



Denver Mile High Rotary  
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rise above the mountain tops



## President's Column

Greetings Denver Mile High Rotarians!

December 28, 2020

This was the biggest Christmas Holiday I have ever had. I decided to put a big red bow on every box we unloaded and brought into our house over the past few days. It certainly made the process of unpacking our pods a bit more entertaining for Amanda and me. "Ooooooh, look! Another present, this one is for you honey!"

I hope everyone's holidays were enjoyable and that you were able to connect with family, friends, and loved ones in a safe and healthy manner.

Joke of the Week: I got a universal remote for our TV this year for Christmas. Now... This changes everything!

Happy New Year and I think I can say that we all are looking forward to a better year in 2021!

Brad Thompson

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## ZOOM LINK

Until further notice and due to the latest COVID-19 restrictions, the Denver Mile High Rotary will have only Zoom conferencing available. The Zoom 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=ZjZKeGM5NEFQU2pTSXErZUpUa0Z3UT09>

Meeting ID: 317 120 546 Password: DMHR2020

### Interesting Facts...

Attendance last week

52 Total membership

The club was dark last week, no attendance statistics.

## BACK IN THE DAY

### A Celebration of our younger selves

At the December 16 Club meeting, Club members shared childhood photographs and stories. It was a delight to get to share stories about our collective early childhood. What a great way to close 2020.

You must enter your club login to view.

[Click here](#) to view the Power Point.

This newsletter is the **abbreviated version.**

To view the comprehensive newsletter for December, [please click here.](#)





**Word from the Editor, RI Foundation Info, Club Initiatives**

**A word from your editor...**

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Between Hanukkah/Christmas and the New Year, I concentrate on what the new year shall bring by planning what I would like to see happen! Some of you call this goal setting, while others of you make vision boards. No matter how you plan, having a plan is more productive than not. What are your goals this year and how do you plan to make those goals happen? The Mental Wellness Tips in the past months' newsletters suggested listing all your 2020 accomplishments; [click here](#) to see how that activity can help with 2021 planning. Set a time limit—because you need a finish line. Take each goal of yours, create a plan, and break it all the way down to daily activities. Then, give yourself a deadline. I hope that Rotary is in your plan in a big way this year! Happy goal planning and New Year!

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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?*



**Please give to the Rotary Foundation  
and become a Paul Harris Fellow!**

District Governor **Bob Kemp** has asked us to support the humanitarian efforts of **The Rotary International Foundation** in our year-end giving. Donors to The Rotary Foundation are recognized as **Paul Harris Fellows** when their giving reaches \$1,000 or multiples thereof.

To help you become a first time or multiple Paul Harris Fellow, **our Club will match the credit that you get for your donation to the Annual Fund**. So if you give \$100 to The Rotary Foundation, your Paul Harris account will increase by \$200.

**Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation can be made online at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) or via a check, payable to "The Rotary Foundation."**

**Noreen Keleshian** processes contributions to The Rotary Foundation for our Club. If you make an online donation to the Annual Fund please let Noreen know at [noreenkeleshian@gmail.com](mailto:noreenkeleshian@gmail.com), so she can add the match to your account.

If you pay with a check, please mail it to **Noreen Keleshian at 3220 South Locust Street, Denver, Colorado 80222-7410**. She will mail all the donations to The Rotary Foundation. Thank you for your generosity!

**Please make sure Noreen receives your check in time to postmark it to the RI Foundation by December 31, for your tax benefit.**

**NEW COMMITTEES -  
NEW OPPORTUNITIES!**

The Rotary board has suggested we create two new committees:

**Communications Committee chairperson** will help create, curate and oversee our messaging both internally and externally. He/she will work with members on the weekly newsletter, our website, membership, and any other communications that occur. It is important to have consistent messaging/branding across all platforms.

**Technology Committee chairperson** will help our club and members stay current and help evaluate new technologies we can take advantage of for our current ZOOM and Hybrid meetings. She/he can also assist in the computer, projector and sound set up at the U Club and assist the meeting leader.

Please let me know if you have any interest in either of these roles or new committees!

Thanks and be well!  
**Brad Thompson P 303-478-5729**



## Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar of Events

**December 30 - Club Dark - January 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



**January 6 - Patrick Byrne, CEO and Michelle Wiley, Chief Impact Officer, Denver Kids** - Patrick and Michelle will talk about history of Denver Kids and Rotary, and inform the club of service opportunities available to DMHR members.

