



## President's Column:

March 5, 2019

Denver Mile High  
**Rotary**  
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Dear Denver Mile High Rotarians,

It is always sad when a former member passes away, and that is especially true with the death of Peggy Houser. Peggy joined the Club in 1990 and was a member for 22 years until she and her husband Jack moved to Colorado Springs. What that doesn't tell you is that she and Jack were the heart of the Club while they were here.

They were incredible advocates for doing good in the community and got us involved with Denver Rescue Mission, CHAMPA food program, mathematical literacy for kids, helping women find jobs, organizing events at the Barth Hotel. Our Club's reputation as a strong service Club was due to their initiative and inclusiveness.

We have so many great memories of Peggy and Jack, urging us to share our time and energy to help others. Denver Mile High would be a much different Club had they not guided us in their gentle way. Our hearts go out to Jack and the family during this difficult time.

Carolyn

Carolyn is away this week and Brad Thompson will be running the meeting tomorrow.



Carolyn Schrader visits Constance. Fun photos from her apartment in New York City



View from the rooftop at Carolyn's place in Italy

# FAMILY OF ROTARY

The Family of Rotary shares the sad news of the death of one of DMHR's longtime members, Peggy Houser. She and her husband, Jack, were active in many club projects, including the annual Villa Park Holiday Parties. They resigned from DMHR in 2012 when Peggy's health started to decline. DMHR recognized them at a January, 2012, meeting before they moved to Colorado Springs so they could live closer to their daughter.



**Jack and Peggy Houser say Good-Bye to DMHR in 2012**

They continued to be active in Rotary and were inducted into a Colorado Springs Rotary a few months after their move. Several DMHR members attended the event in Colorado Springs.



**Terry Fiske, Susan Henderson, Peggy and Jack Houser, Steve Sehnert, Patricia Fiske, and Geoff Noble attend Colorado Springs Rotary induction**

Peggy was raised in the South, and her childhood included picking cotton to help with her family's finances. In school, her academic aptitude stood out, and paved the way for her to attend college. She met Jack in college, and they became the parents of two daughters. Peggy did not forget her early years, and was a fierce proponent for helping children and women learn finances. When she returned to the work force, she chose to be financial planning consultant specializing in women.

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**Peggy and her grandsons take a break at the Villa Park Holiday Party, 2010**

Our condolences to Jack and Peggy's family for their loss. DMHR members can send cards to Jack at

Jack Houser  
12105 Ambassador Dr. #508  
Colorado Springs CO 80921

### **FYI – SOURCE FOR CLUB PICTURES**

Former DMHR member Steve Sehnert, the keeper of the club's history and pictures, sent Family of Rotary the wonderful pictures of Peggy. Steve retrieved them from the archive of DMHR photos he created before he moved to Steamboat. He said that the photos are available to all DMHR members. **THANK YOU, STEVE!!!**

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## Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

**March 6th** - Tom Giordano—FDR and Polio—In August 1921, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, aspiring politician, contracted polio. As a result, was paralyzed from his waist down for the remainder of his life. Tom Giordano discusses his overcoming his disability to become one of our most consequential presidents, the impact of polio on his life and health, and how his illness led to the eventual development of vaccines to combat this crippling disease.

Tom Giordano, retired chemist and environmental professional, facilitates history classes at DU's OLLI Program. He recently taught a class on The Big Three, Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin.

**March 13th**— Ron Baker—Colorado Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)

**March 20th** - Jen Landers - Colorado Young Leaders

**March 27th** - Jim Rohrer—What happened to SEARS

**April 3rd** - Charlene Porter - World Icon, Colorado Unknown – Hattie McDaniel

**April 10th** - Suzi Stolte—Opioid Interaction Awareness Alliance

### March Birthdays

March 2nd - Audrey Leavitt  
March 3rd - Karl Paulson  
March 8th - Michael Tapp  
March 13th - Michaela Levine  
March 14th - Geoff Noble  
March 23rd - Constance Mortell



## Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar of Events

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

**March Happy Hour—Tuesday, March 19th** Shells and Sauce, 5– 7 pm -  
2600 E 12th Ave, Denver, CO 80206

**March 16-17th** - PeaceJam Youth Leadership Conference—  
[www.peacejam.org](http://www.peacejam.org)

**April 13th - Spring Fling Event** – Get your tickets! SHARE – use the following link –  
[CLICK HERE](#)

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

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



**April 18th - Rotary Monthly Happy Hour**—University Club 5pm—7pm—  
Free Beer—Hosted by U Club member - Sonny Wiegand

**April 27th** - District Conference - [REGISTER NOW](#) - A one-day conference to inspire, connect and re-energize! Highlights include a focus on Mental Health, club projects, youth, and a Connections Cafe. *Only \$125 for the full conference, with special pricing for first time attendees and Rotaract*

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

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>

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

### **March 6th**

Inspiration - Pat Gorman Barry

Greeters - Andrew Bell and Steven Blazek

Host - Bob Connaghan

### **March 13th**

Inspiration - Greg Thielen

Greeters - Anson Thompson and Brad Thompson

Host - Ann Tull

### **March 20th**

Inspiration - Tony Vaida

Greeters - Mary Walta and Bruce Ward

Host - Amy Weed

### **March 27th**

Inspiration - Ronnie Weiss

Greeters - Sonny Wiegand and Chris Wong

Host - Louis Wyman

## **February Birthdays**

February 8th - **Pat Gorman Barry**

February 11th - **Sonny Wiegand**

February 13th - **Andrew Bell**

February 25th - **Adams Price**





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## *Spring Swing*

*Music by The Flatirons Jazz Orchestra*

*Featuring Vocalist Deborah Stafford*

**APRIL 13, 2019**

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

**INDUSTRY RiNO STATION**  
**3858 Walnut Street**  
**Denver, CO 80205**

*Snazzy Casual Attire*

**Catering by INDULGE Bistro + Wine Bar**



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## PROMOTING THE MILE HIGH SPRING SWING EVENT

Explain what we do at Rotary, locally and globally. (no need to do this first step if you are visiting and promoting to another club; however, you should share some information about our club's projects over the years).

The MHSS is our BIG fund-raising event to help us raise more money for our foundation to help us do more good in the world.

What is the MHSS? It's going to be SO MUCH FUN! We have an amazing 18-piece big band called the Flatiron's Jazz Orchestra, there's going to be music, dancing (if you want to) great food catered by Indulge Bistro and Wine Bar, we have a variety of beverage sponsors and a ton of fun people to meet and get to know!

When is it? Saturday April 13, 2019. From 6 pm to 10 pm

Where is it? – 3858 Walnut St, Denver. It's a really cool new office building called Industry at RiNo Station. If you haven't seen it yet, you'll definitely want to check it out!

How many people are going to be there? We are shooting for 300+

Tickets are \$100 each. Here's a great offer that several businesses and individuals are taking advantage of: Buy 5 get one FREE! So, you get 6 tickets for \$500. Bring friends, colleagues or clients!

Where can I get my tickets today you ask? Go to: [milehighspringswing.eventbrite.com](https://milehighspringswing.eventbrite.com)

Don't delay...tickets are selling fast and we'd hate to have you miss out!

Pass out the fliers. Point out the Eventbrite link at the bottom of the page.

Any questions you can't answer, collect their name and number and send them to Brad Thompson at [brad.thompson5280@gmail.com](mailto:brad.thompson5280@gmail.com) or 303-478-5729 and I will be happy to call them and answer them!

Remember....your enthusiasm will be contagious so be super excited whenever you are sharing information about the MHSS!

