



The Rotary Club of Boulder Valley - March 3, 2026

Tuesday March 3, 2026, 11 AM--3 PM, SEEC S372

The BVRC Community Foundation Board of Trustees

meet at 11:00 prior to the regular meeting on March 3, 2026.

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Mark Burnett, Our President 2025 - 2026

Fellow Rotarians,

Last weekend, the St. Vrain Valley School District hosted an AI Summit. The event featured a keynote speaker followed by a number of smaller educational sessions. Some of those sessions focused on using AI to create lesson plans and engage students. My wife attended one that showed how to use AI with Special Ed students, exploring how these tools can be tailored to

support diverse learning needs and help teachers differentiate instruction in ways that simply weren't possible before.

The last session I attended was perhaps the most inspiring. It showcased projects that students themselves were creating through the use of AI — and what these young people are building and the ease with which it could be built will shock you.

The focus of the seminar though was not how to use AI as a tool to make teaching easier. But on how AI could be used to engage and support the work that was being done. Further, AI was seen, like computers and the internet in earlier times, as a means of augmenting the things that make us human.

Along those lines, there was one student project that interested me. They developed an AI tool designed to listen to and converse with early-stage Alzheimer's patients. The idea is quite simple and profoundly human: by having meaningful, patient conversations over time and by recording conversations that take place with loved ones, the AI learns a person's stories, relationships, and memories. Then, when that person struggles with recall — as Alzheimer's patients sometimes do — the AI can gently help fill in the gaps, offering a familiar name, a cherished place, or a fragment of a story the patient themselves told not long ago. (The students showed an example of using the prompt, “black popular musician in the 80s that could dance, there was something around Halloween” and it came back with Michael Jackson.)

But the students didn't stop there. They also envisioned the tool as a living repository — a place where memories and personal histories could be preserved for family members and future generations. Think of it as a digital memoir, built not through writing, but by the person living their life and having their life saved.

It's hard not to be moved by that idea. In a world where AI is often discussed in terms of efficiency, automation and job loss, these students are pointing it toward something far more meaningful — dignity, connection, and the preservation of the human story.

As Rotarians, we talk often about service above self. It was genuinely heartening to see the next generation already living that value — and using the tools of tomorrow to do it.

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.

VOLUNTEER AT HARVEST OF HOPE



BVRC has donated \$6000. to Harvest of Hope Food Pantry. \$3000 was from Foundation funds allocated to Community Service, matched by a \$3000 grant from District. As part of the matching grant BVRC is committed to giving 20 volunteer hours. PLEASE STEP UP. unfortunately we cannot necessarily work together as a group but feel free to sign up with a Rotary friend (or any friend). To begin the process of signing up, first go to hopepantry.org and proceed as follows:

Harvest of Hope Pantry provides nutritious supplemental food, at no cost, to those in need of food assistance within a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental environment. We offer a range of roles and ways to help. **We welcome volunteers as their schedule permits!** We have recurring weekly or bi-weekly shifts if you prefer a consistent schedule. Or, we can coordinate with you for short term or occasional volunteer shifts. Follow the next steps and we can find a good fit for you!

Step 1: Complete the [online application here.](#) **

Step 2: Attend a first time/orientation shift.(my orientation shift is March 17)

Step 3. After your first shift you can log onto the Online Volunteer Portal to view, edit, and sign-up for volunteer shifts.

Step 4. [Sign up for the Volunteer Newsletter](#) to see see Pantry news, updates, and last-minute volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer shifts are Mondays – Saturdays

AM Shift, 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

PM Shift, 11:15 AM – 2:15 PM

We also have a late shopping sessions, two evenings a week.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Evening Shift, 4:15 PM – 6:45 PM

Andrea Bloom

FREE SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING



The presentation by Rise Against Suicide generated a lot of interest in suicide prevention. It is a subject that touches us all. Clinica Family Health is offering "Question, Persuade, Refer" (QPR) Tuesday, March 24, from 10am to 11:30 via Zoom. Please use this link to reserve a spot. [QPR - Question, Persuade, & Refer Tickets, Tuesday, Mar 24 from 10 am to 11:30 am MDT | Eventbrite](#) It is an excellent course. It is an excellent course.

Clinica also offers other courses, including Youth Mental Health First Aid (which is 6 hours). It is designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. It is taught in person and is also free. If you interested, please let me know.

Bill Farrow

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The New Boulder Fire Station #3, Fifth Tuesday



Our next Fifth Tuesday will be at noon on March 31st, 2026. We will be visiting the new Boulder Fire Station #3. The address is 2967 Bluff (near 30th and Valmont). We will be hosted by the Fire Chief. Please let me know your choice of a boxed lunch brought to you by the Community Table Kitchen...

Turkey club

Spicy Chicken wrap

Salad

Salad w/ Chicken

Please pay **ATTENTION** to the following parking guidelines...

Parking On Site:

- In a marked space in front of Station 3. Please do not park in the road in front of (south) Station 3 as our fire apparatuses use that space often throughout the day.
- Park in the gravel lot in front of (south) of Station 3. The entrance to this lot is off of 30th just past Bluff St.

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Speaker: Margaret Bachrach, Chief Executive Officer of Voices for Children



Margaret Bachrach is the Chief Executive Officer of Voices for Children, CASA of Boulder County, where she leads the organization to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. With a deep commitment to child welfare and community partnership, Margaret works closely with volunteers, staff, and local leaders to ensure every child has a dedicated advocate to amplify their voice and ensure a brighter future. Under her leadership, Voices for Children continues to strengthen its impact across Boulder County by championing the safety, stability, and well-being of children and families.

Eric Rutherford

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. All Zoom sessions will be recorded and posted on the [District website Training page.](#)

REAFFIRMING THE UN CHARTER IN TODAY'S CHAOS

Thursday, March 5 | 6:30 to 7:30 pm via Zoom

TREASURERS TALK

Thursday, March 5 | 7:00 to 8:00 pm via Zoom

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2026

Friday, March 6 | 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Denver Center for Performing Arts, Denver, CO

EPIC DAY OF SERVICE FUNDRAISING

Thursday, March 26 | 7:00 to 8:00 pm via Zoom

Save the Date!

[AT THE TABLE WITH DR. KING](#)

Saturday, April 4 | 3:00 pm at the EPIC Campus

[TURNING CONFLICT INTO COLLABORATION](#)

Saturday, April 18 | 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

EPIC Campus, Littleton, CO - space is limited

[LEADERSHIP LAB](#)

Saturday, May 2 | 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Front Range Community College

[WOMEN POWERING CHANGE](#)

Thursday, May 7 | 4:00 to 7:00 pm

University Memorial Center, Boulder, CO

[EPIC DAY OF SERVICE](#)

Saturday, May 16 - is your club project registered?

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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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** .

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

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