



Rotary Club of  
Denver Mile High

"Service Above Self"



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## President's Column: 'Light Up Rotary'

April 14, 2015

Denver Mile High Rotary

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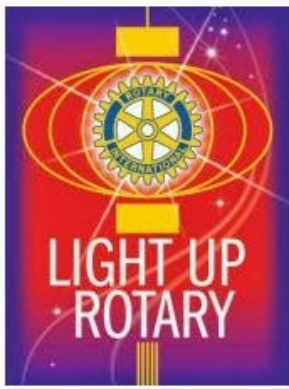
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We successfully filled nearly 475 food bags last Friday, April 10th, at Harrington Elementary, and we were done at 8am. Gratitude goes out to the following team members: Pat Gorman Barry, Greg Thielen, Chris Wong (yes, even with having a 2-week old in the house), Jeff McAnallen, Tom Giordano (who is also on the Nicaragua trip this week!), and Linda Sue Shirkey. This is a great deal of fun! Be sure to sign-up for an upcoming Friday morning. If you aren't able to sign-up on our NEW web page (<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/6873/>), email Greg Thielen ([gthielen2@gmail.com](mailto:gthielen2@gmail.com)).

It continues to be an exceptional experience in that we get to be in the school hallway and see the kids that attend Harrington. They,

along with their teachers, [www.polioeradication.org/g/mediaroom/newsstories/Finishing-What-He-Started/tabid/526/news/1218/Default.aspx](http://www.polioeradication.org/g/mediaroom/newsstories/Finishing-What-He-Started/tabid/526/news/1218/Default.aspx).  
are excited that we are there! Cindy Miller, the Principal, came down the hallway to especially say thank you. You could see her heart light up! Be sure to sign-up and not miss out on this incredible experience.

Light Up Rotary!

April marks the 60th anniversary of the announcement that Jonas Salk's inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) was safe and effective; his work is playing a more important role than ever in securing a polio-free future. Now, on 12 April 2015, we are reminded of more than 10 million people walking today who would otherwise have been paralyzed by polio. See more at: <http://>

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ROTARY'S 1.2 MILLION MEMBERS  
BELIEVE IT **STARTS WITH A COMMITMENT**

**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

## Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

**April 15th** - Our guest speaker will be Jim Kirchheimer, Sr. Vice President of Economic Development for the Downtown Denver Partnership. Jim will talk with us about the amazing growth and economic development of the Downtown Denver area since the beginning of the economic recovery. We will also learn what's next for our great city.

**April 22nd** - Dick Life from Honor Flight of Northern Colorado will speak with us about the heartwarming work his organization does for our veterans.

**April 29th** - We will be at the CEC (2650 Eliot St.) for this program. Our guest speaker will be a Muslim student from the CEC.

**May 6th** - Charter Day/Fellowship Day. This meeting will be one of the highlights of the year! Circle this date for fun, games, auction, and great fellowship.

## Want to Chaperone??

Our Local Community Service committee approved funding to support an INTERACT trip to Estes Park to work on a service project with the INTERACT club from Estes Park. The trip is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th and Lee is looking for at least one Rotarian from DMHR to ride on the bus as a chaperone.

### The Gregory Group



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**Roberta Simonton**....DMHR member since 2009



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## **Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts**

### **April 15th -**

Inspiration - Brandon Blankenship

Greeters - Betsy Boudreau and Kim Gardner

Host - Melanie Gentz

Rotary Minute - Don Garretson

### **April 22nd -**

Inspiration - Tom Giordano

Greeters - Tom Gregory and Breck Grover

Host - Susan Henderson

Rotary Minute - Dan Himelspace

### **April 29th - Dark @ CEC**

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Please Contact Betsy or Sarah. It is very easy

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Mile High Rotary Club We just received a check

from King Soopers for **\$394**. So please keep using your card and purchase a card for friends and family. Shop for groceries and gas using your grocery card from Rotary.

Thanks for your support.



## Continental Breakfast

The continental breakfast will be served every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

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### Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar

**April 17th** - Building Bridges signature fund raising event called Circles of Change

**May 1 - 3rd** ~ Rotary District Conference ~ Keystone Lodge and Spa

**June 6—9th** - Rotary International Convention

**July 11th** - Denver Mile High Rotary Fellowship cycling ride.

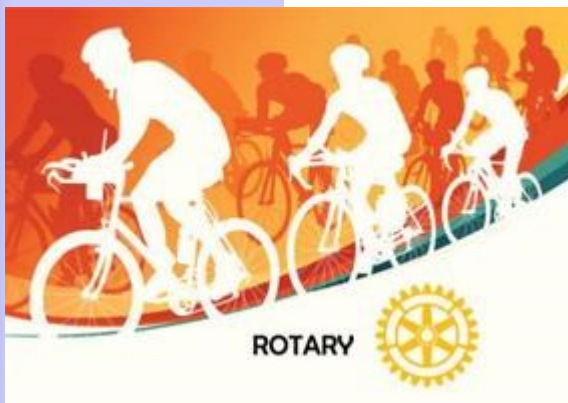


### Save the Date July 11, 2015

Denver Mile High Rotary Fellowship Cycling Ride.  
\$30 donation to mental health initiatives  
approx. 30 mile Ride, Fellowship, Family, Fun - There  
will also be a fun 5 Mile ride!!

