

President's Column:

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Hey DMHRers!

It was a fine time at Mary Walta's amazing house this last Sunday evening to celebrate and honor Carolyn's year as president. I got choked up when it was my time to talk about Carolyn and to thank her for the help for making my year in the office so special. That doesn't happen very often, so whoever saw it got a rare glimpse of me getting emotional. I got caught up listening to the history of the club and how lucky I am to work with an amazing person like Carolyn and I was overcome with pride ... so there! :-)



Thanks to everybody who was at the meeting last week and participated in the roundtable discussions for finding our next local community service projects. Amy Weed sent me a compiled list of all the recommendations from you all and I will, in turn, send the list to you asking for your help in reaching out to your organizations to follow up so we can hopefully create a mutually beneficial relationship.



We have a great speaker this week... Joel Russman, husband of Robin Springer, talking about the hemp and CBD industry. Joel is a retired attorney who has experience working in this industry. I think it's a neat and unique topic and I recommend inviting a new guest to attend!

See you on Wednesday? I hope so!

Scott





Education doesn't just help the individual, said Wadzi. "It helps a whole generation, it helps a whole family, it helps a whole society."
Damon Winter/The New York Times

The Surprising Path That Some Kids Take to the Ivy League

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/24/opinion/sunday/ivy-league-schools.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share>

This is an article about Zimbabwe Students

The Surprising Path That Some Kids Take to the Ivy League

Meet the resilient strivers who prove that brilliance has no borders.



By **Frank Bruni**
Opinion Columnist

You've read a lot over the past year about kids who end up in the Ivy League because of their parents' wealth and wiles, kids with obscene advantages. I'd like to introduce you to another kind of kid who landed there. Her name is Wadzanayi Mayiseni. She goes by Wadzi.

Before Wadzi, 19, arrived at Columbia University last month for a summer bridge program to prepare for her first year, she'd never been to the United States. She'd never left Africa. She's from Zimbabwe, one of the poorest countries in the world, where her mother, who raised her without any help from her father, has been out of a steady job since Wadzi was 9.

When Wadzi was 12, she found out she had bone cancer, which meant not just chemotherapy but the amputation of most of her left leg. I asked her how, psychologically and emotionally, that changed her. She said it made her more determined.

Keep reading— <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/24/opinion/sunday/ivy-league-schools.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share>

Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar of Events

<http://denvermilehigh.org/Events/Calendar>

September 12th - Rotary Monthly Happy Hour - First Draft—5p - 7p - 1309 26th St, Denver, CO 80205 - High-tech hangout with a self-service pouring system for beer, wine & cider, plus share-able plates. firstdraftdenver.com

September 14th - Rotary Bike Ride - Meet at REI at 9am on the 14th. We will ride South on the Platte, please contact Melanie if you are interested - melanie.gentz@gmail.com.

September 15th - Sign up for Mini Dinner benefiting our club's foundation and supporting our service projects

Debra Flick and Michael Tapp and his wife Betsy will be hosting a "Mini Brunch" on Sunday morning, September 15th

Theme: Italian Brunch - Recipes from famous Vatican Chefs

Date: Sunday, September 15, 2019

Time: 11 am to 2 pm

Where: Michael and Betsy Tapp's House: 10503 Oakmoor Lane, Parker, CO 80134

Please RSVP by Wednesday September 11th to michael.tapp@wellsfargo.com or dmarieliflick@gmail.com.

Cost: \$30 per person - Please bring your checks payable to The Foundation of Denver Mile High Rotary.

October 5th—9th Health Fair—Please contact Linda Sue Shirkey for more information

Rotary [Reconnect Week](#) 2019 will be 7-13 October! - We can do something with Rotary Alumni

October 25th, 2019 - a memorial mass will be held at Good Shepard Catholic Church in Denver at 11am for Nicole O'Brien Stone (past member of the Denver Mile High Rotary Club.

