

Denver Mile High
Rotary
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President's Column

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Attendance last week

52 Total membership
34 - Members on Zoom
1- Guest on Zoom
17 - Members missing

Greetings Denver Mile Rotarians!

Nov 23, 2020

November is always a month of reflection and gratitude for me. It is a time we honor our veterans and some years we get to cast our votes, exercising one of many freedoms we have as citizens of the USA, which is one of the things I am always grateful to be. Take time to reflect on your blessings, your loved ones, your knowledge, your experiences, and the abundance in your life. Let someone know a few of the things you are grateful for this year. It is always a great conversation around the table at Thanksgiving...it's not a coincidence this IS the namesake for this week's holiday, after all.

Joke of the week: A lady was at the grocery store, getting stocked up for Thanksgiving. She was looking at the turkeys and was disappointed how small they all were. "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" she asked the stock-boy walking by. With a straight face he replied, "No, ma'am, they're dead."

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!
Brad Thompson

P.S. I am grateful to be a Rotarian and that I am surrounded (albeit, virtually right now) by so many wonderful people!

ZOOM LINK

**Through December or until further notice,
all meetings will be via Zoom - No in person meetings.**

The Zoom meeting "room" will open at 7:00 am, and the meeting will begin at 7:15.

To join the Zoom meeting, click on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/317120546?pwd=ZjZKeGM5NEFQU2pTSXErZUpUa0Z3UT09>

Meeting ID: 317 120 546

Password: DMHR2020

Information from last week's speaker/presenter:

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Reports and a Word from your Editor...

Report on the Holiday Gift Giving Project for the Client Children of the Covenant Cupboard Food Pantry

I am so proud to be a Rotarian when I see how so many fellow members (almost half of the entire club) stepped up to help with this project!

Nine of you shopped for 20 children, which at approximately \$25 per child totals a financial commitment of a minimum \$500, which does not include the extra tape, gift wrap and additional goodies (hats, scarves, gloves, gifts, more wrapping and tape) shoppers included with their gift bags.

Additionally, 11 members donated twenty \$20 gift cards totaling \$400, each in a holiday greeting card to provide extra joy to these families.

Those who participated in this project are:

Gift Cards

Marty Waters
Pat Gorman Barry
Janine Kempfer
Amy Weed
Tom Giordano
Tom Cella
Robin Springer
Michael Tapp
Chuck Rudolph
Margaret Van Vliet
Carolyn Schrader

Shoppers

Ronnie Weiss*
Debra Flick
Noreen Keleshian
Diane messamore
Robin Springer
Linda Sue Shirkey
Annely Noble
Roberta Simonton
Constance Mortell

* **Ronnie Weiss**, shopper extraordinaire, offered to shop for others, and did!

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A word from your editor...

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Citrus Sale order deadline is TODAY! If each member could source only 5 orders, we would meet our minimum goal!
See details on page 5; it is so easy to order online.

December 1st is **Giving Tuesday**; give to RI by [clicking here](#).
Give to DMHR Foundation by [clicking here!](#)

And, finally, December 5th is Rotary Action Day, **give of yourself**; watch for details in next week's newsletter.

Believing in the power of Rotary to improve the world...
together we can achieve...

See you on Zoom on Wednesday!

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*The more you contribute to your Rotary Experience,
the more you benefit from your Rotary Experience.
What are YOU contributing to Rotary?*

This is Rotarian **Bruce Ward's** busiest time of the year as he arranges for the People's (Christmas) Tree to be selected, cut, transported and set up on the west lawn of our nation's capitol!

The tree this year came from Colorado's National forest.

For the latest information on the tree, [click here](#).

To read a holiday poem, click on [Twas the day of the tree cutting!](#)

Find out where the tree is today by [clicking here](#).





Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar of Events

November 23 - Last day to order Citrus - Contact Amy Weed or Tom Giordano.

November 25 - CLUB DARK - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

November 30 - World Community Service meeting. Contact Audrey Leavitt for Zoom details.

December 1 - Rotary Book Club - 4:30 pm - Please contact **Linda Sue Shirkey** to be included in the Zoom link. The book club is reading The Daughters of Yalta by Catherine Grace Katz. All are welcome to join!

December 2 - Parking on Sherman - No restrictions. Street sweeping runs April through November.

December 3 - Local Community Service meeting 4:00-5:00 pm. Contact Tom Cella for the Zoom link.

December 5 - Rotary Action Day - Watch for details in this space.

December 9 - Pem Dorjee Sherpa - From Everest ascents to a home in the US, to Projects Back in his native Nepal. Aside from his mountaineering achievements, Dorjee has worked on improving the quality of life in his home village of Chayangba. Dorjee has organized service projects such as dental, eye, and other health projects, as well as funding to build libraries, schools, and drinking water systems in his village and other remote villages in Nepal.

December 12 - Pick up Citrus orders at 1600 W. Colfax; details will follow.

December 15 - DMHR Holiday party - Zoom in from 5:00-6:30 PM. Festive attire (Elf costume?) is suggested. BYOB.

December 16 - Back in the Day - DMHR Rotarians' Childhood photos and memories; can you identify our members from their 10 year old or younger photos? Or from their stories? See next page for more information.

