



## President's Column:

January 15, 2019

Denver Mile High  
**Rotary**  
Club



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Thanks to all of you who were at the Club meeting last week and participated in the discussion about going forward with the U Club. The main takeaways are:

We will stay at the U Club for the foreseeable future. Yea!!!

We will continue to have the same breakfast as we had before, including oatmeal for our health-conscious members

Our dues have gone up effective January 1, 2019 to reflect the increased prices set by the U Club. They are now:

\$150 a quarter for the no meal plan

\$300 a quarter for a full breakfast at every meeting.

For those members who are not on the meal plan, but occasionally want to imbibe or eat:

there will no longer be a charge for drinks—that has been rolled into your dues.

A full breakfast will be \$23.00, payable at the front desk

If you were on the non-meal plan last year and have not paid for an occasional breakfast or drink that you had, **please pay at the desk for those items so we can start off the new year up to date.**

I am really excited that we were able to negotiate these changes with the U Club. It is a great venue and an very attractive element in attracting new members. We will be looking for ways to work with the U Club in recruiting new members.

The Club meeting this week should be fantastic, with Kevin LeVezu' program "Fire." You'll also hear more about the Spring Fling and Youth Exchange. It should be an exciting meeting. Don't miss it.

Carolyn

# FAMILY OF ROTARY

## **PRESIDENT-ELECT SCOTT SMEESTER**

Generational volunteerism is a common theme among Rotarians, and Scott and his wife, Audrey, are raising two talented sons who understand “Service Above Self.” Scott and Audrey met at a volunteer fund raiser fifteen years ago and continue to give back to the community.



Their sons -- Pierce, 15 and Mason, 13 -- attended the Warriors on Cataract fundraising rafting trip. Mason attended Young RYLA and reported on his experience to the club, and many of us have met Pierce at club events he has attended with his father.

**SCOTT AND AUDREY**



**MASON, SCOTT, AND AT WARRIORS ON CATARACT**

Scott says the boys understand that Rotary projects are important for the community. He wants them to take away how giving is an important part of living and rewarding, but also that they need to surround themselves with excellent people, like those in DMHR.

As President Elect (PE), Scott wants to continue with what is working and to add to the good things we are doing. Keeping a steady flow of guests and expanding our membership is a priority, as he personally continues to model for us. He believes DMHR is a good fit for millennials, and they will add renewed enthusiasm and opportunities for us while making them aware of the value of giving back.



### ROTARIANS IN TRAINING

Mason and Pierce have company, as other DMHR members have invited children, grandchildren and the children of friends to attend club events. DMHR offers opportunities to involve members' children and grandchildren. Here are pictures of some future Rotarians.



Audrey Leavitt's granddaughter, Jennie, Kevin Gallaway's daughter, Elise, and Elise's friend, Alice, helped wrap Christmas presents donated for children.



Karl Paulson brought his children Vivi, Callister and Christian to the DMHR meeting at the Elliot Street Café

### FROM INTERACT TO ROTARACT

Pat Gorman Barry was able to meet former Interactors and RYLA campers, now college students enrolled in Rotaract, at a District event. The students had participated in BrainWise while at RYLA and asked to pose for a picture.



Interactors who learned BrainWise at RYLA pose with Pat

# Rotary





## Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

**January 16th - Kevin LeVuzu** - Our presentation this week is from one of our own members. Kevin LeVezu is a second-generation photographer who began his love of photography at age 12 by working on images along-side his dad in a darkroom in the garage of their home. He lives here in Denver, CO, however, photography takes him all over the world. Kevin is best known in the artist/photography community for his breathtaking photographs of fire and fire performers which have been showcased in several galleries and exhibits. Kevin was the first artist to be asked by the Burning Man Fire Conclave to display his work at Conclave's central meeting location at one of the largest gathering of fire enthusiasts in the world called Burning Man. His photography and video work includes assignments for corporations, individuals, magazines, public television, and international charities including Rotary.



Kevin is bringing several large pieces of his work that will be on display before the meeting. For the program portion of our meeting, he will bring you inside this small corner of the photography universe and try to help you understand what he sees as an art form that only a few have explored.

