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President's Column

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Greetings Denver Mile Rotarians!

I hope everyone is doing well and staying well. This week has been filled with some fun things for me. Sunday, we attended a wedding of the daughter of some dear friends and former neighbors. It was nice to engage in conversations with familiar friends and some new ones as well, all while practicing our new social norms, of course. I attended a brilliant mini-networking event (6 people) at Top Golf with a fellow Rotarian, and President of the Parker club, who I got to know at PETS. If you are looking for a ringer in a foursome for a golf tournament, he's your guy! Friday, Amanda and I celebrated our youngest son's (Alec), 21st birthday with his first beer...or shall I say, first LEGAL beer, as he IS in a fraternity at school after all! We enjoyed a great lunch, on the patio at Campfire, on 19th, which was called something else for one of our Rotary Happy Hours last year...really fun place with great food and recommended!

Betty and I are working on a fund-raiser for the foundation that includes Dinner, Music, and Magic. Save the date for one of the last two Saturday evenings in September though! More details coming soon!

Speaking of magic...what did the magician say when he made his rabbit disappear? "Hare today, gone tomorrow!"

Stay well and see you in person or on Zoom on Wednesday!

Brad Thompson

Please note...being the DMHR President is an important job and we celebrate our past president, **Scott Smeester** for his great contributions to the lives of DMH Rotarians.

August 29 - Past President's Party - Saturday, 5-7pm - 1739 Forest Parkway - This is Tom Cella's house, but we will celebrate across the street in the huge grassy parkway; bring your own lawn chairs. Rain or shine - canopies will be set up.

Wear your mask and we will be social distancing.

Menu consists of Santiago's burritos with individually wrapped servings of guacamole, chips, dessert, wine, and beer.

A great big thank you to Betty Spier and Mary Walta for organizing this event.

Zoom Details and Meeting Schedule

ZOOM LINK

In addition to in-person meetings, we will have Zoom video conferencing available. The meeting "room" will open at 7:00 am, and the meeting will begin at 7:15.

To join the Zoom meeting, click on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/317120546?pwd=ZjZKeGMvNEFQU2pTSXErZUpUa0Z3UT09>

Meeting ID: 317 120 546

Password: DMHR2020

If you are participating via ZOOM next week and beyond, here's what you can expect:

7:00 - Dial into the call and chat amongst yourselves, mute and unmute yourselves to mix and mingle.

7:15 - Ding, Ding! Everyone mute. Brad will go live and call the meeting to order, announce guests, inspiration and pledge.

7:20 - Brad will mute his phone to prevent audio feedback, and all Zoom participants can unmute and chat amongst yourselves again. We will try to have some cameo appearances by our "in person" members, walk by, wave, and say hello via my computer with the audio on. We'll see if that works next week.

7:40 - Everyone mute yourselves; the meeting announcements/presentation will begin.

8:25 - Q&A

8:30 - 4 way test and end the meeting. Ding, Ding!

A word from your editor...

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Are you going to Taipei next year (June 12-16) for the [Rotary International Convention](#)? Some of your fellow members have registered to attend, ask around, see who those forward thinking individuals are!

I would like to repeat a question I posed in last week's newsletter: In light of all the interesting club projects around the world (which are described in the August RI Magazine), what, in your opinion is Denver Mile High Rotary's signature project or cause? How do we promote it? What fundraisers support it?

Finally, please put the date of the Past President's Party on your calendar (August 29th, 5-7pm), and watch for R.S.V.P. info in our next newsletter.

Stay healthy, stay happy, stay sane!

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*The more you contribute to your Rotary Experience,
the more you benefit from your Rotary experience.
What are YOU contributing to Rotary?*

Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar of Events

August 5 - Jeff Blumenfeld, Boulder author of Travel With Purpose - A Field Guide to Voluntourism. Mr. Blumenfeld covers the work of Rotarians George Basch (Himalayan Stove Project) and John Freeman (ShelterBox), and is a former high school Rotary Key Club member. **Via Zoom**

August 11 - DMHR Board Meeting - 4:00 pm - details to follow. Contact [Brad Thompson](#) for details.

