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# **President's Column: 'Light Up Rotary**'

April 28, 2015

Denver Mile High Rotary

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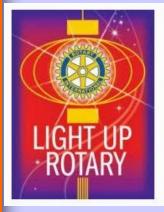
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# From Rotary President Gary Huang:

"Rotary members worldwide stand together in expressing a profound sadness at the

devastation resulting from this weekend's deadly earthquake

in Nepal. As we mourn the thousands of lives lost, Rotary joins other international agencies in providing immediate relief to survivors and mobilizing our expertise to support long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts throughout the country."

In light of this catastrophe, our World Community Service team has been working to make a donation of day.

#### \$1000 to ShelterBox on

behalf of DMHR. I believe it will also be possible for individual members to make contributions to our Club Founda-

> tion. Please check with Sonny or Noreen.

Special thanks to the volunteers last Friday morning filling weekend food bags for the students and their families at Harrington Elementary. Kurt, Pat, Dan, Tom G., Adams, and Michael all re-

sponded quickly and really stepped up and helped last Friday. Your leadership and time are

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# **Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming**

WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO CHANGE THE WORLD? Programs

BELIEVE IT STARTS WITH A COMMITMENT SFRVICE ABOVE SFLE April 29th - We will be at the CEC (2650 Eliot St.) for this program. Our guest speaker will be a CEC student, Fartun Sherif.

**May 6th** - Denver Mile High Rotary was chartered on May 3, 1989. This year we will celebrate our 26th birthday at our regular morning meeting on May 6.

The Fellowship and Fund Raising Committees have planned a full morning of fun and opportunities to raise funds for our 2015-2016 projects.

Bring a friend or acquaintance that might be interested in membership. Bring your spouse to participate in the silent auction. Bring yourself and be prepared to enjoy!Charter Day/Fellowship Day. IF YOU PLAN TO BRING A GUEST, PLEASE NOTIFY GREG THIELEN.

**May 13th** - Our guest speaker will be Frederick Solheim.

Mr. Solheim is a scientist from Boulder and a "river runner" on big water. Five years ago he started Warriors on Cataract, a nonprofit that takes our disabled veterans on 4 day big water, whitewater expeditions on the Colorado River from Moab Utah to Lake Powell through Canyonlands National Park. These trips are conducted by commercial operators, up to 25 vets on each of 4 trips.

May 20th - Harris Sherman will speak to us about the Colorado Water Plan. Harris served as the Executive Director for the Colorado Department of Natural Resource under Roy Romer and again under Bill Ritter. He went to Washington, DC after finishing his second tour of duty with the state to become the Director of the US Forest Service under President Obama. You won't want to miss this exceptional leader and

his important message on one of our state's most critical and threatened resources.

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# **Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts**

April 29th - Dark @ CEC

#### May 6th -

Inspiration - Sarah Hite

Greeters - Noreen Keleshian and Bob Kemp

Host - Susan Kirkpatrick Rotary Minute - Jeff McAnallen

### May 13th -

Inspiration - Diane Messamore

Greeters - Carolyn Nobel and Geoff Noble

Host - Karl Paulson Rotary Minute - Adams Price

#### May 20th -

Inspiration - Chuck Rudolph

Greeters - Carolyn Schrader and Linda Sue Shirkey

Host - Roberta Simonton Rotary Minute - Vass Sirpolaidis

#### May 20th -

Inspiration - Greg Smith

Greeters - Betty Speir and Robin Springer

Host - Jeff Springer Rotary Minute - Michael Tapp

"A big thank you to the 12 people who are using their king sooper grocery cards to benefit Denver Mile High Rotary. Keep up the good work and if you're not using your card please do. It's a win-win."

Gift Card

Sincerely, Betsy

# Continental Breakfast

The continental breakfast will be served every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

# **Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar**

May 1st - Harrington Food for Thought Harrington Elementary School 7:00 - 8:30

May 1st - ShelterBox USA Fundraiser for Nepal ~ @ Melanie Gentz' 7pm ask for details

May 1 - 3rd ~ Rotary District Conference ~ Keystone Lodge and Spa

May 8th - Harrington Food for Thought Harrington Elementary School 7:00 - 8:30

May 9th - CEC ~ Estes Park

May 15th - Harrington Food for Thought Harrington Elementary School 7:00 - 8:30

May 22nd - Harrington Food for Thought Harrington Elementary School 7:00 - 8:30

May 29th - Harrington Food for Thought Harrington Elementary School 7:00 - 8:30

June 6—9th - Rotary International Convention

July 11th - Denver Mile High Rotary Fellowship cycling ride.

# **New Member Application Elizabeth Daigle**

Elizabeth Daigle has applied for membership to The Rotary Club Of Denver Mile High. The Club's Board of Directors has approved his application. If there is any objection to his application, it must be sent by a club member in writing to the Club president as the Board's representative within the next week. If no written objection is received within the next week, the membership application shall be considered final. Elizabeth Daigle shall become a member of Our Club. Posted and published on 28th of April 2015.



Last Friday was one of those times when I am so proud to be a Rotarian. On Thursday we realized we had a problem with our electronic sign up sheet. Rather than eight volunteers for our weekly food bag program at Harrington Elementary, we only had two. Melanie sent out a late afternoon message to our members asking for help. Kurt, Pat, Dan,

Tom G., Adams, and Michael all responded quickly. It looked like everything was set for the next day. It wasn't. On Friday morning the volunteers from the company that usually provides the other 6 volunteers did not show. We were left with 8 people to sort, bag, and deliver food bags for 430 kids. Although some were in suits or dresses the team worked quickly. We were able to finish only 5 minutes later than what we had planned. Thank you to this wonderful group of people who demonstrated what "service above self" looks like.