October - TBD - World Polio Day

November 23rd - Ride to End Polio in Tucson Arizona

April 18th, 2020 - 2nd Annual Mile High Spring Swing event! Date is set. Venue secured. Band is getting locked in. Catering should be good to go. Wheels are in motion. Discounted tickets are in the works

[CLICK HERE to](#) buy your tickets



Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

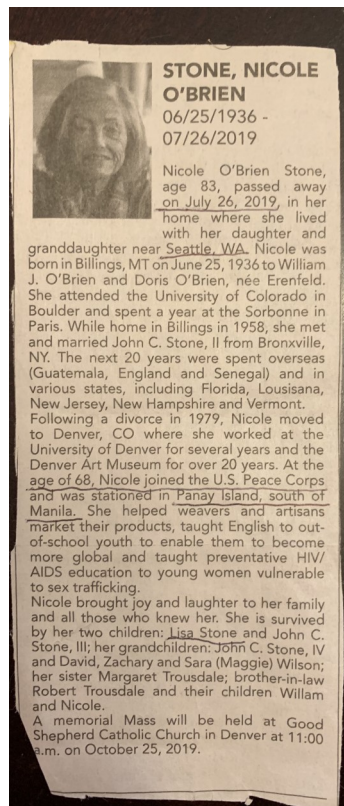
August 28th - Joel Russman - Hemp: The Birth of the Next Trillion Industry - The legalization of hemp & the medical potential of CBD's

September 4th - TBD

September 11th - Rick Ninneman and Michael O'Hagen - Rick is the Director of the Arrupe Jesuit Corporate Work Study Program at Arrupe High School. Rick and Michael will co-present on the Arrupe Program

November 20th - Rutt Bridges - Driverless Cars

Family Of Rotary



Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

August 28th -

Inspiration - Carolyn Schrader

Greeters - Linda Sue Shirkey and Roberta Simonton

Host - Vass Sirpolaidis

September 4th -

Inspiration - Betty Speir

Greeters - Robin Springer and Michael Tapp

Host - Greg Thielen

September 11th -

Inspiration - Ann Tull

Greeters - Tony Vaida and Mary Walta

Host - Bruce Ward

September 18th -

Inspiration - Amy Weed

Greeters - Ronnie Weiss and Sonny Wiegand

Host - Chris Wong

Vocational - Brian Good

AUGUST Birthdays

Tom Giordano
Vass Sirpolaidis
Ronnie Weiss
Sarah Hite
Brian Good
Ann Tull
Chris Wong

August 10th
August 14th
August 17th
August 18th
August 21st
August 26th
August 27th



King Soopers Community Rewards Program Sign up Now

For several year members of Denver Mile High Rotary have helped support the Club by using King Soopers gift cards that provided cash rewards to our Club. King Soopers has adopted a new, much easier program called King Soopers Community Rewards. The new program is linked with the rewards (discount) cards that all grocery stores now have. Every time you use your King Soopers rewards card or enter your rewards number, our Club will benefit.

For the first Quarter we participated in the new program, the Club Received \$238.25.

If you shop at King Soopers and haven't signed up yet, please do so. This really is free money.

Everything is spelled out at their website: <https://www.kingsoopers.com/>

If you already have a rewards card with King Soopers, log in with your user name (generally your email address). Once you are signed in, on the right side next to shopping cart, you will see your name and "My Account." Hover over "My Account" and it will open. On left side of the screen is "Community Rewards." Click on that.

You will have a chance to select the organization that will be credited based on your expenditures. You can enter "**Rotary Club of Denver Mile High**" or enter our code: DM464 (*Note that "Denver Mile High Rotary" will not work.*)

You will then be enrolled and will not need to do anything further.

The Club will receive rebates quarterly based on our collective expenditures.

If you don't have a King Soopers rewards card but would like to support the Club, go to the website <https://www.kingsoopers.com/> You will be able to create an account and then follow the instructions above to link our Rotary Club with the rewards.

Contributions to DMHR Foundation

Contributions to the DMHR Foundation can be made by giving them to Tom Giordano at club meetings or by mailing checks directly to

Tom Giordano

7271 East Wesley Avenue

Denver, CO 80224

Checks should be made out the Rotary Club of Denver Mile High Foundation (although DMHR Foundation will work). For questions, contact Tom at 303-263-5091

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