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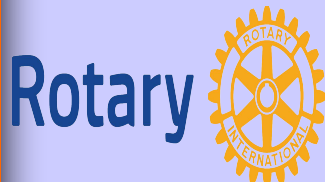
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*Denver Mile High Rotary where commitment and service rise above the mountain tops*

## President's Column:

March 7, 2016

Normally we spend much of the space in this column talking about our Club. We have a lot going on including the upcoming visit to Craig Hospital on the 14th. We have new members being inducted on the 16th and 23rd. We have our regular ongoing activity at Harrington and at CEC. This is great stuff and hopefully everyone is finding something to get involved in.

So let's spend a minute on the bigger world of Rotary. This coming weekend is the annual PETS training weekend. Both Melanie and Adams will spend the weekend training to become the next President and President Elect of our Club. One highlight of this training is that the participants come from all over Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and western Nebraska.

Another part of the larger world of Rotary is the annual District 5450 conference. This event will be held from April 22nd thru 24th, which is now just over six weeks off. This conference is the once-per-year get together of all sixty odd Rotary Clubs in our District. It's the chance to celebrate the year of current District Governor Mary Kay Hasz as she prepares to hand off to incoming District Governor Elect Bill Downes. This year's District Conference will be held in Breckenridge. Please let me know if you are considering attending as we might consider scheduling a DMHR get together

Bob Kemp  
President Denver  
Mile High Rotary  
2015-2016

Last but certainly not least is the annual Rotary International Convention. If you want to experience the global reach of Rotary, attend this conference. This year the Convention will be held in Seoul, Korea from May 28th until June 1st. Our Club has a tradition of sponsoring our incoming Club President in attending the Convention. Melanie will be attending as our Club Representative. Prior years have seen several other members attend as well. Anyone else planning to go this year?



Rotary Happy Hour

## Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

**March 9th** - Our own Greg Smith, the Executive Director of Colorado Public Employees Retirement Association, will be our guest speaker. Greg will speak about PERA and the task of maintaining an organization responsible for retirement plans of Colorado public employees..

**March 16th** - One of the journalist who has been closest to the Denver Broncos over the years is Mike Klis. Mike is the former Denver Broncos beat writer for the Denver Post and current 9News Broncos reporter. He is an outstanding writer and speaker. Whether you are a football fan or not, you won't want to miss Mike's interesting, humorous and engaging presentation. Mike Klis recently published a book entitled, "The 25 Greatest Moments in Denver Broncos History." He will bring copies of his book to sell and sign after the meeting is over.

This meeting is a fantastic opportunity to bring a guest/potential new member. If you plan to bring a guest, please notify Greg Thielen at [gthielen2@gmail.com](mailto:gthielen2@gmail.com).

**March 16th** - 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.

### Denver Mile High Rotary Happy Hours

March 31st - [Denver Athletic Club](#)

April 25th - [Infinite Money](#)

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



### *Local Community Service Meeting*

**When:** March 15th at 4:30 PM

**Where:** Michael Tapp's office at 1700  
Lincoln Street, 10th Floor Denver, CO  
80203



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

**March 9th-**

**Inspiration** - Diane Wilson

**Greeters** - Chris Wong and Paul Anderson

**Host** - Pat Barry

**Rotary Minute** - Kurt Bartley

**March 16th-**

**Inspiration** - Brandon Blankenship

**Greeters** - Elizabeth Daigle and Preston Dickey

**Host** - Kevin Gallaway

**Rotary Minute** - Kim Gardner

**March 23rd-**

**Inspiration** - Melanie Gentz

**Greeters** - Tom Giordano and Tom Gregory

**Host** - Susan Henderson

**Rotary Minute** - Endryx

**March 30th-**

**Inspiration** - Dan Himelspace

**Greeters** - Sarah Hite and Noreen Keleshian

**Host** - Audrey Leavitt

**Rotary Minute** - Jeff McAnallen



## 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

**March 11th - 13th** - PETS

**March 15th** - 4:30 PM Local Community Service meeting at Michael Tapp's office.

**March 31st** - Denver Mile High Rotary Club Happy Hour at Denver Athletic Club..

**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



**March 8th** - Michael Tapp

**March 14th** - Geoff Noble

**March 16th** - Kurt Bartley

## Get Involved - Volunteer Opportunities

Warriors on Cataract is looking for volunteers for their future rafting trips this Spring. Please contact Goeff Noble for more information at [gtnoble@comcast.net](mailto:gtnoble@comcast.net).

### Upcoming Rafting Trips:

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Motel check-in.</b>	<b>River launch.</b>	<b>Post-trip motel</b>
Special Ops Veterans.	May 5 CBW.	May 6 Western River Exp.	May 9 CBW
All Female Veterans.	May 13 CBW.	May 14 Tag-a-Long.	May 17 CBW
Salt Lake VA and others.	May 20 CBW.	May 21 Tag-a-Long.	May 24 CBW
Cheyenne VA and Others.	May 27 Aarchway.	May 28 Tag-a-Long.	May 31 CBW

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## Please Join Us for a Joint Denver Mile High and Cherry Creek Rotary event at Craig Hospital.

What: Serving BBQ dinner to the patients and family members at Craig Hospital  
When: Monday, March 14th, 4:30 to 8pm  
Where: Craig Hospital's Family Housing Apartments on 3427 S. Emerson Street, Englewood CO, 80113  
Parking is located in the GE Johnson visitor lot located on the corner of S. Emerson and E. Hampden.

Sign Up [Here!](#)

Please contact Michael Tapp ([Michael.Tapp@WellsFargo.com](mailto:Michael.Tapp@WellsFargo.com)) or Betty Speir ([bspeirsells@comcast.net](mailto:bspeirsells@comcast.net)) with any questions.