#### **Greg Thielen**

With all we have on our plates, it would be easy to say "I don't have time to do this." Please take a look at what some of the kids wrote about Food for Thought and I think you will agree with me "how could we not do this for a short time each week?"

Jeane Larken sent the following message today, "We received more thank you letters to-day and they're priceless! A fourth grader wrote, "Receiving the bag of food was the best thing that happened to me...I was always starving because I had nothing to eat but now I have something to eat every weekend." Another little guy said, "Thank you for all the hard work you have done to help me and the other kids eat better." But my favorite card was written by a creative little guy who even turned the "v" in "love" into a heart, saying, "We thank you for giving us food. You must waste a lot of money! I bet when I grow up and if I'm an adult and Food for Thought is still alive I'm going to volunteer because we love you guys." High praise. "

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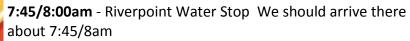


\$30 donation to mental health initiatives approx. 30 mile Ride, Fellowship, Family, Fun - OR a FUN 5 Mile ride!!

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The Denver Mile High Rotary Hosts 1st Annual Rotary 30 Mile Fellowship Ride

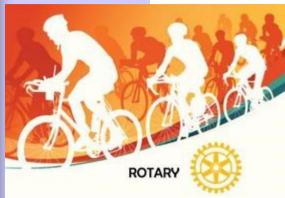
7:00AM - START July 11th at REI, 1416 Platte St., Denver



Address: 3565 S Platte River Dr, Sheridan, CO 80110

**9:00am** - Ride to Fox Hollow Golf Course Clubhouse, 13410 W. Morrison Rd., Lakewood

Meet/Regroup at Fox Hollow - turn around



Ride back to REI to complete ride about 10:30/11am

**11:30** - Ride/drive over to Denver Beer Co. for fellowship, fun, and liquid refreshments.

1695 Platte St, Denver, CO 80202

There will be a 5 Mile Ride ~



Meet at 8:30am on July 11th at REI, 1416 Platte St., Denver @ the B-cycle Station ~ if you do not have a bike you can rent a B cycle, or bring your bike and enjoy a fun 5 mile ride.

Will rejoin with the rest of the group at Denver Beer Co

~ If you would like to order a cycling jersey contact melanie gentz@yahoo.com

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Harrington Food for Thought 04-24-2015 Harrington Elementary School Apr 24, 2015

# 5450 District Conference May 1-May 3

Keystone, Colorado

We need you! This year we are featuring successful community projects, international projects AND fundraisers. Share your experience with us in this year & it's Go Time (formerly Show Time.) The Deadline is quickly approaching: April 17, 2015.

Click Here for the Go Time Form or contact Stan Benson at <a href="mailto:SBenson7@msn.com">SBenson7@msn.com</a>

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DMHR relies on its foundation to fund its service projects. The funding is accomplished by fund raisers and sponsors. Starting this year, 2015, Sponsors will be celebrated the entire year at all events plus the weekly meetings. This is a change from the past practice of Sponsoring a specific event. Sponsorships, business and personal, will be for the calendar year. This aligns the sponsorship dollars to the business and tax year. Being a sponsor is easy simply talk to Roberta or Robin. Our Foundation goal is \$25,000 for the year. We are off to a great start.

Let's give a big shout out to Sonny Wiegand and Tom Gregory for kicking off the year as our first Business Sponsors for the DMHR 2015 service projects. Thank you to Michael Tapp and Roberta Simonton for launching this years Personal Sponsorship.

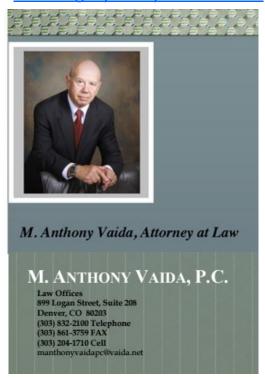
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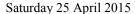


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# ShelterBox team heads to Nepal following 7.8 magnitude earthquake

First scenes of the destruction caused in Kathmandu, Nepal following the 7,8 magnitude earthquake

A ShelterBox response team is preparing to travel to Nepal to see how ShelterBox can be of assistance following an earthquake measuring 7.8 in magnitude.

The quake occurred between the major cities of Kathmandu and Pokhara, with tremors felt as far away as Delhi in India.



More than 500 people are reported to have died following the earthquake, while there is extensive damage to homes and buildings.

ShelterBox is already in talks with several aid agencies and Rotary contacts based in Nepal to see where we can help.

Dave Ray, ShelterBox Operations Coordinator, said: "One of our contacts based in Kathmandu told us that the environment is filled with fear and that people have been told to expect more tremors. There is a lot of damage in Kathmandu and emergency relief will be required for sure."

In addition, a ShelterBox response team is heading to Nepal to get a first-hand idea of the scale of destruction and the level of need for shelter. We already have aid, including tents, prepositioned in the country, which could be used as emergency clinics, as well as shelters in the immediate aftermath.

Sadly, ShelterBox has responded to several disasters in Nepal throughout the years. Most recently ShelterBox provided aid to people who had lost their homes in the north of the country due to flooding and landslides last autumn.

View our gallery of images from our previous response in Nepal:

