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*Denver Mile High Rotary where commitment and service rise above the mountain tops*

## President's Column:

April 5, 2016

This week we will turn our focus to polio eradication. As most of us know, Rotary supports all manner of humanitarian causes. Causes, both local and global, all over the planet. Denver Mile High Rotary works to support economic development and women's empowerment in Zimbabwe. We provide weekend food bags for children at Harrington Elementary here in Denver. We provide access to clean water and improved sanitation to the rural poor in Nicaragua. We also provide low cost health care to the residents of Villa Park thru the 9 Health Fair. The list goes on from there – but you get the point. We do lot's of great things.

The one initiative that Rotary pursues globally, with a united and single minded focus, is polio eradication. All Rotarians, worldwide, share this task to eradicate polio from the face of the planet. So how do each of us, individually, participate in this task? It's doubtful that any of us will travel to Pakistan or Afghanistan to inoculate children there. This is just not our role. What we can do is to support these efforts financially and to help spread the word as to how the final chapter of polio eradication will play out. We must be the voice of polio eradication with our families, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Financially, DMHR has contributed over \$4000 to polio eradication since July 1st. Our contribution per member is the second highest of all the clubs in District 5450. We should be extremely proud of what we have done and will continue to do to help in this fight. Hopefully, within a handful of years we won't have any need to continue this fight.

The last part of this story is our role as educators. Many non-Rotarians now see polio as a forgotten disease. A handful of cases in remote parts of the world is hardly newsworthy. Few recognize the ease with which polio could spread if it is not eradicated – completely and finally. Few recognize that eradication means an end to polio inoculation. This is good news that should be shared. This month marks a milestone in which there will no longer be a need to inoculate against Type 2 polio virus. Type 2 polio no longer exists in the wild. Only Type 1 and Type 3 remain.

We will dedicate this week's meeting to learning about the final campaign to end polio forever. Zone Polio Coordinator Dan Himelspace will lead us thru a series of videos outlining the final campaign. Soon we will no longer need to say "we are this close", instead we will be able to say "we have ended polio – forever!"

Bob Kemp  
President Denver  
Mile High Rotary  
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## Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

**April 6th** - This year our club has made a concerted effort to learn more about polio, its devastating impacts on those who have the disease and their families, and Rotary International's efforts to finally defeat polio. Dan Himmelspace will show a series of brief videos that will deepen our understanding of polio and the efforts to combat it.

**April 13th** - For many years Denver has owned an outstanding reputation for having one of the country's best library systems. With space limitations, advancing technologies, and increased populations libraries have changed to meet the needs of their citizens and Denver's Library system has adapted to meet those needs.

Our guest speaker will be Michelle Jeske, the Denver City Librarian. Ms. Jeske will talk about the History and current developments of the Denver Library System.

**April 20th** - We will be at the CEC located at 2650 Eliot St. for a breakfast with the wonderful InterAct students. Please plan on showing your support for these young people by attending.

### Denver Mile High Rotary Happy Hours

**April 28th** - [Infinite Money](#)

**May 26th** - [Alpine Dog Brewery](#)



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

**April 6th-**

**Inspiration** - Alex Orkow

**Greeters** - Reena Prema and Diane Messamore

**Host** - Constance Mortell

**Rotary Minute** - Larry Mundy

**April 13th-**

**Inspiration** - Geoff Noble

**Greeters** - Karl Paulson and Adams Price

**Host** - Heidi Resetarits

**Rotary Minute** - Chuck Rudolph

**April 20th-**

**Inspiration** - Carolyn Schrader

**Greeters** - Roberta Simonton and Vass Sirpolaidis

**Host** - Greg Smith

**Rotary Minute** - Linda Sue Shirkey

**April 27th-**

**Inspiration** - Betty Speir

**Greeters** - Robin Springer and Jeff Sprole

**Host** - Greg Thielen

**Rotary Minute** - Michael Tapp



### **Honoring Carolyn Schrader's work in Zimbabwe**

Read more [here](http://udallas.edu/news/2016/one-time-mathematics-major-volunteers-in-zimbabwe.php) about Carolyn's work in Zimbabwe.



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## 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 9th** - Rotary Leadership Institute

**April 22nd - 24th** - District Conference

**April 28th** - Denver Mile High Rotary Club Happy Hour at Infinite Monkey.

**May 26th** - Denver Mile High Rotary Club Happy Hour at Alpie Dog Brewery.

**May 28th - June 1st** - International Convention - Seoul, Korea

**July 9th** - Denver Mile High Rafting Trip

## Volunteer Opportunity!

### **Greenhouse Building Assembly 8-10 Volunteers Needed!**

Little Sisters of the Poor  
Mullen Home for the Elderly  
3629 W 29th Ave, Denver, CO 80211  
**Saturday, April 9th from 9 am to 1pm.**

Please wear work clothes and bring gloves. The Sisters have offered to provide lunch.



# CEC Interact Club Update

The CEC Interact Club is working on the following events:

Car Show and Community Carnival on May 14th

Three students will be volunteering at Cowell Elementary Students are working on individual community projects. Thirst project to raise funding for water.

## **CEC Interactors Teach "Be BrainWise with Food" at Cowell Elementary School.**

A successful collaboration with DMHR, Cowell Elementary School's Fit Fun program and CEC's Interact Club will be a model for future projects that reinforce the children's use of thinking skills. Led by Cowell social worker Abbe Montoya, CEC teacher Stacey Hervey, CEC school nurse Tess Callinicos, and Pat Gorman Barry, the high school students presented lessons to 4th and 5th graders on how use thinking skills when making decisions on food. Rotarians Terry Tomsick and Elizabeth Daigle supported CEC students/Interactors Brynn, Marcalino, Daniel and T. The rapt attention of the children says it all, and the teens are looking forward to their next presentation, either on "Be BrainWise with Money" or "Be BrainWise with Safety." The project is the result of a request from Abbe asking DMHR to help her get the BrainWise program into schools in Villa Park, starting with Cowell. CEC administrators are thrilled to have the high school students working with children in the nearby elementary school.





# Rotary Club Rafting Trip

Please join us on Saturday morning, July 9th to raft down Clear Creek to raise money to support the Colorado based non-profit Warriors on Cataract. To date, a group of 31 Rotarians, family, friends and INTERACT students have signed up for this adventure. Please make your checks payable to the Denver Mile High Rotary FOUNDATION, and give them directly to Geoff Noble. He will collect the payments and forward the checks to the Foundation Treasurer. You will receive a receipt that will identify what portion of your payment qualifies as a charitable contribution. If your plans change, and you would like to join us, there are still seats available. Half-day rafting trips for Beginner (\$47), Intermediate (\$57), or Advanced rafters(\$67) are still available. Included in your payment is a \$5,00 contribution directly to Warriors on Cataract. If rafting is not your thing, please consider joining this group for lunch at a local restaurant in Idaho Springs. (Lunch details are still being negotiated.) We are hoping that the restaurant owner will rebate a portion of what we spend for lunch to directly support Warriors on Cataract. If you have any questions, please contact Rotarian Geoff Noble at [gtnoble@comcast.net](mailto:gtnoble@comcast.net) or by phone at (303) 669-5281  
Thank you for your support.



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