific we can do to make your visit more comfortable!

Warmly,

JianYong Shi

All,

*Our fifth Tuesday this month will be at the Great Dharma Chan Monastery at*

*6417 South Boulder Rd, Boulder, CO 80303*

Here are the meal options (note: only vegetarian meals are allowed at the monastery);

1. *Roasted Veggie on Focaccia* — roasted vegetables, goat cheese, pesto (vegetarian)

2. *Hummus on Wheat* — hummus, cucumber, sprouts (vegan)
3. *Caprese Salad* — fresh mozzarella, tomatoes, basil, balsamic (vegetarian)
4. *Curried Chickpea Salad Sandwich* — chickpeas, vegan mayo, celery, apple, golden raisins, curry spices, and spinach on whole wheat bread (vegan)
5. *Simple Mixed Greens Salad* — mixed greens, cucumber, carrots, tomatoes, and dressing on the side (vegan)

**Respond by June 15!**

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### ***Yamagata Visitors for Fall, Potential Club Activity***

I shared the following information with 12 club members in early June via email. I did not receive any responses from any of those recipients leaving me challenged as to how to proceed. After some reflection, I have decided to reach out from RI in Taiwan to add this edited version to our newsletter in case there are any club members who would like to participate.

A 34-person delegation from Yamagata City, Japan will visit Boulder from 9/28 to 10/1. The purpose of the visit will be to celebrate the Yamagata City/Boulder Sister City relationship. The last time this occurred in Boulder was in 2016. The delegation will consist of 14 governmental folks from various offices and 20 members from the greater Yamagata community. Among the visiting community members will be some members of the Yamagata North Rotary Club, our sister Rotary club. I will check with YNRC for more details about their participants in the near future.

Our Rotary club has been approached to help make this sister city visit a grand success. We are all proud of Boulder so it should be easy to contribute to the various events being planned or with adding new ideas (Ann and I have already raised our hands). Community service anyone?

One important event being planned is a “Home Visit” cultural experience for the visitors. Home Visit means that local Boulder folks will volunteer to host a “typical Boulder dinner” as the host wishes to define it. For instance: a vegetarian meal or a non-alcoholic evening or wild game meat from the west or a typical burger cookout or ?? This will be held on the evening of Sept. 30th. Depending on how many hosts can be recruited, each dinner will have from 3 to 5 visitors.

Home Visit hosts will also be recruited from around Boulder by word of mouth up to a total of 9 or 10 hosts. This will be a great opportunity for an enjoyable evening for all involved. It could even become a club activity of sorts, if several club hosts volunteer and later would like some planning support or participation support. No worries about language – Japanese often have some basic English language skills plus the GoogleTranslate app works well. And of course, gestures and smiles always work wonders.

The local organizer hopes that BVRC will invite the Japanese Rotarians and any other interested Japanese visitors to join our September 29 th Rotary meeting. That seems like a very logical action to take. Maybe we can think of a cool way to deliver an invitation to attend or maybe a specialized meeting agenda for that day??

Finally, if anyone wishes to lend a hand in the overall planning and prep process for the three-day visit, your efforts will be greatly appreciated by the local organizer, Eiko Kato. The more we can help, the more likely that the club will be mentioned in follow-up local news coverage. Plus we will pick up some great content for our website and social media including photos. I will respond via email [sparrish80304@gmail.com](mailto:sparrish80304@gmail.com) (even from Taiwan) to anyone with questions or wanting to volunteer.

Thank you.

*Steve Parrish*

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

***BV Rotary Upcoming Service Projects***



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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.

*June 15 – 19* – Autism Society Bike Camp is June 15 - 19. This camp is open to anyone who wants to learn to ride a bike with a focus on those who are more challenged. Just anote, the Autism Society is a small nonprofit with a part time director and no staff so they work with the *iCan Shine* nonprofit to put on the camp. Rex will have details of what the volunteers are expected to do later. <https://icanshine.org/ican-bike-boulder-co/>- Contact Rex for questions and if interested.

June 26 – Planned Parenthood fundraising event support – need 8 volunteers, Diana

## 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 pag](#)

### RI CONVENTION TAIPEI, TAIWAN

*June 13-17, 2026*

*There's still time to register!*

[ERIE ROTARY FARM TO TABLE DINNER & AUCTION](#) | Saturday, June 13 - 5:00 to 8:00 pm | 225 Beacon Hill Drive, Lafayette | Enjoy dinner, music and comedy performance | Seating is limited | [Click here to purchase tickets](#)

[WESTMINSTER SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT](#) | Wednesday, June 17 - Shotgun Start 7:30 am | Greg Mastriona Golf Course at Hyland Hills, Westminster | Individual golfers, Foursomes, and Sponsorships available.

[AURORA GATEWAY SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT](#) | Thursday, June 18 - Shotgun Start at 7:30 am | Saddle Rock Golf Course, Aurora | Individual golfers, Foursomes, and Sponsorships available - [click here for rate card.](#)

HIGHLANDS RANCH PAINT RECYCLING FUNDRAISER | Saturday, June 20 - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
| St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Highlands Ranch | [Click here to register for a drop-off time](#) | [Click here for the event flyer](#)

[MOUNTAIN FOOTHILLS Andy Smith Sr Memorial Golf Tournament](#) | Monday, July 13, Shotgun Start 8:00 am | Hiwan Golf Club in Evergreen. Benefiting INSPIRE program (special needs children and adults) Resilience 1220 and Crutches 4 Africa.

[EVERGREEN ST BALDRICK'S FOUNDATION](#) | Evergreen Rotary is looking for fundraising teams to join us raising money for The St. Baldrick's Foundation, the largest private fundraiser in the U.S. for Children's Cancer Research.

[DENVER SOUTHEAST HOPS & GRAPES](#) Save the Date | Saturday, August 15 - 4:30 to 7:30 pm  
| Curtis Park in Greenwood Village | Live Music, Local Food & Drinks, Games for Kids, Pets Welcome | Tickets on Sale Soon

Support eClub One's meeting Make-Up Program - your contributions make a difference! Rotarians from any Rotary Club in the world are welcome to make-up for missed meetings at their own club by completing a make-up meeting with Rotary eClub One. Because eClub One is an internet-based club, funds generated through the Make-Up Program are the main fundraising source to support eClub One's service projects, which occur around the globe. To participate in online meeting make-ups, visit: <https://www.rotaryclubone.org/makeups/howtodoamakeup/>

[Summit County Bingo](#) | Second Monday 6:00 to 8:00 pm | The Pad, 491 Rainbow Drive, Silverthorne | % of bar sales and proceeds benefit rotating local non-profits.

[CLUB VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES](#) | View a grid listing of club service project volunteer opportunities. Help other clubs help their communities thrive!

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

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