**January 11 - 4:30 - Rotary Book Group** meets. Contact **Linda Sue Shirkey** for the Zoom link

**January 12 - DMHR Board Meeting** - 4-5 pm MST. Here is the unique Zoom link for all DMHR board meetings:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89392319378?pwd=akZ5L0w2anM3Qk4rZUIFWENrOVQzUT09>

**January 13 - Club Activity** - Write Valentine's Cards for shut ins, those we haven't seen for a while, etc.

**January 14 - Volunteer for Metro Caring** - [Click here](#) and scroll to page 5 of that newsletter for details.

**January 20 - Jon Schlegel is a local who made a name for himself as the owner of SNOOZE** and as a wine expert. He will tell the story of his passion and his experience becoming an Italian wine maker (Attimo Winery).

**January 25 - WCS Meeting - 4:00 pm.** Please contact **Audrey Leavitt** for Zoom details.

**January 27 - Report from Temple Buell Scholar Jay Arehart.** Jay has been studying in Edinburgh, Scotland where his focus is on building and foundational structural materials sustainability. He has been a major partner with Project Drawdown; you can [learn more about Jay](#) on his website, and of course during his Rotary presentation.

**February 3 - Charlie Hunt and Tilyian Phannenstiel - Partnership between Rotary and the Peace Corps.** An incredible partnership agreement was formally created in 2015 and renewed in 2018. The partnership came about because a group of Rotarians in District 5450 helped both agencies realize that they do the same work but from different points of execution. Collaboratively, both could have greater projects and this would only happen with a greater awareness of the partnership at the grassroots level.

**February 8 - 4:30 - Rotary Book Group** meets. Contact **Linda Sue Shirkey** for the Zoom link.

**February 9 - DMHR Board Meeting - 4-5 pm MST.** [Click here](#) for the Zoom link for all DMHR board meetings.

**February 10 - Julie Topeka and Doug Jackson share how Project Cure in Centennial** is the world's largest distributor of donated medical relief. Project Cure routinely provides over \$50 million annually in donated medical equipment and supplies from six distribution centers in major U.S. cities and smaller collection centers around the country. With COVID-19, Project Cure pivoted to meet needs domestically.

**February 11 - Volunteer for Metro Caring** - [Click here](#) and see page 5 of that newsletter for details.

**February 11 - Wine and Chocolate Tasting!** - Early evening event - time will be available soon. Jon Schlegel and his company Attimo Winery are on board. Jon will be the sommelier. Watch for an Eventbrite signup.

**February 17 - Rick Ergle presents "A Fresh Look at the Rotary Four-Way Test."** Rick is a Rotarian from the Keystone Heights, FL club where Geoff Noble attends while a practicing snowbird.

**February 24 - Debra Fine - Beyond Texting: The Fine Art of Small Talk and Big Talk.** Author of the [Fine Art of Small Talk](#) and [The Fine Art of the Big Talk](#). Local Rotarian/author!

**February 26-27 - PETS Training,** virtually via Zoom.

**March 3 - DMHR Budget, LCS and WCS Projects Overview** - Translation...how and what your club is doing.

**Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts, etc.**

Date	Inspiration	Greeters	Host
Dec 30	Club Dark	Wishing you a happy and safe New Year!	See you in 2021!
January 6	Amy Weed	Ronnie Weiss and Sonny Wiegand	Pat Gorman Barry
January 13	Jarod Beach	Andrew Bell and Steve Blazek	Bob Connaghan



**Meeting Leader Calendar**

Dec 30	Dark - no meeting Happy New Year!
Jan 6	Melanie Gentz
Jan 13	Adams Price
Jan 20.	Melanie Gentz
Jan 27	Steve Blazek

**Mental Wellness  
 Tip of the Week**

Buy yourself  
 some flowers!

Denver Mile High  
**Rotary**  
 Club



- January Birthdays**
- 1 Jan - Kevin LeVezu
  - 8 Jan - Marcus Hanlon
  - 21 Jan - Bruce Ward
  - 22 Jan - Debra Flick

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Mental Wellness brought to you by **Diane Messamore**



**Margaret Van Vliet** gave a terrific summary of the book by Bishop Michael Curry, Love is the Way - Holding onto Hope in Troubling Times.  
[Click here](#) for a podcast by Bishop Michael Curry.

**The Rotary Book Group...**

will read the following two books.  
**Discussions begin at 4:30 on the following days:**

**January 11, Monday -**  
Threading My Prayer Rug  
 by Sabeeha Rehman  
Threading My Prayer Rug is a richly textured reflection on what it is to be a Muslim in America today.

**February 8, Monday -**  
Broken For You  
 by Stephanie Kallos  
Broken for You is the story of two women in self-imposed exile whose lives are transformed when their paths intersect.

Upcoming Club Function...

**Wine and Chocolate Tasting**  
 Thursday Feb. 11th  
 Early evening function, time TBD.  
 Featuring  
**Jon Schlegel, sommelier, and his company Attimo Winery**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**GOALS? 2021**