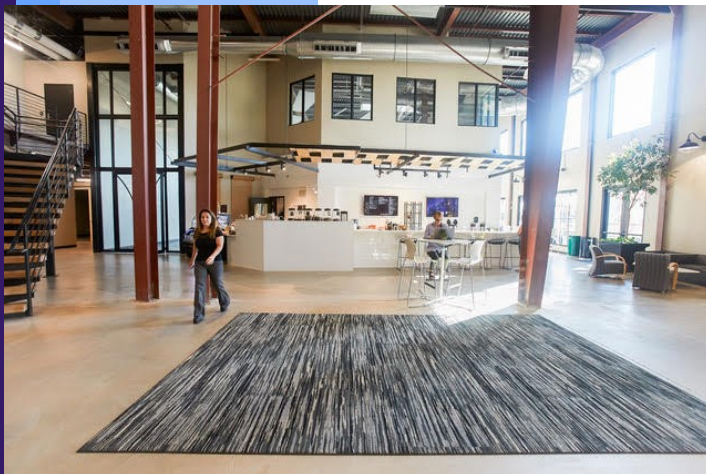
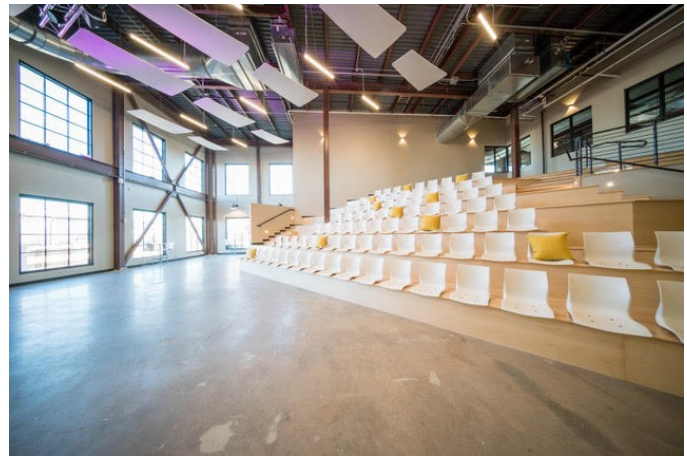
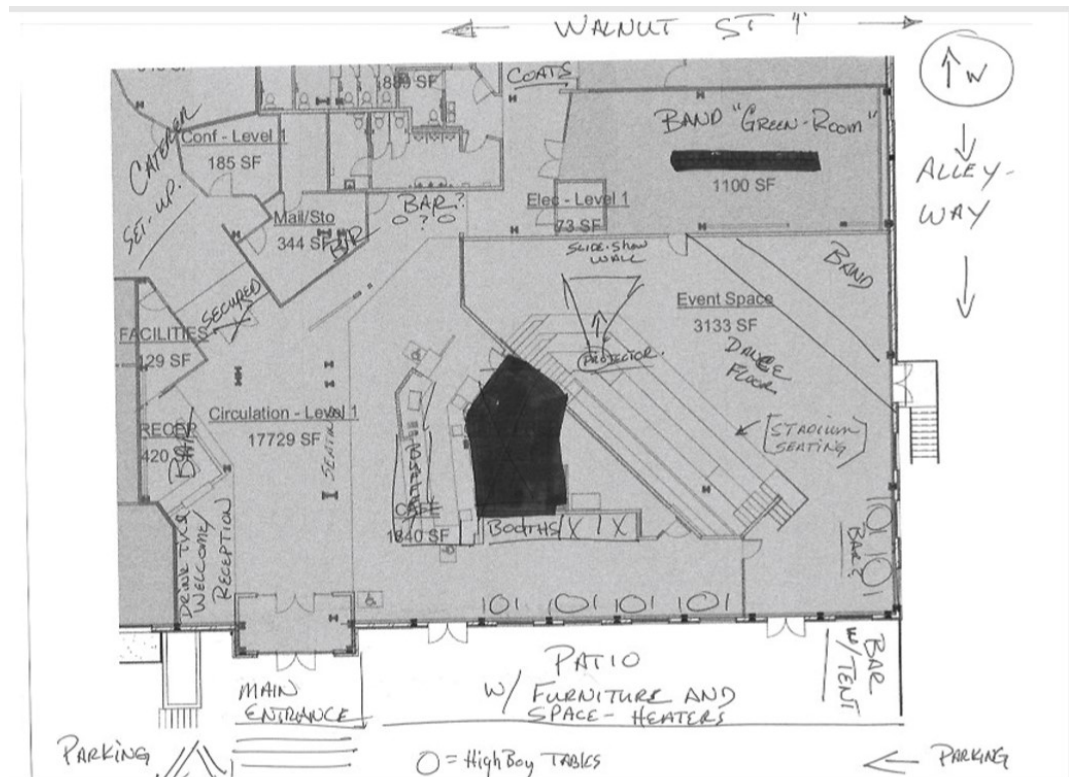
Thank you!

Take 20% off one ride to or from Industry at RiNo Station for Mile High Spring Swing!

<https://www.lyft.com/invite/MHSS19>







## JOIN THE ROTARY HALF-DAY RAFTING TRIPS WITH MILE HI RAFTING ON SATURDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</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) - \$62 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, Scott  
Smeester, or Geoff Noble at**  
[gtnoble@comcast.net](mailto:gtnoble@comcast.net)

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

## 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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