



## President's Column:

December 17, 2019



Hello Denver Mile High Rotarians...

This is our last week prior to Christmas and New Years. We are almost done with this year and I'd say it was a great 2019! We helped a lot of people from our club's programs and fundraising and there are going to be even MORE great things in 2020! Let's keep our club the best!

We are a tad bit behind this year in fundraising, so if you have been blessed financially, this year or in general, please consider giving a little extra at the end of this year to our club so we can continue to make a difference in other people's lives in our community and around the world. And if that isn't enough, here's another couple of reasons:

All donations to our local Foundation go towards Loy Dickinson credits and that one gets "points" for every \$500 that is donated to the Foundation.

All contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible and your Loy Dickinson contributions are shown on the board that we have up every week for Foundation gifts.

This week our meeting is offsite at Metro Caring (more info below), so please don't go to the University Club! And for that matter, please note we are dark for the following two weeks to celebrate the holidays.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Scott

PS: Why did Santa's helper visit a psychologist? Because he had a low "elf" esteem!

PSS: I will be taking the next two weeks off, including writing a president column for the newsletter. Melanie may choose to continue sending the newsletter, but I'm off :-)

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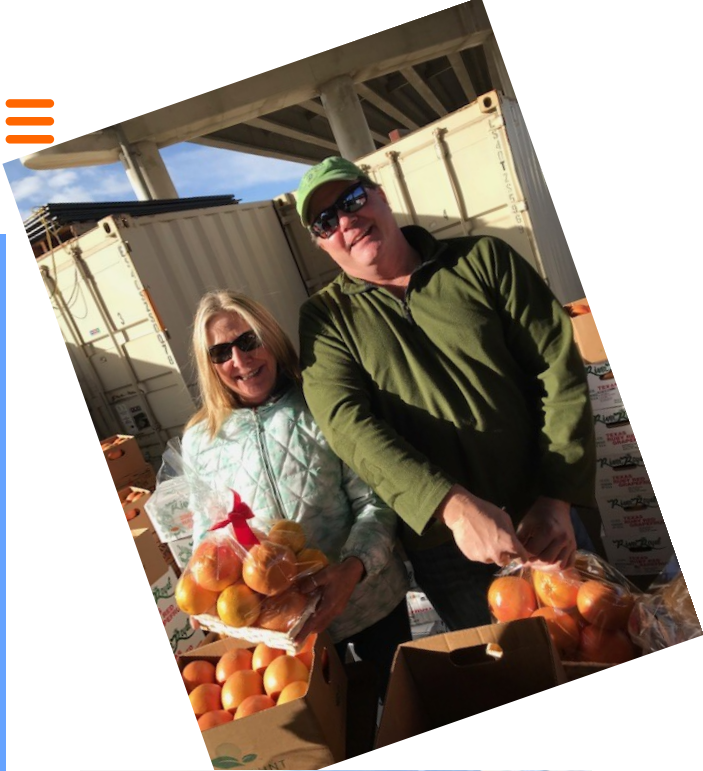
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## Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar of Events

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

**December 17th** - We are going to sort presents at the Salvation Army. This is our 4th year. If you would like to volunteer, you can sign up. 5pm—8pm

**The Salvation Army Denver Red Shield Corps Community Center**

2915 N. High Street

Denver, CO 80205

O: (720) 460-5024

C: (916) 416-1339

<https://denverredshield.salvationarmy.org/>

**December 18th - Rotary Monthly Happy Hour - Christkindl Market Denver**

From 6:00pm to 8:00pm Meet in the Tent, there will be entertainment.

Bring CASH—the spiced wine and beer are cash only

Christkindl Market Denver

1515 Arapahoe Street

Denver, CO United States of America

**January 4th**—Ronnie Weiss' husband Craig Eades Celebration of Life. January 4-noon-3:00 @ Local 46. 4596 Tennyson. In lieu of flowers donations to the Conflict Center or Trout Unlimited.

**January 12th** - Terry Fiske's family is planning his celebration of life to be held on Saturday, January 12, 2020, from 2 to 5pm at the Wellshire Inn, 3333 S Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80222.

