



President's Column:

December 10, 2019



Greetings Denver Mile High Rotarians...

What a great DMHR Holiday Party that was on Sunday. We had such a great time! Thanks to all who put it together!

Recently Dan Himelspace and I were talking about what it is that would "sell" Rotary to a business person. Is it the leadership opportunities you get? Is it the service aspect? To all our professionals in the group: where do you find value from our Rotary Club? I'd love to get some feedback as we keep our eyes focused on growing our membership. Thanks!

Remember: December 18th we are offsite! We will not be meeting at the University Club. Instead we will be doing an on site tour of Metro Caring. I'm looking forward to that! More details below in the newsletter.

The Rotary Foundation Dinner is on February 8th and the theme is Future of Rotary. More details below, but we will be encouraging newer members to attend by paying for seats (with significant others). If you're a newer member, put this on your calendar because we want you there :-)

Oh, and this week's speaker is going to be awesome. See you at the meeting!

Scott

Oh... don't forget to pick up your citrus order this weekend! It's gonna be so yummy. Thanks to the Citrus Fruit team!!

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CITRUS DELIVERY

There are two primary events for citrus this week. The first is delivery of the fruit, which is targeted to arrive Wednesday. We will need some people to be able to help unload the ~136 boxes to put them into the shipping containers until we distribute them Saturday morning. We need at least three people to also meet the truck to unload efficiently.

We will need the buyers (or the club members who facilitated the purchases) to pick up the fruit baskets between 10am and noon on Saturday morning at the FFT location.

All the fruit, except for the FFT boxes will be placed in cellophane bags with bow ties and placed in baskets. We will start packing the baskets at 9am, so they should be ready by 10 for distribution.

We need Rotarians to help unload the boxes at FFT, pack them in the bags, put on the twist ties and put them in the boxes. It will be assembly line fashion and we need probably 5 people there to help. Karly is not available to be there. Bit I will be there.

All the baskets and cellophane, will be there and all the fruit will be packed. All the Rotarians need to do is show to pick up the fruit.

We distribute the fruit on Saturday Morning.

Adams will send an email when final details have been made.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Aurora Central High School will be chartering a new Young Rotary Club/Interact Club. We are excited to be involved in some capacity in the future.

They are currently looking for donations this holiday to wrap presents to distribute to children in the neighborhood near their school. The deadline for donations is this Friday.

If you would like to be involved and help a little with their efforts, please donate - Unwrapped gifts.

Slightly used or new toys that are appropriate for students ages 3-14.

Our toys should not be video games, expensive consoles, or super expensive.

Popular toys that our students like:

- Sports toys
- Tech decks
- Stuffed animals and dolls
- Games/ puzzles

Ms. Casey Maphis
Aurora Central High School
Social Studies Teacher

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If you can bring any items on to our Rotary meeting on Wednesday and I will get them to Ms. Casey Maphis at Aurora Central High School so she can get them to the students to participate in their service project.

Thanks in advance for your support. Please contact me with any questions.

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Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar of Events

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

December 17th - We are going to try for the evening of the 17th to sort presents at the Salvation Army. This will be possibly our 4th year. Details to follow and confirm. If you would like to volunteer a sign up list will go out as soon as date and time is finalized.

January 4th—Ronnie Weiss' husband Craig Eades Celebration of Life. January 4-noon-3:00 @ Local 46. 4596 Tennyson. In lieu of flowers donations to the Conflict Center or Trout Unlimited.

January 12th - Terry Fiske's family is planning his celebration of life to be held on Saturday, January 12, 2020, from 2 to 5pm at the Wellshire Inn, 3333 S Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80222.