**CEC Middle College 2015-2016 Interact Club  
Ron Prasher District Interact Award Submission**



**CEC Interact Club Members at October Meeting**

**BACKGROUND.** The Career Education Center Middle College (CEC) is a Denver Public Schools' high school serving 430 full-time students and 320 who bus to CEC from other Denver high schools to take career-focused classes not offered at their home schools. CEC offers 22 career-track programs, from auto mechanics to forensic skills and certified nursing assistants to construction trades. The students also can earn an associates degree through the Community College of Denver. It is precisely this approach that has helped CEC students succeed when schools with similar demographics -- 86 percent of CEC students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch and more than 80 percent are Hispanic -- struggle with attendance, low attendance,

high numbers of drop outs, and under 50 percent graduation rates. At CEC, few students drop out and almost every student graduates with a technical certificate or enough college credits to send them on their way to earn associate's degree.

Lee Mulberry, a member of Denver Mile High Rotary Club, started the CEC Interact Club in 2011 with Stacey Hervey, a CEC criminal justice instructor and professor at Community College of Denver. Lee transferred to South Denver Rotary in 2013, and a team of Denver Mile High Rotarians now serve as Interact's advisors: Pat Gorman Barry, Bob Kemp and Sarah Hite. The 2015-2016 CEC Interact Club has as many as 25 students attend their meetings, and a core group of 15 students attend meetings every Thursday after school. Aracely Fuentes, a junior at CEC, is President of CEC's Interact Club. Five CEC Interactors attended RYLA last summer.

**When asked what they liked about Interact, a student said that he appreciated having an opportunity to give back. "So many times, we are given things. Interact gives us an opportunity to help others."**

The following list of activities and projects is a showcase for the services that CEC's Interactors have initiated, completed or are in progress. It shows that members of the CEC Interact Club fulfilled ***all*** of the categories listed on the application: school activities, local community projects, district, national or international projects, leadership accomplishments, and successful fundraising.

#### **1. 9 FAMILY HEALTH FAIR – Local Community Project**

CEC Interactors helped (DMHR) set up the 9 Family Health Fair at Barnum Community Center in North Denver. This is the fifth year the Interactors have been involved with the health fair. (October, 2015)

#### **2. HOSTING DENVER MILE HIGH ROTARY CLUB – Leadership Accomplishments**

CEC Interactors hosted DMHR at the school's Eliot Street Cafe and made presentations about their experiences at RYLA and shared projects the Interact club was planning. (October, 2015)



**Picture of Interactor Baldo telling DMHR Members about his RYLA Experience**

### **3. THANKSGIVING BASKETS – Fundraising Activity and Local Community Project**

CEC Interactors raised money by parking cars at Mile High Stadium and used the proceeds to purchase contents for Thanksgiving baskets that were distributed by the school nurse to needy families. (November, 2015)

### **4. BOOK GIVE-AWAY – Local Community Project**

CEC Interactors obtained children's books from DMHR and distributed them to CEC families to give as Christmas presents. They researched where to distribute leftover books, and selected a Denver agency that serves families. (December)



**CEC Interactors Prepare Children's Books for Give Away to CEC Families**

### **5. BABYSITTING SERVICES – Local Community Project**

CEC Interactors provided babysitting so parents could attend the CEC Student Awards Program. (December)

### **6. VALENTINE'S DANCE FOR AFRICA WATER PROJECT - Fundraising Activity and International Project**

CEC Interactors planned a Valentine's Dance to raise money for The Thirst Project in Swaziland (January/February). Related to the Dance, the Interactors did the following:

a. Interact leaders created a PowerPoint and made two presentations to gather support from 1) the Interactors and students in CEC Marketing club and 2) to create awareness among CEC students by offering a discount on dance tickets if students attended the a presentation on the Thirst project. (January)



**CEC Interactors Present PowerPoint they Developed on the Thirst Project**

**b.** CEC Interactors picked "The '50's" as their dance theme and built a jukebox and ran a photo booth, with proceeds going to the Thirst project. The dance and activities raised \$1200. After sharing half of the proceeds with the marketing club, the Interactors contributed \$600 to the Thirst Project. At the Interact meeting following the dance, President Aracely brought thank-you cards and the club members hand-wrote thank you notes to the teachers and staff members who helped them. (February)



**CEC Interactors Building Jukebox for Valentine's Dance**



**Finished Jukebox!**



**Decorating for Valentine's Dance set up**



**CEC Interact Club's Valentine's Dance Raises \$600 for Thirst Project!**

c. CEC Interactors are raising additional money for the Thirst Project by putting Penny Jars in career classrooms and having a contest to see which class collects the most money. (March/April) To promote donations and educate donors, they will give away bottles of water, and use it as a “hook” to talk with potential donors about the project. They also will distribute stats on how money will be used -- \$25 provides clean water for one person for life, etc. Additionally, they will make up "dirty water" bottles to visually demonstrate what the residents of Swaziland are drinking.

#### **7. CEC INTERACTORS MENTOR COWELL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ON HEALTHY EATING – Local Community Project and Involvement with School Activities**

CEC Interactors and students will serve as mentors for the DMHR-supported BrainWise project at Cowell Elementary. The Interactors and CEC students will use games and activities to teach 50 fourth and fifth graders to Be BrainWise with Food/Nutrition). The activities they introduce will be used by the Fit Fun staff and Cowell faculty. The Interactors will be supported by Denver Mile High Rotarians, the Cowell school social worker, Cowell’s Fit Fun Staff, and CEC’s school nurse and CEC’s Interact Advisor. (March-April)

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