

## President's Column:

September 10, 2019

Hello again Denver Mile High Rotarians...

I hope you are enjoying the awesome weather we've been having. I was getting pretty tired of the 90 degree days. It's so nice to have some 70s and 80s!

Here are some important updates and topics...

### High Rotary on the Web:

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### Presentation of Champions of Potentials Project Organizations

Yesterday I sent an email with the list of people who have agreed to champion the research of possible organizations for a new project. Please take the next month to do your due diligence about the organization to find out if there is a fit. On October 2nd, I will be calling on you to present to the club your findings and to learn the next steps. I really hope that we get some good information and "move the needle" to find another great project for the club. Remember that we are really eager to find a "hands on" project that will regularly get our club together to help an organization.

### Citrus Sales

Citrus sales, one of our main fundraising seasons, is upon us. Adams Price is taking over as committee chair and is looking for volunteers to help. Please email Adams if you can put a little bit of time in to help this year ([Adams.Price@pmcf.com](mailto:Adams.Price@pmcf.com)). Also, please consider visiting some other Rotary clubs in the area in October and November to help our sales efforts.

### New Officers and Board

The time is also upon us to consider the next class of leaders for the club. Please think about who you like to on the board or as officers for Brad Thompson's regime. We will be having sign up sheets on tables at two upcoming meetings for you to nominate yourself or somebody who you would like to see in a position.

### Board Meetings

If you have interest in being an officer/leader but don't know what to do, I would recommend attending some board meetings. We meet every month on the second Tuesday at 4pm - in person and online. Anybody is welcome and we'd love to have you come and learn and have a voice in the direction of the club!

Thanks, everybody. See you Wednesday bright and early!

Scott

## DMHR: Champion for a District Grant to Provide BrainWise Training for Denver Kids' Counselors

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



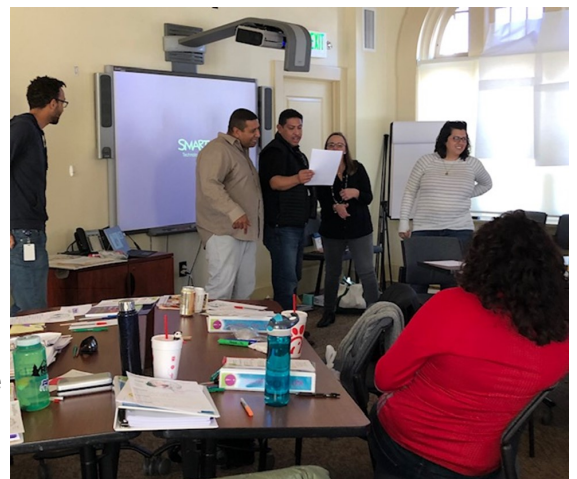
Last year, Denver Kids served more than 900 students in 160 schools who participate for **an average of seven years**. The children are recommended by school counselors and may qualify for free reduced lunches and in addition to family, social, educational, and behavioral health challenges. This combination 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.

In 2018, following a training for their counselors in Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), Denver Kids' administrators sought a curriculum they could use with students and families. After a review of programs, they selected BrainWise, unaware that the curriculum had been developed by DMHR Rotarian Pat Gorman Barry. Neither did they know that BrainWise was being taught in Denver, Jefferson County, Weld County, and Aurora public schools, as well as in Rotary projects at Eagleton Elementary and CEC.

This connection opened an opportunity to seek a District Grant that would cover the training expenses. In addition, the project would make a wider range of Rotarians aware of mentoring opportunities with Denver Kids. Denver Mile High Rotary members Tom Cella and Diane Messamore stepped up to be co-champions of the District Grant with Club 31, Denver SouthEast and Castle Pines Rotary as partners. The grant was approved and Denver Kids' counselors and administrators were trained in BrainWise in January, 2019.

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.





# District Announcements

## SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

We have much to celebrate with our alumni scholars who are making a difference in the world. [Click HERE](#) to find out more about 2017-18 recipient James Terhune and 2018-19 recipient Brian Adams and where to find them in the world.

## 2019 CLUB TRAINING WORKSHOP

**Nurturing Young Rotarians & Nourishing Experienced Rotarians**

**Learning Cafés:** Secretaries - Treasurers - Foundation - Leadership - Service Projects

**Topic Breakouts:** Technology & Social Media; PR, Marketing & Membership; Hands-on ClubRunner

**Saturday, Sept. 21 - 8:00 am to 12:15 pm**

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

**RI CONVENTION - [REGISTER NOW!](#)**

**June 6-10, 2020 - Honolulu, Hawaii**

**Registration special rate through December 15.** Space at the RI Convention is limited, so don't miss this opportunity to network with Rotarians from more than 130 countries. Connect with old friends, make new ones, attend seminars, and learn about projects around the world. Find more information and registration details at [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)

## 24 October is World Polio Day!



World Polio Day is a time for Rotarians all over the world to raise awareness about our efforts to eradicate polio for good.

Join us by hosting an event in your community. Download the toolkit to help you start planning your event.

