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Hey everybody,

Last week I mentioned that Brad Thompson went to president training and came back pretty fired up, and now I'm pretty fired up also. I have a renewed strength to finish out my term strong, but I'm also excited for the things Brad is going to do for the club. I'm excited about being lead by Brad. We're going to be in good hands!

The speaker we had last week - the architect that re-designed the little science town in Antarctica - was fascinating. It was about something (and place) I've never given much consideration to, but was captivated by his stories and anecdotes about the nuances of the continent, the communities and the people. Whoever found that program (Robin?)... kudos! If I were a guest I would give major consideration to joining a club that educates me like that, just like it did a few years ago with me and the autonomous vehicle presentation.

Speaking of programs...

Robin Springer has been running and organizing our programs this last year and is "retiring." Robin has done a fantastic job, but we need to find a replacement now, and I hope you'll consider stepping up and taking it to the next level. Programs is one of the most impactful jobs to our club, and one that is rewarding because it's visible to everybody and everybody appreciates a good program! It's your stage. It's your show. Have fun and find cool acts!

Reminder: just two more tickets!

Scott

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
2707 W. Main Street
Littleton
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>

March 11th - Speaker, Kent Drotar, veteran USAF pilot turned Director of Public Relations at **the Wild Animal Sanctuary** in Keenesburg, CO, will share news of the latest land acquisition/ wild animal habitat. The WAS rescues animals from around the US and world from horrific captive situations and rehabilitates them so they can live and roam freely within large natural habitats with others of their kind.

March 18th - Speaker, Joel Barber is a hydrogeologist working at LRE Water, Carolyn Nobel's firm. Joel will speak about some of the advances in water testing, engineering, and management. More importantly, he will talk about his trip to Zimbabwe, using his expertise to help us develop a viable plan for restoring clean water to communities in Zimbabwe. Joel will also share some experiences with the Highlands Rotary Club, our long-standing partner in Zimbabwe.

March 19th - Craft Beer Happy Hour and Foundation Fundraiser—5-7 pm
The Club's monthly Happy Hour will be on March 19 at the Schrader house (407 Detroit St. Denver.) We will have a treat for all you adventurous beer lovers: tastings of some great Colorado craft beers, presented by Ed Price, a local connoisseur and Carolyn's son-in-law. We will also celebrate St. Patrick's Day late, for those of you who didn't have enough beer on March 17. Please bring either a beverage or appetizer to share. This will be a fundraiser for the club's foundation so we are asking you to make a donation as well..

March 25th - Dave Winsor, local expert on the Beatles will provide the back stories of how The Fab Four formed, evolved and became the band that changed rock and roll forever.

April 18th - Spring Swing 2020 Buy your tickets prior to March 29 for \$85, thereafter \$100.

April 20th - World Community Service Committee meeting

April 25th - World Peace Day at the Conflict Center

April 21st - Local Community Service Committee Meeting

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 6th - 10th, 2020 - Do you plan to attend the RI Convention in Honolulu? Go to www.riconvention.org to register.

June 27th- Rotary Rafting trip down Clear Creek

Please do Reference our Website
www.denvermilehigh.org



Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

March 18th - Joel Barber - Denver Mile High Rotary sponsored a District Grant for a water survey in Zimbabwe that was approved early in January. This grant was to fund the travel expenses of Joel Barber, an employee of LRE Water who volunteered to complete the survey. Our connection with LRE Water is the best: Carolyn Nobel is the Director of Operations for the organization. It was Carolyn who arranged for Joel, a hydrogeologist with an MS in hydrogeology from the Colorado School of Mines, to travel to Zimbabwe to complete a hydrogeological survey in a suburb of Harare. This survey was necessary to get approval for a \$100,000 Rotary Global Grant to repair and upgrade their water system.

March 25th - Greg Thielen - The beginning of the Beatles and all they had to go through before they became famous Dave has been a big fan of The Beatles since 1963. A self-developed expert on The Fab Four, he has traveled to Liverpool, Hamburg, and Abby Road in London. While many people know about The Beatles after their arrival in the United States, few of us know their formative years. Dave will help us uncover the story of how the band was formed, evolved, and became the rock and roll sensation that many of us first heard on KIMN radio on December 26, 1963.

Whether you are an "old school" Beatles fan or a young person who has only heard their music on the oldies radio stations, you will thoroughly enjoy this fun and interesting look back at one of rock and rolls greatest bands.



While visiting Geoff in Florida, Annely Noble attended a meeting of the Keystone Heights Rotary Club. Annely exchanged banners with Club President Betsey Condon. The Keystone Heights Rotary Club is an active and friendly club of 21 members in north central Florida.

Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

March 11th -

Inspiration - **Charlene Porter**

Greeters - **Adams Price and Kaili Purviance**

Host - **Chuck Rudolph**

March 18th -

Inspiration - **Carolyn Schrader**

Greeters - **Linda Sue Shirkey and Roberta Simonton**

Host - **Vass Sirpolaidis**

March 25th -

Inspiration - **Betty Speir**

Greeters - **Robin Springer and Michael Tapp**

Host - **Greg Thielen**

April 1 -

Inspiration - **Marvin Thomas**

Greeters - **Brad Thompson and Mary Walta**

Host - **Tony Vaida**

April 8 -

Inspiration - **Ann Tull**

Greeters - **Bruce Ward and Marty Waters**

Host - **Amy Weed**

April 15 -

Inspiration - **Ronnie Weiss**

Greeters - **Sonny Wiegand and Chris Wong**

Host - **Mary Wuest**

March Birthdays

March 2nd - Audrey Leavitt

March 3rd - Carl Paulson

March 8th - Michael Tapp

March 14th - Geoff Noble

March 23rd - Constance Mortell



District Announcements

PEACE COMMITTEE WORKSHOP - LET'S TALK **Saturday, March 14 - Red Rocks Community College**

How can we foster conversations to bridge our divides?

[CLICK HERE](#)

for more information and to register.

LITERACY CONFERENCE 2020

Saturday, March 28 - University of Denver

New Perspectives on Literacy & Basic Education
for Colorado and the World.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2020

Friday-Saturday, April 24-25 - Westin Westminster

Featuring our guest speaker

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and the first blind person
to summit Mount Everest.

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Please invite your friends to the Spring Swing...

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

It's only five and a half weeks away and I wanted to let you know that tickets are still available with early-bird/discounted pricing through March 29th for the Denver Mile High Rotary Club, 2nd 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,

Brad Thompson

[CLICK HERE to](#) buy your tickets

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

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



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>**



Contributions to DMHR Foundation



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

Think you could run one of these legs??
We need 11 more people to have a tent at the event!

<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.

Amy Weed is Team Captain for one relay team!

JOIN THE ROTARY HALF-DAY RAFTING TRIPS WITH MILE HI RAFTING ON SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH

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.

Click to contact [Melanie Gentz](#), [Andrew Bell](#),
[Brad Thompson](#) or [Geoff Noble](#)

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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