



## President's Column:

February 11, 2020



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Hey Denver Mile High Rotarians...

Are we not in the thick of winter? Holy cow... February has gotten off to quite a snowy start! On that note, I received a general email sent to all club presidents from Rotary Risk Management concerning our potential liability. They state in the email that half (50%) of all claim costs paid under the Insurance Program's self-insured retention were related to slip, trip or fall injuries. So, as we are dealing with ice and crappy conditions, please be VERY careful coming to meetings and events.

The Future of Rotary Dinner and Polio Fundraiser was a great event. Sadly, we have taken a step or two back in our fight against polio from 2018 when we only had about 35 cases. According to the latest statistics, the number of polio cases around the world has reached about 165. So, we still have our work cut out but it was emphasized that there is no reason we cannot eliminate this terrible disease completely. But we need to continue to push hard to overcome the enemy of complacency and battle fatigue!

You are going to hear me talking A LOT about the 2020 Spring Swing in the next month or two, and most of what you're going to hear from me is "motivation" for selling tickets. I use quotes because I don't think I can really motivate you, and I don't think I really have to. I know the type of go-getters you are. So, I just need to you to commit to me and take a step to inviting your friends and family to join us for such a great night! Please. Please. Please.

Something that seems to have fallen through the cracks in the last couple of years is corporate sponsorships. I asked Tom Giordano about the state of our sponsors and the sad news is revenue from corporations has diminished in a big way. I would like to encourage us to revive corporate sponsors. Does your company sponsor non-profits and/or service organizations? Do you frequent businesses that would like to receive some exposure to our members? Please let me know.

I love to go to the Rotary Dinner and similar events because it always renews my belief in what a great thing we are involved in. Rotary is a GREAT way to give back and the values we stand for are what this country and the world are craving. So be proud of what we have. I truly believe a "Rotary revival" is around the corner and that makes you trendsetters and early adopters!

Peace. Respect. Gratitude.

**DINE FOR DOLLARS**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020**  
**4 P.M. - 10 P.M.**

## **THE MELTING POT OF LITTLETON**

**\*30% OF YOUR BILL DONATED BACK TO:  
CEC EARLY COLLEGE OF DENVER (FOOD ONLY)**

\*Dining for dollars fundraising events are not valid with any other promotions,  
dip certificates or coupons.



**The Melting Pot**  
*a fondue restaurant*

As one of our Interact projects, one group of students is raising money for a Kindness Campaign. Please consider attending our Dine for Dollars Event and follow our page on facebook CEC Kindness Campaign @ceckindness

Dine for dollars on Thursday, March 19th at The Melting Pot of Littleton located at 2707 W. Main Street in Littleton from 11 A.M - 10 P.M. **30% of your bill** (food only) will be donated back to our school. Reserve your table at <https://www.meltingpot.com/littleton-co/reservations.aspx> or call (303) 794-5666.

## **DISTRICT 5450 CONFERENCE** **Westin Hotel, Westminster** **April 24-25, 2020**

Registration is now open! Bring your inner super hero to the party because **Together We Achieve More!**

Featuring our guest speaker Erik Weißenmayer, author of *No Barriers* and the first blind person to summit Mount Everest. **REGISTER NOW**

## Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar of Events

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

**February 19th** - Foundation Board Meeting—The purpose of the meeting is to decide the amount we can tell the Club board is available for WCS, LCS and RYLA for the Rotary year 2020-2021. If we hold to the same amount that was allocated last year, the Foundation may have to dip into reserves.

**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.

**April 20th** - World Community Service Committee meeting

April 21st -

**May 17th** - Run in the Colfax for Shelter Box USA.

<https://www.runcolfax.org/>

Sign up for the relay, 10 miler, 1/2 Marathon, Marathon. Choose Shelter Box as your Charity Partner. If we get 20 runners we can have the Shelter Box Tent out at the event. It's up to you if you would like to raise money, this helps raise awareness.

**June 27th** - Rotary Rafting trip down Clear Creek

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.**

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## Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

**February 12<sup>th</sup>** – Chuck Adams "Drone Technology"

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** - Pavel Reppo – Fine Mind

**Feb 26<sup>th</sup>** - Nader Hashemi - Director of the Center for Middle East Studies and an Associate Professor of Middle East and Islamic Politics at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver.

This is an exceptional opportunity to invite guests to the Club who have an interest in international affairs.

Nader Hashemi is the Director of the Center for Middle East Studies and an Associate Professor of Middle East and Islamic Politics at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver. Nader is a leading expert on the Middle East. He is frequently interviewed by PBS, NPR, CNN, Al Jazeera, Pacifica Radio and the BBC. His writing has appeared in the New York Times, Newsweek, the Wall Street Journal, and [CNN.com](http://CNN.com). He is the author of Islam, Secularism and Liberal Democracy: Toward a Democratic Theory for Muslim Societies.

He also co-edited The People Reloaded: The Green Movement and the Struggle for Iran's Future, The Syria Dilemma and Sectarianization: Mapping the New Politics of the Middle East.