Click [HERE](#) To register ~ [Rotary Ride ~ Fellowship Event ~ Denver Mile High Rotary](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rotary-ride-fellowship-event-denver-mile-high-rotary-tickets-16365423422>



### Majid Shaalan

The older members of Denver Mile High will remember Majid Shaalan. We adopted him and his family when he, his wife and 3 kids escaped Baghdad and came to Denver. He was a political refugee because he was outspoken on his feelings on all the fighting and abuse going on in Iraq on all sides. He remained an active member of our club and paid full dues for three years while he was struggling to keep afloat in working temporary professorships at DU, CU Denver, and eventually Colorado School of Mines.

Majid has his feet on the ground and is working for full tenure in Harrisburg University. You will see his update in his email below.

**Majid needs the help of Rotarians who know him.** He is now applying for membership in a Harrisburg Rotary Club and would appreciate email letters to Linda Freedenberg, Executive Director of Harrisburg Rotary (address below) concerning what you remember of Majid's participation in our club and its activities.

If you remember Majid, would you please send your referral to Linda?

Chuck Rudolph

From: Majid Shaalan, Harrisburg, PA 4/12/2015

To: Chuck Rudolph

Hello my dear fellow rotarians,

It has been a while, I have been very busy for the last year and a half trying to establish myself in my professorship at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology.

So far so good, I'm now running two programs, the computer information sciences and the analytics graduate program.

My two daughters Hosna and Rifka received full scholarships from the school through their GPA, and they also got a good discount through me, so they saved more than 70% of their tuition, which is the greatest achievements for the family so far, of course after being citizens of this great nation.

My wife Shatha is running the place including me, taking care of everything and enjoying here small retirement for her old teaching job in Baghdad.

Now, it is time to get back to "service over self" and part of paying back to the community and to the rotary club foundation, the people who embraced me and introduced me to America, I have decided to join the rotary club of Harrisburg.

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Harrisburg Rotary Club (<http://www.hbgrotary.org/>) is serving the most needy communities, Harrisburg area. I have couple choices, but I would like to serve there as as it is the poorest neighborhoods, this where I feel need to be and I think I can help.

Dear Friends

I will need your help to introduce me to the club, you probably know better than me how this could be done. PA is the founding state of this country, history is talking loudly here and I want them to know that I have a very short tiny history with the organization :)

The club executive director Linda Freedenberg (below full contact info) would be a good contact if you want. Una Martone club secretary and district governor (2017) could an alternative one.

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Finally, we miss Colorado and you, our dearest friends a lot and we hope to visit and meet with you soon.  
Remain blessed, Majid "



## April Birthdays



**April 11th - Kim Gardner**

**April 13th - Greg Smith**

Check out the New Denver Mile High Rotary Web Page ~ <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/6873>



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Denver Mile High  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekly Meeting  
University Club  
Apr 01, 2015  
7:15 AM – 8:30 AM

## 5450 District Conference May 1-May 3

Keystone, Colorado

We need you! This year we are featuring successful community projects, international projects AND fundraisers. Share your experience with us in this year & it's Go Time (formerly Show Time.) The Deadline is quickly approaching: April 17, 2015.

Click Here for the Go Time Form or contact Stan Benson at [SBenson7@msn.com](mailto:SBenson7@msn.com)

AND: Get the best deal on rooms at the Keystone Resort at the best prices & we have a room block until April 1st! Give Keystone resort a call at [800-328-1323](tel:800-328-1323) and make sure to use code CK2RID to let them know you are with Rotary.

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DMHR relies on its foundation to fund its service projects. The funding is accomplished by fund raisers and sponsors. Starting this year, 2015, Sponsors will be celebrated the entire year at all events plus the weekly meetings. This is a change from the past practice of Sponsoring a specific event. Sponsorships, business and personal, will be for the calendar year. This aligns the sponsorship dollars to the business and tax year. Being a sponsor is easy simply talk to Roberta or Robin. Our Foundation goal is \$25,000 for the year. We are off to a great start.

Let's give a big shout out to Sonny Wiegand and Tom Gregory for kicking off the year as our first Business Sponsors for the DMHR 2015 service projects. Thank you to Michael Tapp and Roberta Simonton for launching this years Personal Sponsorship.


**Give what you can when you can.**

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On February 4th, 2015, **Building Bridges** presented to the Denver Mile High Rotary Club.

We would like for you to save-the-date for our April 17th Circles of Change event.

Many people asked what they could do to support us, and coming to this event and bringing a friend would be an amazing gift to the organization.

It is an inspiring and uplifting event, hosted by our spectacular participants, and honoring three incredible change-makers who will tell us their personal stories.

Building Bridges would also like to share—Jeanette (one of the participants who spoke with me last week) was accepted to speak at Denver TedEx Youth conference.

BuildingbridgesShift.org

If there are ten (10) Rotarians and spouses who would be interested in attending, we can get a table for ten for \$350 as a "Community Partner". Please contact Geoff Noble if you are interested.

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**10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**

**CIRCLES OF CHANGE**


*Luncheon*

**APRIL 17  
2015**

**11:30<sup>am</sup>**

**SEAWELL GRAND  
BALLROOM**

*Denver Center for the  
Performing Arts*

 *Honorees to be revealed soon at BuildingBridgesShift.org*

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