August 12 - Gloria Price, VP for Development, Metro Denver YMCA, will provide an overview of the Denver YMCA and their COVID-19 Relief Project (funding to which DMH Rotary contributed; see thank you document on page 11 of this newsletter) . **Via Zoom**

August 24 - World Community Service Meeting - In person, please contact [Audrey Leavitt](#) for information.

August 26 - Kimba Langas, co-founder of Free The Girls, will share how her organization exists to help girls rescued from sex trafficking live their best lives of true Freedom.

August 29 - Virtual District 5450 Conference. Additional information will follow as it becomes available.

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September 2 - DMHR Budget Overview - Past President Scott Smeester will recap how we ended his year as President, and President Brad Thompson will give an overview of where things are YTD.

September 9 - Dave Ventimiglia, CEO of The Tipi Raisers. This organization is a 501(c)(3) that has been actively working to better the lives of the Lakota People of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation since 2009. Dave has actually been working with the Lakota People since 1990

September 12 - Woohoomanity Challenge [Use this link](#) to support DMHR riders; go to pages 5 and 7 for more information. In addition to donating to support our riders and the DMHR Foundation, you can go to the ride to cheer them on! Wear your mask and bring a picnic.

September 16 -

September 17 - DMH Rotary Foundation Meeting. Contact [Tony Vaida](#) for details and phone connection info.

September 23 -

September 25 - DMH Rotary Book Club. Contact [Linda Sue Shirkey](#) for details. Read Lady in the Lake by Laura Lippman for this meeting.

September 30 -

October 7 - Annual Message and Update from the Rotary District 5450 Governor; our very own, BOB KEMP!!!

Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

Date	Inspiration	Greeters	Host
August 5	Melanie Gentz	Tom Giordano and Brian Good	Tom Gregory
August 12	Dan Himmelpach	Sarah Hite and Noreen Keleshian	Audrey Leavitt
August 19	Ted Hendryx	Kevin LeVezu and Susanne Lorenz	Jeff McAnallen
August 26	Constance Mortell	Carolyn Nobel and Annely Noble	Volunteer needed

Upcoming August Birthdays

August 10 - Tom Giordano
 August 14 - Vass Sirpolaidis
 August 17 - Ronnie Weiss
 August 18 - Sarah Hite
 August 21 - Brian Good
 August 26 - Ann Tull
 August 27 - Chris Wong



Make sure you stretch out your special day!



Mental Wellness Tip of the Week

**Get some
sunshine**

Rotary
Club of Denver Mile High

Message above brought to you by
Diane Messamore, who is on
 Mt. White hiking and enjoying the sunshine!
 This is a photograph she sent taken at
 Brown Creek Falls —>



District Announcements

[Click here](#) for a link to District 5450 home page where you can see the district calendar, other club activities, etc.

[Click here](#) to see and hear DG **Bob Kemp's** message for August.

District Highlights...

[Supporting the Environment](#) becomes a new area of focus.

[Epic Ethics](#)...calm in conflict celebrating our diversity.

EPIC ETHICS: A PROGRAM FOR THE TIMES: Racial unrest, lockdowns, school disruption, and uncertainty is what we are facing as we enter the second half of 2020. The key to success is adapting, and that is what we are doing at Epic Ethics for Peaceful Schools. [Read more...](#)

[Woohoomanity Challenge](#) - Bike Ride on September 12; **some of the DMH Rotary members will be riding in this... see sponsorship information below and page 7 of this newsletter.**

[Club Membership and Giving Report year ending...June 2020](#)

And so much more... Club connections... The Rotary Foundation... Upcoming Events and Training...

In case you missed it earlier in the newsletter... To donate to our Denver Mile High Woohoomanity Riders, [click here](#);

Our DMHR Team consists of

**Melanie "Go Getter" Gentz,
Steve "Beat the Pack" Blazek,
Tom "Strides Ahead" Cella,
Marty "Way out in front" Waters.**

Go Team!

Funds raised go to
The DMHR Foundation!



DMHR Year-At-A-Glance Calendar

JANUARY Write Valentine Cards for Seniors Mini-Dinner Fundraiser Rotary Awareness Month	FEBRUARY Craig Hospital Dinner New Member Orientation World Awareness Month	MARCH Mini-Dinner Fundraiser Literacy Month
APRIL Mile High Spring Swing RI Magazine Month	MAY Craig Hospital Dinner RYLA Interviews Promote International Convention Mth	JUNE River Rafting Rotary Fellowship Month
JULY Inner City Kids Hike/Rotary Peak RYLA Camp Literacy Month & New Rotary Year	AUGUST School Supplies Drive Past President's Party Membership and Extensions Month	SEPTEMBER Mini-Dinner Fundraiser New Member Orientation New Generations Month
OCTOBER 9 Health Fair Craig Hospital Dinner World Polio Day Event Vocational Service Month	NOVEMBER Write Holiday Cars for Active and Deployed Military Citrus Fundraiser Rotary Foundation Month	DECEMBER Holiday Party Toy Drive Family Month

DMHR Admin Information

Dues: Kaili Purviance, Treasurer — treasurerdmh@gmail.com — Thank you!

Please [click here](#) or use the following link to pay electronically:

<https://rotary-club-of-denver-mile-high.square.site/>

You may also pay by check:

Mail a check to Tom Cella, Sargent at Arms at
1739 Forest Parkway Denver CO 80220, or

Bring a check to a Club meeting and leave it at the desk in the Reading Room
(at the top of the stairs to the Club meeting),
or personally give it to Tom Cella or Kaili Purviance, Treasurer

DMHR Foundation: c/o Tom Giordano — 303-263-5091 — Thank you!

Please make out contribution checks to:

Rotary Club of Denver Mile High Foundation or DMHR Foundation

Hand to Tom Giordano at a meeting or mail to:

Tom Giordano at 7271 E. Wesley Ave., Denver, CO 80224

Or... [please click here](#) to go directly to our secure online donation site.

You may make a one time donation or set up automatic monthly donations.

Painlessly Raising Funds for The DMHR Foundation - Woohoo!



Woohoomanity Challenge...what is it?

A Rotary wide bike ride for all levels of riders, and open to all individuals who would like to [register and ride](#).

Four of our DMH Rotary members are riding and they invite you to pledge your [support by clicking here](#).

Our DMHR Team consists of:

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Steve "Beat the Pack" Blazek,

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and

Marty "Way Out in Front" Waters.

Go Team!

Donations in any and all amounts are greatly appreciated; funds go directly to the DMHR Foundation!

**Your donation is the easy part,
the riders have the difficult job,
each will be riding 100 miles**
on September 12th! Let's support them with funds, and with your presence at the event! For details, [click here](#).

Need Rotary mask?

[Brad Thompson](#) is ordering more.

Please contact him if you would like one.

Cost - \$10.00 per mask, \$5 of which is donated to the DMH Rotary Foundation.

Service Above Self

Fellow Rotarians,

Some of our members have been in lock down the entire Coronavirus time, not being able to go out for groceries or library books or anywhere; additionally, some are dealing with health issues. Please think of your fellow Rotarians who may be in this compromised situation and perhaps drop them a card to let them know that we are thinking about them even if they are unable to attend in person or even through Zoom meetings. A few individuals come to mind, but being a new member, I bet there are more of whom I do not know. Can you help recognize those who may be isolated during this time? Those needing some cheerleading for isolation and/or health include:

Ann Tull

Chuck Rudolph (and Charla)

Sara Hite

Constance Mortell

Thank you!

Annely Noble

Member Contributions

Do you have a **PROBLEM** or a **CHALLENGE**?

The message to the right, found in your August *Rotarian International Magazine* is highlighted for you by **Carolyn Schrader**.