**February 8th** - Future of Rotary Dinner & Polio Fundraiser—

6:00p Cash Bar

7:00p Dinner & Program

Special Guest Speaker—John Hewkow, RI General Secretary and CEO

Polio Update—David Talbot, Mountain Foothills Rotarian

**April 18th** - Spring Swing 2020

June 6 - 10th, 2020 - Do you plan to attend the RI Convention in Honolulu?

If so, **December 15th is the last day before registration costs increase! Go**

**to [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org) to register.**

Please do Reference our Website

[www.denvermilehigh.org](http://www.denvermilehigh.org)

Carolyn Schrader has been adding content about Our Club's service projects. Carolyn would like info on other Club activities but need input from the members. Please contact Carolyn to offer information about club activities, etc.





## Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

**December 18th - Instead we are meeting at Metro Caring at 1100 E 18th.** - located at the corner of 18th and Downing. There is a parking lot behind the building off of Downing. Go to the volunteer's entrance on the southeast corner of the building (by the parking lot). Go through the double doors into the warehouse —> immediately veer right and up the stairs then down the hall. The education center/kitchen is on the left. Doors will be open @ 6:35. Breakfast will be delivered at 6:45 coffee and pastries (unless I get caught in traffic).

Jim Van Someren, Development Manager will be providing details on Metro Caring - their programs, services provided, clients served etc. in addition to a tour of their facilities.

**Address: 1100 Eat 18th Ave. (SE corner of 18th and Downing. Small parking lot behind the building.)**

Metro Caring is Denver's frontline anti-hunger organization. They serve tens of thousands in the Denver Metro Area and offer a variety of programs and services related to hunger - including urban gardening . Their client base includes the working poor, single family households, vets, the elderly and college students- too many people in our community.

Last summer, Denver Mile High and Cherry Creek Rotary Clubs, together, wrote a \$5,000 District Grant and built 5 new garden beds. It was a fun and successful project and we are looking forward to working with them again.

We are scheduled to take a private tour of their facility **December 18th!** If you'd like to come and haven't signed up yet, please let me know immediately as this engagement requires some logistical planning. You can reach me by email at: [2respri@gmail.com](mailto:2respri@gmail.com).

**This will be our Wednesday meeting, so the U Club will be dark.**

Come join us - you will be impressed by their facilities and services they offer.

December 25th - Dark

January 1st - Dark

January 8th - TBD

January 15th - TBD

January 22nd - Michelle Jeske City Librian - aka Executive Director

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

### **December 4th**

Inspiration - Linda Sue Shirkey

Greeters - Roberta Simonton and Vass Sirpolaidis

Host - Betty Speir

### **December 11th**

Inspiration - Robin Springer

Greeters - Michael Tapp and Greg Thielen

Host - Marvin Thomas

### **December 18th**

Inspiration - Ann Tull

Greeters - Brad Thompson & Tony Vaida

Host - Mary Walta

December 25th - DARK

January 1st - DARK

January 8th -

## **December Birthdays**

**Noreen Keleshian - December 3rd**

**Tom Gregory - December 4th**

**Tom Cella—December 13th**

**Bob Kemp - December 16th**

**Mary Wuest—December 29th**



## On site tour of Metro Caring December 18th.



Metro Caring is Denver's frontline anti-hunger organization. They serve tens of thousands in the Denver Metro Area by offering a variety of programs related to food security including a grocery store, summer urban gardening, bilingual cooking and nutrition classes helping them break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Their client base includes the working poor, single family households, vets, the elderly and college students- too many people in our community.

Metro Caring provides garden beds for community members to grow their own fresh food. Each year the demand increases beyond the number of beds they have available so this summer Denver Mile High and Cherry Creek Rotary

Clubs, together, took on the challenge of increasing the number of beds providing by providing combined cash with District Matching funds to create a \$5,000 District Grant and together, built 5 new garden beds.

This was a very successful project and we are looking forward to working with them again in the fight against hunger.

In fact we are scheduled for a private tour of their facility December 18th!. Come join us - you will be impressed by their facilities and services they offer.

