



The Rotary Club of Boulder Valley - March 10, 2026

Tuesday March 10, 2026, 11 AM--3 PM, Village View Room,

Williams Village, Baseline and 35th

Mark Burnett, Our President 2025 - 2026

Fellow Rotarians,

There is a classic parable about blind persons trying to understand what an elephant is. The first person, whose hand landed on the trunk, said, "This being is like a thick snake." For another, whose hand reached its ear, it seemed like a kind of fan. Another, whose hand was upon its leg, said the elephant is a pillar like a tree-trunk. The blind man who placed his hand upon its side said the elephant "is a wall." Another who felt its tail described it as a rope. The last felt its tusk, stating the elephant is that which is hard, smooth, and like a spear.

This parable examines the story from the perspective of someone outside of it and highlights how we each carry a different understanding of the world — one that may be only partially true.

Blaise Pascal captured this idea elegantly: *"We view things not only from different sides, but with different eyes."* The blind men in the parable not only experienced different parts of the elephant — they made entirely different assumptions about what an elephant could be. Same object, same act of reaching out, yet wildly different conclusions.

This came to mind recently when I spent a Wednesday evening visiting a neighboring club, helping them work through a visioning process similar to the one our club completed last August. It was a meaningful reminder of two things: first, that even within our shared global Rotary family, how we do things, how we see the world, and the ways we choose to get involved can differ greatly from club to club. And second — perhaps more importantly — just how exceptional Boulder Valley Rotary Club truly is.

Your vision. Your progressivism. Your problem-solving. Your genuine care for one another and for the communities we serve. Your willingness to continue striving for a better world. These qualities are not universal. They are not guaranteed simply by membership. And if I am being honest, I have had a tendency to take them — and each of you — for granted.

My wife often speaks of something she calls "the curse of knowledge" — the assumption that what we know and understand must be true for everyone else as well. I realize I have fallen into that trap when it comes to our club. Not every Rotary club is as vital, vigorous, and giving as BVRC. Visiting another club made that unmistakably clear.

So once again, thank you — for showing up, for caring deeply, and for being the reason this club is something worth being proud of.

Let us continue to Unite For Good.

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



Clinica Family Health (which merged with Mental Health Partners) 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](#) In the last five years, MHP used the money raised from the Skyline Traverse to provide QPR training to over 10,000 people. The Coaches Care training which our club supported uses a modified version of QPR

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 are interested, please let me know.

Our project for Rotary's EPIC Day of Service

2025 GLOBAL IMPACT
5 Continents
8 Countries
20 States
57 Districts
539 Clubs
613 Projects
6,557 Volunteers
\$151,197 Raised

PUT YOUR CLUBS ON THE MAP!

SAVE THE DATE MAY 16, 2026 PLAN YOUR PROJECT



What if all 45,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide... all did any project they like... all on the same day? Imagine the...

IMPACT... 1.2 M Rotarians 🏆 plus community volunteers

REACH... build awareness 🏆 a membership magnet

ENGAGE... energize service 🏆 retain members

ADAPT... a new fundraising tool 🏆 top club did \$98,000



Sound like a Rotary Action Plan? It can help!
Unite for good on May 16, 2026 – or as near then as possible – to show the world what we can do.
Have Fun – Make a Difference – Be EPIC!



epicdayofservice.org

organized by Rotary Clubs for communities worldwide

Our project for Rotary's **EPIC Day of Service** is now live, and members can sign up to participate.

This year, we will be volunteering at the food bank at the Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA) in Boulder. During the project, volunteers will help sort, inspect, and organize approximately **20,000 pounds of donated food** so it can be prepared for distribution to local families experiencing food insecurity.

EFAA plays a vital role in the Boulder community by providing food, housing stabilization, and other essential services to individuals and families in need. By helping process these donations, our volunteers will directly support EFAA's ability to ensure that nutritious food reaches households that need it most.

No prior experience is required. Volunteers should be comfortable standing, lifting light to moderate boxes, and working as part of a team.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful day of service.

Sign up today to participate.

- <https://www.epicdayofservice.org/clubs/united-states-5450-boulder-valley/projects/sort-and-prepare-food-donations-at-ffa-b858cb282>

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: *Jim Martin, Former CU Regent*



The Wild West of Today's College Athletics

Dave Gardner

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](#).

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!

***** [CLICK HERE TO VIEW CLUB EVENTS!](#) *****

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

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