**January 23rd** – Speaker Dr. Stacy Goresko, a local and recent bestselling author of **THE SOCIAL DIET**:

**January 30th** – Cindy Skerjanec—Time Organization of Groups

**February 6th** – Brooke Kent - The psychology of investing: Chicken vs. perfume

### January Birthdays

January 1st - **Kevin LeVezu**  
January 18th - **Ted Hendryx**  
January 21st - **Bruce Ward**  
January 22nd - **Debra Flick**



## Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

### January 16th

Inspiration - Melanie Gentz

Greeters - Lindsay Gerlach and Tom Giordano

Host - Brian Good

### January 23rd

Inspiration - Tom Gregory

Greeters - Ted Hendryx and Dan Himelspach

Host - Sarah Hite

### January 30th

Inspiration - Noreen Kelesian

Greeters - Bob Kemp and Audrey Leavitt

Host - Kevin LeVezu

### February 6th

Inspiration - Michaela Levine

Greeters - Jeff McAnallen and Constance Mortell

Host - Lawrence Mundy

This is a performance the Flatirons Jazz Orchestra did a few months ago for a local TV program called Denver Blues Roots.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcUx8aDiYy0&feature=youtu.be>



# Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar

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

**January 15th, 2019** - Rotary Board meeting at Michael Tapp's Office - 1700 Broadway 10th floor – Contact Carolyn Schrader

**January 18th, 2019 - Food Bag at Goldrick** pack and distribute food bags for 350 elementary school students. Enter the school through the door on the southwest corner of the building.

**January 18th, 2019 - *A Night of Dancing!*** Practice your Swing dancing for our upcoming April 13th event

<https://denverturnverein.com/> 7p - 8p Dance Lesson / Lindy Hop 8pm - 11pm Dancing.

\$8 1570 N Clarkson St,

[RSVP by CLICKING HERE](#)

**January 18<sup>th</sup> (dress rehearsal) – 12<sup>th</sup> Night at the University club** – [CLICK HERE](#) for the dress rehearsal, if you can attend please let Sonny Wiegand know, he will let the university Club know they have our support (earn a few Brownie Points)

**January 22nd, 2019 - 5pm - 7pm** Happy Hour at Bigsby's Folly Craft Winery and Restaurant 3563 Wazee St, Denver, CO 80216

**January 23, 2019** [Rotary Night at the Stock Show 01.23.19](#)

National Western Club

5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

**January 25th - [RI President's Dinner & Polio Fundraiser](#)**

Denver Marriott South

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Don't miss out! [Register Now](#) for the Friday, January 25 event at [www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org).

**January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> (Multiple Dates) – 12<sup>th</sup> Night**

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Rehash 1 on Jan 25<sup>th</sup> tickets

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Rehash 2 on Jan 26<sup>th</sup> tickets

**January 29<sup>th</sup>** – WCS Committee will meet at 4:30PM in the conference room at Leonard Rice Engineers located at 1221 Auraria Pkwy, adjoining the Pepsi Center. This is Carolyn Nobel's workplace. Free parking is available at the back of the building. Enter from parking lot- rear door of building. Call in is available at 1-877-255-4121. No passcode required.

**February 1st - Food Bag at Goldrick** pack and distribute food bags for 350 elementary school students. Enter the school through the door on the southwest corner of the building.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> – *Snowshoeing!*** More details to come on exact location and best snow, but dust off your snow shoes, we will be getting out for a hike.

**March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> – PETS** – Bob Kemp needs your help!

**April 13th - Spring Fling Event** – Get your tickets! SHARE – use the following link –

[CLICK HERE](#)

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

Contact Brad Thompson for more details - [brad.thompson5280@gmail.com](mailto:brad.thompson5280@gmail.com)

**June 22nd - Annual Rafting Trip** - More details to come - Save the date Mile Hi Rafting –

# Denver Mile High Rotary Presents ..... Mile High Spring Swing!



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Denver Mile High Rotary  
presents - Mile High Spring  
Swing!

by Denver Mile High Rotary Club

\$100

[Tickets](#)

## Description

A night of big band swing music and dancing with the Flatirons Jazz Orchestra, featuring vocalist, Deborah Stafford. Bring your king or queen to listen and dance to the music from "The Duke" and "Count!" Proceeds from the event help the Denver Mile High Rotary club with projects that support children, education, and improving lives locally and around the globe. Rotary International is dedicated to eradicating Polio and have made tremendous strides, but there's still more work to do! You're participation in our event will get us one step closer to our goal to make this happen!

[Click here to listen to the band!](#)

## Date And Time

Sat, April 13, 2019  
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM MDT

[Add to Calendar](#)

## Location

Industry at RiNo Station  
3858 Walnut Street  
Denver, CO 80205

[CLICK HERE TO Purchase your tickets](#)

## Sponsors





## 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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