Address: **1100 E. 18th Ave.** at the intersection of Downing and 18th Streets with a parking lot on Downing Sts



## Please invite your friends to the Spring Swing...

Mark your calendars, buy your tickets and plan join us for another great night of music, dancing, awesome food and beverages, as well has a ton of fantastic and fun people! Last year was a blast, as you know if you were there...and this year will even be better! Once again the big band music of the Flatirons Jazz Orchestra will be featured!

I know it's a few months out, but I wanted to let you know that tickets are now available with early-bird/discounted pricing for the Denver Mile High Rotary Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mile High Spring Swing event! You can find more details below and via the link provided.

[www.springswing2020.eventbrite.com](http://www.springswing2020.eventbrite.com)

Don't delay in taking advantage of our early bird pricing and I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,

**April 18th, 2020** - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

\$75 until 12/31/19

\$85 from 1/1/2020 until 2/29/2020

\$100 from 3/1/2020 until April 18, 2020.

## END OF YEAR GIVING

As we come to the end of the year, we would like you to consider the Denver Mile High Rotary Foundation in your end of year contributions

All donations to our local Foundation go towards Loy Dickinson credits and that one gets "points" for every \$500 that is donated to the Foundation. All contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible and your Loy Dickinson contributions are shown on the board that we have up every week for Foundation gifts. As with the Rotary International Foundation it would be great if everyone gave at least \$100 every year.

As Tony Vaida said we are behind this and would love to support local and global service for the coming years.

Contact Tony Vaida for additional questions

mavaida@vaida.net

## 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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## Mental Wellness/Health Committee – Denver Mile Rotary

A new initiative/committee is soon to be forming to outline the organizing of said committee. All interested parties should contact...Tom Cella, Pat Berry and or Diane Messamore. The outline presently is inclusive of programs/projects related to Mental Wellness. Projects are not limited to but include; calm corners, Brainwise, Young Rotary added clubs and their College Scholarships, S.E.L., Denver Kids, Mental Wellness Kits, buddy benches, CEC student mentors etc.. Service projects are the keystone of our local community commitment. The hope is to provide opportunities for Club members to join in with "hands on" service. Please join.

We will meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am following our regularly scheduled Rotary meeting.

There will be an opportunity to travel to Uganda in the Spring for a Uganda Mental Health Camp.

Tom Cella [tomc@spectrumgc.com](mailto:tomc@spectrumgc.com)

Diane Messamore [cdmessamore@gmail.com](mailto:cdmessamore@gmail.com)

Pat Gorman Barry [pat@brainwise-plc.org](mailto:pat@brainwise-plc.org)



## [Rotary Learning Institute Course 1](#)

**Please consider attending this course.**

Feb 01, 2020 8:15 AM – 3:00 PM
Red Rocks Community College 13300 W. 6th Ave. Lakewood, CO 80228 United States of America

**Rotary Learning Institute (RLI)**

**ONLY COURSE 1 WILL BE HELD**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#)**

Course 1 is perfect for any Rotarian who wants to learn more about the larger world of Rotary, and to prepare President Elects and Assistant Governors for leadership positions. All members gain a deeper understanding of how their club fits into the larger District and International picture. The program will also help build leadership skills not only for Rotary, but in everyday life and in the work-place.

**The fee for each course is \$40. This covers breakfast, lunch, and course materials.**

**Registration closes 5 days prior to each session. Each course must have 15 participants or that course will be canceled and refunds will be issued.**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#)**

**For information contact Karen Briggs, [briggs129@comcast.net](mailto:briggs129@comcast.net) or 303-919-0819.**



**MILE** 

**HIGH**

*Spring Swing*

*Music by The Flatirons Jazz Orchestra*

*Featuring Vocalist Deborah Stafford*

**APRIL 18, 2020**

**6:00 to 10:00 PM**

**INDUSTRY RiNo STATION**

**3858 Walnut Street**

**Denver, CO 80205**

*Snazzy Casual Attire*

**Catering by INDULGE Bistro + Wine Bar**



Proceeds Benefit Local, Regional, & Global Efforts Supported By **Rotary**  
Club of Denver Mile High



**Advance Ticket Purchase Only:**  
**<https://springswing2020.eventbrite.com>**

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