



The Rotary Club of Boulder Valley - June 23, 2026

Tuesday, June 23, at 12:00 Noon, we meet at SEEC-S228

Mark Burnett, Our President 2025 - 2026

Fellow Rotarians,

Last Tuesday was the last lunch meeting I'll attend as your President. Maud will be leading the club this week. Despite some last-minute room changes, the regular tracking of building changes, and the occasional speaker who showed up late or not at all, this club has handled the year well — all with grace and good humor. And the way you all rose to the occasion when we had to move the entire food setup not only from one floor to another, but from one end of the building to the other, should be applauded. The resilience this club consistently shows is a sign of the health and vitality the club collectively shares.

As many of you know, the reason for my absence is that I'll be volunteering as an SC at YRYLA. And, as it so happens, Tuesday is Twins Day for the JCs and SCs. On that day, my JC and I will be wearing matching flamingo shirts. (We are Team F). It's also a pivotal day for the week. After the Sunday and Monday experiences of registration, roommates, icebreakers, long lines at the dining hall, some homesickness, and a fair amount of self-reflection, by Tuesday a routine starts to take hold, and campers begin settling into the rhythm of camp life. The members of each group have made friends and learned about one another. Any behavioral issues have been worked through. And YRYLA begins to settle.

The settling, though, is something of an illusion. Even though the group has found a routine, it's only now that the students have the bandwidth to actually learn how to lead and work with one another. Tuesday is when the transformation begins.

This kind of event only happens because of the generosity of clubs like ours. But generosity is only part of the equation. The other part is the example Rotarians set for these students — whether through their character, their generosity, their resilience, their flexibility, or simply through giving their time to volunteer as an SC. Last year, I, and many other members of our club, watched that example play out firsthand. It reminded me that how we live our lives is a reflection of both our club and Rotary as a whole.

This year, I get to be that example again — and I couldn't be prouder of the club that's standing behind me while I do it.

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.

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.

John Lehndorff, Boulder Food Critic



Boulder Restaurant Scene

Dave

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

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Rotary Taipei 2026









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 (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



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.

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](#)

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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