Metro Caring Provisioning Update...
provided by **Robin Springer**:
Denver Cherry Creek Rotary reports...
This past week Metro Caring was able to distribute food to 1,459 families and 2,967 individuals through their distribution of 82,740 pounds of food including the staples that volunteers are repackaging for the food boxes and bags. Way to go guys!!

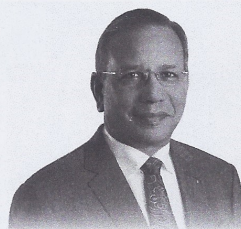
Volunteers needed...

If interested in signing up for a (3 hour) shift [click here](#) or go to:

<https://signup.com/go/URZxUJE> or

If you have questions, please email Jim Hoops Jshoops25@icloud.com or Joel Russman rotary@joelrussman.com

[Click here](#) for information regarding the CARES Act vs Heroes Acts vs HEALS Act. The coronavirus health and economic pandemic has exposed that too many Coloradans who work hard and play by the rules still don't make enough to pay rent, afford healthcare, or even put food on the table each month, let alone save for emergencies like a global pandemic. Many small business owners and gig workers - such as caterers, photographers, DJs, event planners, housecleaners, and Lyft drivers - find themselves without any income. Food service workers, bartenders, baristas, musicians, and entertainers find themselves without work, or returning to a new workplace with increased risks and decreased tip income. [Click on the link](#) for more information and how we can help...



A message from Foundation Trustee Chair K.R. Ravindran

There is a world of difference between a problem and a challenge.

If a honeybee faces a giant hornet alone, the bee has a problem. But if the honeybee faces the hornet with a swarm of other bees, then it is the hornet that has a problem.

This is true in nature, but it is also the human predicament. So when the situation I confront is greater than the resources I have, then it can be termed as a problem. However, if the resources I have are greater than the situation I am faced with, then it is just a challenge. Sometimes we overestimate our problems and underestimate our ability to overcome them.

The COVID-19 pandemic seemed like a situation that might overwhelm The Rotary Foundation. But as things have progressed, we have not allowed it to do so. As of 4 June, we have funded 208 disaster response grants for \$5.2 million and 169 new global grants at \$13.8 million — all in three months. We have leveraged individual Rotarians' generosity with Foundation funds and in many cases other corporate funds to make projects larger and more impactful.

We never allowed the pandemic to overpower us. Indeed, history shows that Rotarians are a curious breed. We are visionaries, an idealistic lot that dreams big dreams of a better world. At the same time, we are resilient and able to withstand challenges that others might succumb to.

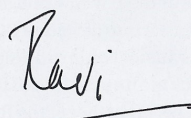
We were not idle during the pandemic lockdowns. We raised funds and did projects just as we would have if there had been no lockdown. We remembered that it's the same business that we always do — reaching out to people in distress — except the methodology by which we did it changed.

Our process of preparing and delivering the projects changed.

The way we communicated what we did changed.

The Rotary Foundation is more than 100 years old and has already weathered many storms — some of them mild and others devastating to the world. Thanks to the strength, sacrifice, and compassion of Rotarians and the level to which they have extended themselves, I believe the Foundation will continue to face the future with renewed hope and inspiration.

Our Foundation will emerge from this pandemic much stronger and more resilient as long as you continue to have trust and faith in it.



K.R. RAVINDRAN
Foundation trustee chair

Contributions to DMHR Foundation

*Giving Generously
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Greater Good*

2020 - 2021 Individual Donors

Pat Gorman-Barry	Carolyn Nobel	Tony Vaida
Tom Cella	Annely Noble	Mary Walta
Melanie Gentz	Adams Price	Marty Waters
Tom Giordano	Chuck Rudolph	Ronnie Weiss
Tom Gregory	Roberta Simonton	Sonny Wiegand
Bob Kemp	Robin Springer	<i>Room for more, will it be you?</i>
Diane Messamore	Michael Tapp	<i>Or you?</i>
Constance Mortell	Ann Tull	<i>Or who?</i>



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