



The Rotary Club of Boulder Valley - June 2, 2026

Tuesday, June 2 Meeting Location: SEEC C120-AB, 12:00 Noon

Mark Burnett, Our President 2025 - 2026

Fellow Rotarians,

I joined the Rotary Club of Boulder Valley a little over eight years ago. As I have mentioned numerous times, I had a longtime sense of obligation to Rotary International, and that was what drove me to join. As Bill Farrell will admit, he was the first member of RCBV that I met — albeit at a Flatirons Rotary Club meeting. In any case, when I attended my first Rotary meeting, I knew nobody. Bill, though, was a person I could anchor myself to at that first meeting.

I suspect that outside of the group of visionary charter members who started this club, most of you may have had a similar experience at your first meeting: you may have been invited by a friend, or felt a desire to make a difference. Regardless, that first day, when you walked into that meeting, you knew almost no one. You entered as a stranger to most of those in attendance. Yet you stayed, and eventually joined a group of people from all walks of life — different ages, occupations, and backgrounds — united by a single commitment: service above self.

Yesterday, I was reading a newsletter and came across this quote by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, author of *The Little Prince*. When I read it — and if you'll grant me some license — it reminded me of the power that all of us carry through Rotary. He wrote: *"A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single man contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral."*

I often feel that my individual involvement with Rotary is relatively modest — much like a single rock. And that is precisely the point. None of us can build a cathedral alone. Together, we are the rock pile — the raw material. But rocks don't build themselves into anything. We came here with something more — a vision of something larger than ourselves. And when we pool our resources, our ideas, and our energy, there is very little that we as a group cannot accomplish. Through the vision of our members, just this year, we have distributed dictionaries, collected coats, planted trees, and supported numerous other organizations with both our time and treasure. Those are not abstractions — they are the stones of the cathedral, laid one by one.

I have watched this club do remarkable things over these eight years. I have seen members show up — not because they had to, but because they wanted to. Not for recognition, but because the work itself was worth doing. That is the cathedral Saint-Exupéry was talking about. It is not built by any one of us. It is built by all of us, one stone at a time, over years and decades of showing up.

So whether you are a charter member who has given decades to this club, or someone who walked through the door last month not knowing a soul — you are part of something being built. And that is no small thing.

Mark Burnett



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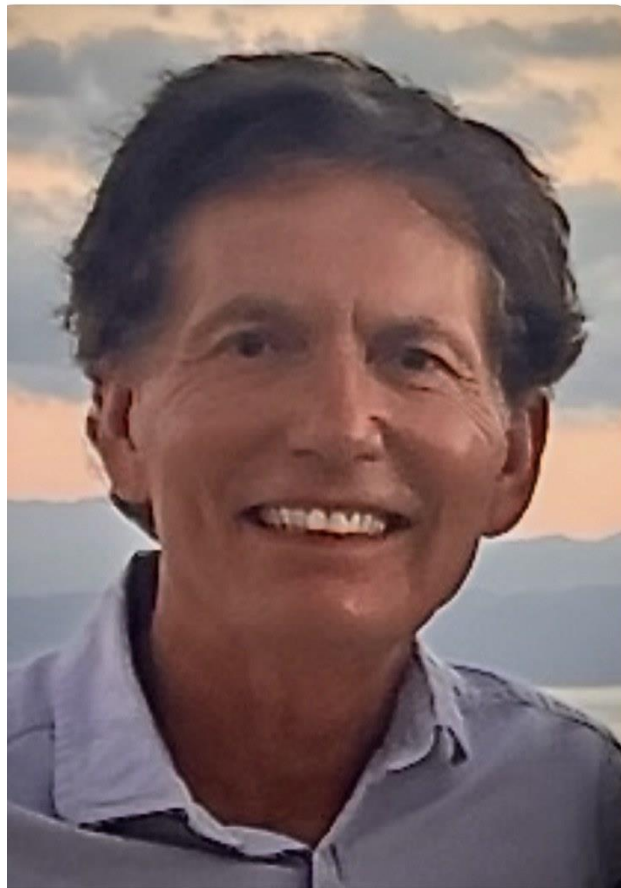
Posts circulated via Clubrunner are provided by our club members who should be consulted regarding any comments or questions regarding the contents. Please read to the bottom of each post for contact information.

For the Speaker, please send a 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.

Jim Martin, Former CU Regent, Wild, Wild West of Collegiate Athletics



Jim Martin is a former at-large CU Regent and will be speaking about the Wild, Wild West in Collegiate Athletics in these days of continually expanding football and basketball playoffs, rapid student-athlete transfers, and NIL dollars that can make staying in college for some more lucrative than being a professional athlete.

Yamagata Visitors this Fall

Here are a couple of LINE messages that came in from Toshi (YNRC) this week.

2 parts for us to think about - does our club want to do something special for visiting club members (Ann and I certainly will if nothing bubbles up from BVRC) and secondly, how do we want to respond to Tommy wanting to plan for more international cooperation.

“Looks like the Yamagata mayor’s visit to Boulder has been scheduled. They’ll arrive on September 28 and leave on October 1, so it’s a 3-night stay. A few people from our club are planning to join, and I’m also planning to attend for now. I’ll let you know once more details are confirmed.

I’ve added the candidate for the 2027–2028 president, who’s planning to visit Boulder, to the LINE group. His name is Makoto Ito.

Also, as we head into the new fiscal year, I think it’s a good time for us to discuss whether there are ways we can support next year’s activities, especially if any service projects will need a budget. Tommy will be the International Service Chair next year, and we’re also hoping to expand the Epic Day of Service activities in our district.”

Thanks for thinking about this.

Best -Steve Parrish

Installation Banquet Save the Date July 23!

Superior Pancake Breakfast, July 4, Volunteer!



The Town's [4th of July Celebration](#) is sneaking up on us fast and we want to make sure we get the Rotary signed up for pancake serving with our new system.

In previous years, the Rotary has volunteered to serve pancakes during the event and this has been a big help with the event- so thank you in advance!

Below (and attached) is a step by step guide on how to get registered in the volunteer system and signed up for 4th of July.

We ask that volunteers sign up no later than June 24th. Let me know if you have any questions/concerns with the process.

STEPS:

1. **Go to https://town-of-superior.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=110955&start_over**
1. **Input your FIRST NAME and EMAIL – click submit**
2. **Fill out the Volunteer Registration & Release Form (this is to create your volunteer profile and you will only have to do this once.**
 1. **Write Rotary when filling out your release form – click SUBMIT**
1. After you submit; you will be taken to the volunteer sign up slots.
2. **You will then enter in your ROTARY for your password and click SUBMIT**
1. **You then will select Pancake Server and click SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER**
1. Once you have completed these steps, you will be signed up and will receive an email address with more information!
2. Thank you for your continued support with the 4th of July and looking forward to seeing you all there!

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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 30 – The Family Learning Center – tree planting with PLAY 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. Please go to <https://volunteer.bloomerang.co:443/JE/eb7mkj8i1fjb7w> to create an account with Habitat for Humanity and then sign up for our shift on 6/6. If you have problems call or email Alex Varner at Habitat for help. He is happy to provide more help. **Desk-303.447.3787 Ex-231** avarner@flatironshabitat.org

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 a note, 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 page](#)

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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