



President's Column:

October 22, 2019



Hey Denver Mile High Rotarians,

Last week I decided to call up the pinch hitter, Brad Thompson, to lead the meeting. I was dealing with a pretty bad cold with sneezing and coughing and it would not have been good. Thanks Brad for stepping in for me at the last minute!!

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I was looking at some statistics about Rotarians - why they join, why they stay and why they leave. One interesting piece of data I saw was that local service projects was the #1 reason for prospective members to join and for current members to stay (greater than 40% response rate for each). That tells you how important it is for us to continue pushing for a good hands-on local project, and the good news is we are making great progress. More to come on that...

Another interesting thing I saw in the study is that for prospective members, the #3 reason they join Rotary is to gain personal development and training opportunities. Dan Himelspace has mentioned this in the past, more than once even, but there is great value in the quality of leadership training you get by being a Rotarian. I didn't think of it back when I joined (nobody ever sold that to me), but it has been very important to me and I would think that other professionals would also value it. So if you're "courting" a guest who is a working professional, don't forget to mention it.

We should have a Halloween party some year. I think it would be pretty fun if we had a costume get together. Anybody have any thoughts on that?

I hope to see you Wednesday morning!

Scott

PS: if you have any feedback for me as your president, from how I do these newsletter intros to how I run a meeting, please let me know. Sometimes I feel I'm leaving something out!



Denver Kids Mentor Opportunities

Denver Kids is a jewel in Rotary's community programs. Rotary Club 31 of Denver helped found Denver Kids after World War II to help at-risk youth in third through 12th grade graduate from high school. Club 31 Rotarians continue to serve on the organization's Board of Directors and help fund operations that include twenty full-time counselors. Rotarians also recruit volunteer mentors who work one-on-one with students from third grade through high school, provide YRYLA and RYLA scholarships and offer numerous educational, career, and recreational activities.

Last year, Denver Kids served more than 900 students in 160 schools who participate for **an average of seven years**. The children are recommended by school counselors and may qualify for free reduced lunches and in addition to family, social, educational, and behavioral health challenges. This combination of strikes belies the **83 percent graduate rate** Denver Kids achieve compared with the 65 percent rate of DPS students. These successful outcomes are a hallmark of Denver Kids.

Last January, DMHR received a District Grant, in partnership with Castle Pines Rotary, Denver South East Rotary, and Club 31 to fund BrainWise training for Denver Kids counselors. Social worker Steve Huff, PhD., heads the social and emotional learning programs at Denver Kids. Tom Cella and Diane Messamore were club champions for the grant.

The recent merger of Denver Kids and the Denver Scholarship Foundation will provide additional opportunities for DPS students to learn SEL and the executive function skills needed to make positive life choices and decisions – with Rotarians and other volunteers serving as mentors.

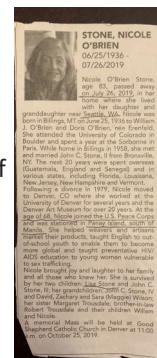
Mary Penney, a Club 31 Rotarian, President of Denver Kids Board, and CFO of Quaitt Companies, is the club speaker on October 16th. She will tell the club about Denver Kids and recruit DMHR volunteers to be mentors. Audrey Reyer, Denver Kids Volunteer Co-Ordinator, will join Mary.



Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar of Events

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

October 25th, 2019 - a memorial mass will be held at Good Shepard Catholic Church in Denver at 11am for Nicole (Nikki Stone) O'Brien Stone (past member of the Denver Mile High Rotary Club.



October 30th - Volunteering at Craig Hospital Craig Hospital dinner for patients and their families - Oct. 30 @ 5:30 PM
 - 3425 S Clarkson St.
 - meet in lobby of family housing building (across street from main hospital)
 - park on the street or in visitor's parking lot
 - food catered from Brother's Barbeque
 - the patients and our Rotary will dress in Halloween costume - but it is not required



November 5th - there will be a short memorial for Loy Dickinson, the founder of Denver Mile High Rotary, who passed away earlier this year. We will meet at Bella Vita, where Loy lived his last days, to view a beautiful tree the Club had planted in his honor. After the memorial, we will adjourn to an nearby pub in Lowry for a Happy Hour to toast Loy properly. More details to follow.

November 23rd - Our DG Curt Harris is riding in the El Tour de Tucson on Nov 23 to raise money for Polio and is interested in riders to join him. If you are interested in joining Curt - it would be a great way for our Club to increase our Polio contributions. District 5500 has info on their webpage and also there is a site for the race. Any additional bikers in the Club willing to ride would be great. <https://rotaryd5500.org/page/ride-to-end-polio>



Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

October 23rd - Mary Penny Rotary Club 31 for Denver Kids—DPS is facing a crisis of students dropping out of school. Co-founded by Rotary Club of Denver Club 31 in 1946, Denver Kids, Inc. provides educational counseling and mentoring to K-12 students to help them graduate from high school. Mary Penny from Club 31 will be introducing us to the program and how Denver Mile High might join them in supporting youth development and lowering the drop out rates in Denver Public Schools.

We will have a small auction for World Polio Day at the meeting on October 23rd - World Polio Day is October 24th

October 30th - Jacqueline Chandonnet National Marrow Donor Program, Registry of volunteer hematopoietic cell donors and umbilical cord blood units in the United States.

November 6th - Col. Bob Walcott - President of the University Club will be speaking about the History of the University Club

November 20th - Rutt Bridges - Driverless Cars

Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

October 23rd -

Inspiration - Ted Hendryx

Greeters - Dan Himelspace and Sarah Hite

Host - Noreen Kelesian

October 30th -

Inspiration - Bob Kemp

Greeters - Audrey Leavitt and Kevin LeVezu

Host - Michaela Levine

November 6th

Inspiration - Jeff McAnallen

Greeters - Diane Messamore and Constance Mortell

Host - Carolyn Nobel

November 13th

Inspiration - Annaly Noble

Greeters - Geoff Noble and Karl Paulson

Host - Charlene Porter

November 20th

Inspiration - Adams Price

Greeters - Kaili Purviance and Chuck Rudolph

Host - Carolyn Schrader

October Birthdays

Scott Smeester - October 6th

Carolyn Nobel - October 7th

Kevin Gallaway - October 8th

Alessandro Eichstaedt - October 15th



Please invite your friends to the Spring Swing...

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

I know it's a few months out, but I wanted to let you know that tickets are now available with early-bird/discounted pricing 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.

www.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,

April 18th, 2020 - 2nd Annual Mile High Spring Swing event! Date is set. Venue secured. Band is getting locked in. Catering should be good to go. Wheels are in motion. Discounted tickets are in the works

[CLICK HERE to](#) buy your tickets

\$75 until 12/31/19

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

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



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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>

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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

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