



President's Column:

March 18, 2020



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Hello Denver Mile High Rotarians...

In the midst of the COVID19 pandemic, we are scrambling to come up with ideas on how to keep our group together and engaged and how we can serve our community. As you've seen, our meetings at the U Club are cancelled for the next couple of months, but we will continue to have presentations and find ways to be engaged. However, we have a challenge in this... learning some new technology.

I took a gamble and created a private chat group online for us using a tool called Slack. Slack is a tool (free for our needs) that I've been using for a number of years and is a collaboration tool I use with many different groups for work around the world. It is a tool that brings dispersed people closer together and I would love to see us embrace it to stay engaged.

I say it's a gamble because in my world it is anything but easy getting users to adopt a new technology, much less so trying to get an older demographic to do it. I even had a member tell me not to expect much after sending the invite to Slack (as anticipated) to you. So, getting you to accept the learning curve on how to use a couple of new online tools for communication may be met with pushback, but I encourage you to keep an open mind nonetheless. This is a different world we're living in and if social distancing is here to stay, your need to embrace new technologies will not go away. However, what I'm asking of you I know you can learn, and there is a lot of help - online and with people - that can get you up and running. I ask that you give it a try.

Tomorrow morning we do not have a meeting scheduled, but I anticipate an online meeting and presentation next week. More details to come.

Thanks and Godspeed...

Scott

P.S. Please see page 10.

Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar of Events

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

March 18th - CANCELED DUE TO COVID19 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 - CANCELED DUE TO COVID19 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 - CANCELED DUE TO COVID19 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.

March 26th - STAY TUNED FOR TELECONFERENCING INFORMATION
DMHR Foundation meeting

April 18th - CANCELED DUE TO COVID19 Spring Swing 2020 Refund Info on page 5.

April 20th - STAY TUNED FOR TELECONFERENCING INFORMATION
World Community Service Committee meeting

April 25th - STAY TUNED FOR TELECONFERENCING INFORMATION
World Peace Day at the Conflict Center

April 21st - STAY TUNED FOR TELECONFERENCING INFORMATION
Local Community Service Committee Meeting

May 17th - CURRENTLY ON BUT STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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 6-10, 2020 - CURRENTLY ON BUT STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

RI Convention in Honolulu - Go to www.riconvention.org for the latest information.



DINE FOR DOLLARS FUNCTION IS CANCELED

**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®**
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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](https://www.meltingpot.com/littleton-co/reservations.aspx)
or call (303) 794-5666.

**[Click here to see](#)
what Rotary International is saying
regarding the Corona Virus Impact.**

District Announcements

CANCELED

LITERACY CONFERENCE 2020

Saturday, March 28 - University of Denver

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

[REGISTER NOW](#)

CANCELED

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2020

Friday-Saturday, April 24-25 - Westin Westminster

Featuring our guest speaker

Erik Weißenmayer,

author of *No Barriers*

and the first blind person

to summit Mount Everest.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

District 5450 PETS - President Elect Training Seminar, appeared to be fun for all this past February! Photo on left shows DMHR incoming president, Brad Thompson with incoming Rotary International President, Holger Knaack, with Amy Weed, PETS facilitator.

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District Announcements

SPRING SWING IS CANCELED

**Please invite your friends to the
Spring Swing...
NEXT YEAR!**

Due to COVID19, the Spring Swing event has been canceled. Please know that if you paid by credit card, your payment will be refunded. If you paid by check, a refund check will be issued in the near future.

Best regards,

Brad Thompson

Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

**Unless otherwise informed,
Denver Mile High Rotary will begin meeting again on May 6.**

May 6th -

Inspiration - **Carolyn Schrader**

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

Host - **Vass Sirpolaidis**

May 13th -

Inspiration - **Betty Speir**

Greeters - **Robin Springer and Michael Tapp**

Host - **Greg Thielen**

May 20th-

Inspiration - **Marvin Thomas**

Greeters - **Brad Thompson and Mary Walta**

Host - **Tony Vaida**

May 27th -

Inspiration - **Ann Tull**

Greeters - **Bruce Ward and Marty Waters**

Host - **Amy Weed**

June 3rd -

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



Contributions to DMHR Foundation



**THIS FUNCTION CURRENTLY IS ON
BUT PLEASE WATCH THE WEBSITE
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

**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!

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**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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A note from your Newsletter publisher...

Hi fellow Rotarians!

This newsletter looks like an end of the world notification with all the red ink of cancelled events! Your amazing president, Scott, was concerned that it was too dire however, decided that it is important that the club with its future activities stay on your radar!

Next week promises to be a really “bang-up”, optimistic, forward-thinking version of the newsletter!

- We will list ways to spend time indoors;
- we will have visioning for when Rotary begins meeting again;
- we will reiterate the need for a new program person as Robin steps back;
- we can suggest hikes families can take and still remain socially distanced from others;
- and we can have a page of photos shared by YOU of how you are staying healthy at home;
- not to mention also, how you can stay sane at home!

Send in your photos and thoughts because this newsletter is about
YOU and YOUR ROTARY CLUB!

THE CORONA VIRUS DOES NOT DAUNT THIS GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS!

Send your thoughts and photos to
Annely.Noble@comcast.net

Thank you for your optimism and brilliance!
Annely