December 23 - Club Dark - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

December 30 - Club Dark - January 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 6 - Patrick Byrne, CEO and Michelle Wiley, Chief Impact Officer, Denver Kids - Patrick and Michelle will talk about history of Denver Kids and Rotary, and inform the club of service opportunities available to DMHR club members.

January 13 - Club Activity - Write Valentine's Cards for shut ins, those we haven't seen for a while, etc.

January 20 - Debra Fine - Author of the Fine Art of Small Talk and The Fine Art of the Big Talk. Local Rotarian/author!

January 27 - Temple Buel Scholar report from Jay Arehart.

February 3, 2021 - Charlie Hunt and Tilyian Phannenstiel - Partnership between Rotary and the Peace Corps. An incredible partnership agreement was formally created in 2015 and renewed in 2018. The partnership came about because of a group of Rotarians in District 5450 helped both agencies realized that they do the same work but from different points of execution. Collaboratively both could have greater projects and this would only happen with a greater awareness of the partnership at the grassroots level.

News Worth Knowing

Date	Inspiration	Greeters	Host
November 25	Thanksgiving Break	Club is Dark	Club is Dark
December 2	Vass Sirpolaidis	Carolyn Schrader and Linda Sue Shirkey	Roberta Simonton
December 9	Betty Speir	Robin Springer and Michael Tapp	Tony Vaida

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November Birthdays

23 Nov - Diane Messamore
26 Nov - Kaili Purviance
26 Nov - Carolyn Schrader

Meeting Leader Calendar

Nov 25 Dark - no mtg Happy Thanksgiving
Dec 2 Melanie Gentz
Dec 9 Melanie Gentz
Dec 16 Steve Blazek
Dec 23 Dark - no meeting Happy Holidays!
Dec 30 Dark - no meeting Happy New Year!
Jan 6 Melanie Gentz
Jan 13 Adams Price
Jan 20. Melanie Gentz
Jan 27 Steve Blazek

Mental Wellness Tip of the Week

List and celebrate your
accomplishments
of last week.



Mental Wellness tip brought to
you by **Diane Messamore**

Even on Zoom, make sure you make
an effort to connect with our latest
new member, Lilly Raboin!

Have you sent Janine Kempfer
your photos (age 10 and under)
for the December presentation?
Janine@primemortgage.biz
Limited time opportunity!

Dan Himelspach's Inspiration from November 18...

What is a Rotarian? ROTARIANS are people who...

Dig a well from which they will never drink;
Vaccinate children they will never meet;
Restore eyesight for those they will never see;
Build housing in which they will never live;
Educate children they will never know;
Plant trees under which they will never sit;
Feed hungry people regardless of race or politics;
Make crawlers into walkers halfway around the world;

And right here in your own community, ROTARIANS...

Give dictionaries to children which will be the first item that
they themselves ever had of their very own;
Buy shoes for those children who don't have any, yes, right in
your own community;
Provide meals for those who are hungry;
They know that real happiness, as Albert Schweitzer once said,
can only be found by helping others.

Let us all try to be better ROTARIANS.

Denver Mile High Rotary Citrus Sales

Fresh ruby red grapefruits and fresh navel oranges straight from the Rio Grande Valley in Texas are available in 20 lb. boxes. Boxes of citrus are the perfect gifts for clients, friends and family or for your own winter enjoyment. In addition, boxes of oranges are available for donation to Food for Thought (FFT), which provides food for schoolchildren in Denver and Aurora.

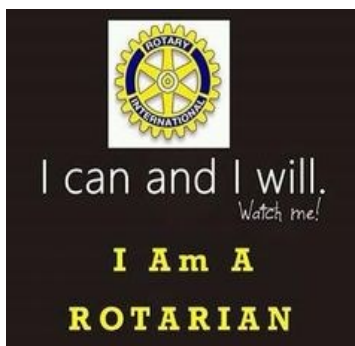
The Denver Mile High Rotary Club uses the proceeds from the sale to fund projects serving Denver and international communities. Buying holiday citrus is a fantastic way to give twice! Order forms available at our Denver projects include: meetings.



- 9HealthFair
- The Conflict Center
- Metro Caring
- Organizations affected by COVID-19
- Warriors on Cataract
- Mental Health Awareness
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Orders can be picked up or delivery can be arranged. **Orders must be received by November 23.** Pickup will be at 1600 West Colfax Avenue on December 12. Details will be provided later. To order, bring this completed form with checks or cash to the club meeting or mail this form along with checks to: Amy Weed, 1535 Newport St., Denver, CO 80220. Please make checks out to: Denver Mile High Rotary Foundation. Credit card orders can be made at club meetings or online (<https://dmhr-105472.square.site/>). For additional questions, contact Tom Giordano (giordant@comcast.net) or Amy Weed (aewe7@yahoo.com). **Please specify fruit type and quantity of each.**

Name	email	Rotarian Name



TODAY is the final day to order...do it now, [order online with a credit card!](https://dmhr-105472.square.site/)

The Final Word...

Traveling with **Brad Thompson** in Georgia & Florida



The plaque **above** explains the flag pole.
Below, one of the ubiquitous trawlers hauling in the shrimp and other goodies of the sea!



Fishing with **Geoff Noble** in Georgetown



^ **Noreen Keleshian** learns to fly fish,
^ **Annely Noble** would rather knit yarn than fish line!

Of course, **Margaret Van Vliet** caught brown trout!