Not sure what to do for World Polio Day? Here are a few ideas:

- Host a gathering for friends and club members to watch the Online Global Update. Organize a fundraiser and invite guests to experience what it's like to vaccinate children by viewing Rotary's [virtual reality](#) film, "Two Drops of Patience." (Download Rotary's VR app to your Apple or Android device.)
- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about the importance of ending polio. Send it to the letters or opinion page editor for consideration.
- Share information about Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. The toolkit's resources can help you every step of the way. Don't forget to [tell us](#) how you're observing World Polio Day.

# Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar of Events

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

**September 12th** - Rotary Monthly Happy Hour - First Draft—5p - 7p - 1309 26th St, Denver, CO 80205 - High-tech hangout with a self-service pouring system for beer, wine & cider, plus shareable plates. [firstdraftdenver.com](http://firstdraftdenver.com)

**September 14th** - Rotary Bike Ride - Meet at REI at 9am on the 14th. We will ride South on the Platte, please contact Melanie if you are interested - [melanie.gentz@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.gentz@gmail.com).

**September 15th** - Sign up for Mini Dinner benefiting our club's foundation and supporting our service projects

Debra Flick and Michael Tapp and his wife Betsy will be hosting a "Mini Brunch" on Sunday morning, September 15<sup>th</sup>

Theme: Italian Brunch - Recipes from famous Vatican Chefs

Date: Sunday, September 15, 2019

Time: 11 am to 2 pm

Where: Michael and Betsy Tapp's House: 10503 Oakmoor Lane, Parker, CO 80134

Please RSVP by Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> to [michael.tapp@wellsfargo.com](mailto:michael.tapp@wellsfargo.com) or [dmarieflick@gmail.com](mailto:dmarieflick@gmail.com).

Cost: \$30 per person - Please bring your checks payable to The Foundation of Denver Mile High Rotary.

**September 17th**—Foundation Board Meeting—Contact Tony Vaida

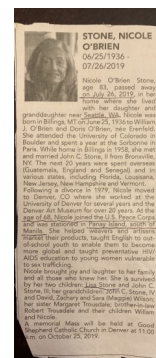
**October 5th**—9th Health Fair—Please contact Linda Sue Shirkey for more information

Rotary [Reconnect Week](#) 2019 will be 7-13 October! - We can do something with Rotary Alumni

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

October - TBD - World Polio Day

**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**

**September 11th - Rick Ninneman and Michael O'Hagen** - Rick is the Director of the Arrupe Jesuit Corporate Work Study Program at Arrupe High School. Rick and Michael will co-present on the Arrupe Program

**September 18<sup>th</sup> – Frank Rowe** - Denver Parks Trust, Who they are, what they do green space issues in Denver The Denver park system was designed years ago for a population of 500,000. Now it is closer to 800,000. How can we support and improve the system under the city's new pressures?

**September 25<sup>th</sup> - Chris McLaughlin** – Denver International Airport - Chris will provide an overview of the myriad of activities at the airport: construction challenges, air service announcements, real estate program and tips on how to efficiently navigate the airport.

**November 20th - Rutt Bridges** - Driverless Cars

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

### **September 11th -**

Inspiration - Ann Tull

Greeters - Tony Vaida and Mary Walta

Host - Diane Messamore

### **September 18th -**

Inspiration - Amy Weed

Greeters - Ronnie Weiss and Sonny Wiegand

Host - Chris Wong

Vocational - **Brian Good**

### **September 25th**

Inspiration - Mary Wuest

Greeters - Pat Gorman Barry and Jared Beach

Host - Andrew Bell

## **September Birthdays**

**Greg Thielen - September 2nd**

**Roberta Simonton - September 8th**

**Jeff McAnallen - September 27th**



# 9HealthFair

## OWN YOUR HEALTH

**October 5th, 2019**  
**8am—12pm**  
**Sign up to Volunteer**  
[www.9healthfair.org](http://www.9healthfair.org)

One of our big projects for the year is the 9HealthFair.

This year the fair is on Oct. 5th. from 8:00 am to 12:00 though volunteers need to be there at 7:00. It is at CEC Middle College of Denver at 2650 Eliot. Please sign up on line at [www.9healthfair.org](http://www.9healthfair.org) (see below)

Look for the Find a Fair button and look for the for the fairs the CEC fair on Oct. 5th. We also need set up help for a couple of hours on Oct. 4th at 3:30.

A couple other opportunities for helping with the fair are someone to purchase food at COSCO or somewhere for the volunteers. We have some money for this but we need someone to pick up the food and deliver to CEC.

We also need to give the volunteers lunch so need to try to get donations if possible. Would someone like to call Sexy Pizza or one of the local Mexican Restaurants to try to get donations? Thanks so much for all your help on this great project. It has become a yearly project for about 15 years now!.

**Contact Linda Sue Shirkey—** [prodndsgn@aol.com](mailto:prodndsgn@aol.com)

### **Volunteers to register on the new website:**

- Go to [www.9healthvolunteer.org](http://www.9healthvolunteer.org)
- For **returning** volunteers, click Login using their Email address and then click on "Forgot Your Password" to receive a link for their new profile. Must complete Volunteer Waiver in the Qualifications section.
- ☐ For **new** volunteers, click Sign Up and complete their profile; including the Volunteer Waiver in the Qualifications section.
- For assistance, contact [Steve Hall](#) OR [ve@9healthfair.org](mailto:ve@9healthfair.org)

## 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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