The topic of Nader's talk to Rotary will be: "How can we explain the ongoing turmoil and instability in the Middle East? Are the roots of the region's turmoil to be located in history, religion or politics, specifically Western interventions in this region?"

Ann Tull and I heard Nader speak about a month ago and were privileged to join him for lunch. He is incredibly knowledgeable and has such insights into the region.

**Our only request is that you let Tom Cella know by Monday February 24** how many guests will be joining us. You can call or email Tom: [tomcella1739@gmail.com](mailto:tomcella1739@gmail.com) or (303) 981-1222. We want to make sure to have enough breakfast and adequate tables and chairs.

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

### **February 12th -**

Inspiration - **Tom Gregory**

Greeters - **Sara Hanstad and Ted Hendryx**

Host - **Dan Himelspach**

### **February 19th -**

Inspiration - **Sarah Hite**

Greeters - **Noreen Keleshian and Bob Kemp**

Host - **Audrey Leavitt**

### **February 26th -**

Inspiration - **Kevin LeVezu**

Greeters - **Susanne Lorenz and Jeff McAnallen**

Host - **Diane Messamore**

### **March 4th -**

Inspiration - **Constance Mortell**

Greeters - **Carolyn Nobel and Annely Noble**

Host - **Karl Paulson**

## **February Birthdays**

February 8th - Pat Gorman Barry

February 11th - Sonny Wiegand

February 13th - Andrew Bell

February 24th - Marvin Thomas

February 25th - Adams Price



## 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.

<https://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

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

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



## 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



Would you like to participate in the Colfax Marathon supporting Shelter Box on May 17th?

Think you could run one of these legs??

<https://www.runcolfax.org/races/marathon-relay/marathon-relay-leg-overview/>

**LEG 1: URBAN RIVER - 6.5 MILES**

**LEG 2: NO GROANS AT SLOAN'S - 4.0 MILES**

**LEG 3: ECLECTIC MILE HIGH - 5.5 MILES**

**LEG 4: SCREAMING DOWNHILL - 4.1 MILES**

**LEG 5: DOWNTOWN RIVER TREK - 6.1 MILES**

**We would love to get a few teams of 5 people to complete the full marathon.**

We need one person to Run leg 5 for the Relay Team Amy Weed will be Team Captain!

## **JOIN THE ROTARY HALF-DAY RAFTING TRIPS WITH MILE HI RAFTING ON SATURDAY, JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**A \$5 DONATION IS INCLUDED IN THE COST OF EACH TRIP.**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE WARRIORS ON CATARACT PROGRAM**

### **SURE–SHOT - \$54 ADULTS, \$47 CHILD (13 AND UNDER)**

Rafting on Clear Creek River's mountain water is an experience that's fun for the whole family. Get ready for some fun on our exciting 'Sure Shot' beginner-rafting trip. Begin with passing by the historic Charlie Taylor Water Wheel experiencing Class II rapids (ripples). While rafting through Historic Idaho Springs the Class III rapids of Castle Falls and Argo Holes test your newly developed rafting skills. Below town history and nature abound, with the occasional sighting of Retail Hawk, Deer, Fox, Bob Cat, Lynx, Elk, and Big Horn Sheep. Dizzy Lizzy, Power Line, Mountain Lion, and Box prepare us for the grand finale of Mr. Twister! The perfect beginner - starting with Class II water so you can practice, and then the Class III rapids. There is a 50 pound minimum for rafting to insure proper fit of the life jacket. Allow 3 hours for the trip.

### **BLAST (INTERMEDIATE HALF DAY) - \$64 ADULTS**

Perhaps you've already been there and done that and are looking for something more. Most folks who paddle the Blast weren't expecting some of Colorado's most consistent whitewater, and come back for more! With five solid class IV rapids and more class three whitewater than we have space to mention, the Blast is waiting for those with good physical conditioning and an attitude for adventure. If you are active in your daily life the 'Blast' is the trip for you. Allow 3 hours for the trip. Minimum age 14.

### **KAMIKAZE (ADVANCED HALF DAY) - \$84 ADULTS**

One of our former guests refers to this trip as "the best darn whitewater around!", and after braving the rapids of the Kamikaze trip you'll understand why. Add another two miles of continuous (and we aren't kidding!) class IV/III whitewater onto the Blast and you have an adventure that will bring you back over and over. If you're on your toes you might have time to enjoy the scenery of the Front Range before you dive into your next rapid. Previous experience and the ability to swim is highly recommended. Allow 3 hours for the trip. Minimum age 14.

**Contact Melanie Gentz, Andrew Bell, Brad Thompson or Geoff Noble at [gtnoble@comcast.net](mailto:gtnoble@comcast.net)**

**We can get a 10% rebate for a group that we book by  
March 1st**

**All rebates to be donated directly to the Colorado based non-profit program Warriors on Cataract**





# 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>**





Happy Hour last  
week  
At Gold Spot  
Brewery



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