February 8th - Future of Rotary Dinner & Polio Fundraiser—
6:00p Cash Bar
7:00p Dinner & Program

Special Guest Speaker—John Hewkow, RI General Secretary and CEO
Polio Update—David Talbot, Mountain Foothills Rotarian

April 18th - Spring Swing 2020

June 6 - 10th, 2020 - Do you plan to attend the RI Convention in Honolulu? If so, **December 15th is the last day before registration costs increase! Go to www.riconvention.org to register.**

Please do Reference our Website
www.denvermilehigh.org

Carolyn Schrader has been adding content about Our Club's service projects. Carolyn would like info on other Club activities but need input from the members. Please contact Carolyn to offer information about club activities, etc.

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## Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

**December 11th - Ian Miller Denver Museum of Nature and Science**  
Denver scientists make "unprecedented" fossil finds at Corral Bluffs open space.

"After the big Astroid banged into the Yucatán Peninsula, many animal species died off including the dinosaurs but a few other animal species hung on in very diminished numbers. This was a time when other animals could recover and expand and evolve without big creatures eating them. DMNS, because of two of their scientists, Ian Miller and Tyler Lipson, has found a geologic site near Colorado Springs with a geologic record of the evolution of animal species that had been minimized by the predator dinosaurs but began to survive, expand and diversify without them.

Based on their recent excavations, they will tell the story of how other animals, especially mammals, began to multiply and diversify in absence of dinosaurs."

**December 18th - On site tour of Metro Caring December 18th.**

**Address: 1100 Eat 18th Ave. (SE corner of 18th and Downing. Small parking lot behind the building.)**

Metro Caring is Denver's frontline anti-hunger organization. They serve tens of thousands in the Denver Metro Area and offer a variety of programs and services related to hunger - including urban gardening . Their client base includes the working poor, single family households, vets, the elderly and college students- too many people in our community.

Last summer, Denver Mile High and Cherry Creek Rotary Clubs, together, wrote a \$5,000 District Grant and built 5 new garden beds. It was a fun and successful project and we are looking forward to working with them again.

We are scheduled to take a private tour of their facility **December 18th!** If you'd like to come and haven't signed up yet, please let me know immediately as this engagement requires some logistical planning. You can reach me by email at: [2respri@gmail.com](mailto:2respri@gmail.com).

**This will be our Wednesday meeting, so the U Club will be dark.**

Come join us - you will be impressed by their facilities and services they offer.

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

### **December 4th**

Inspiration - Linda Sue Shirkey

Greeters - Roberta Simonton and Vass Sirpolaidis

Host - Betty Speir

### **December 11th**

Inspiration - Robin Springer

Greeters - Michael Tapp and Greg Thielen

Host - Marvin Thomas

### **December 18th**

Inspiration - Ann Tull

Greeters - Brad Thompson & Tony Vaida

Host - Mary Walta

December 25th - DARK

## **December Birthdays**

**Noreen Keleshian - December 3rd**

**Tom Gregory - December 4th**

**Tom Cella—December 13th**

**Bob Kemp - December 16th**

**Mary Wuest—December 29th**





## On site tour of Metro Caring December 18th.



Metro Caring is Denver's frontline anti-hunger organization. They serve tens of thousands in the Denver Metro Area by offering a variety of programs related to food security including a grocery store, summer urban gardening, bilingual cooking and nutrition classes helping them break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Their client base includes the working poor, single family households, vets, the elderly and college students- too many people in our community.

Metro Caring provides garden beds for community members to grow their own fresh food. Each year the demand increases beyond the number of beds they have available so this summer Denver Mile High and Cherry Creek Rotary

Clubs, together, took on the challenge of increasing the number of beds providing by providing combined cash with District Matching funds to create a \$5,000 District Grant and together, built 5 new garden beds.

This was a very successful project and we are looking forward to working with them again in the fight against hunger.

In fact we are scheduled for a private tour of their facility December 18th!. Come join us - you will be impressed by their facilities and services they offer.

Address: **1100 E. 18th Ave.** at the intersection of Downing and 18th Streets with a parking lot on Downing Sts



## 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mile High Spring Swing event! You can find more details below and via the link provided.

[www.springswing2020.eventbrite.com](http://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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**MILE** 

**HIGH**

*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>**



## 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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