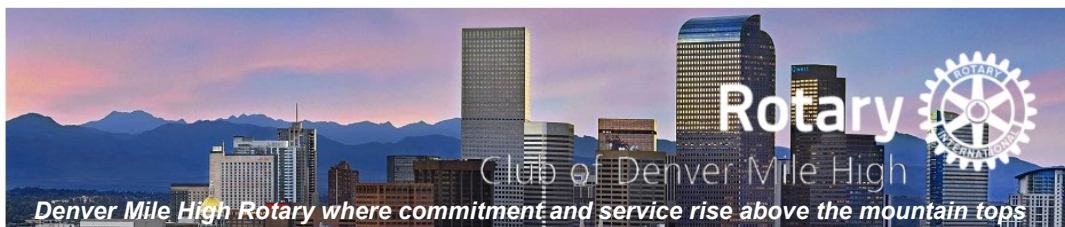




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Hello, all! I hope you have had a great week! Summer is just flying by. Get out and enjoy it while you can!

A quick point of business: As I recapped last week at the meeting, at our last board meeting, we realized that there was some confusion about how the dues system works. And so I figure if we are unclear on how it works, the membership may also have varying ideas of how it came about and how it works. About three years ago, we embarked on a process to look at flexibility in the dues structure. In so doing, we considered several somewhat competing factors. First, we had had requests from the membership for some kind of structure wherein members could attend the meetings without having to have a meal. Second, we felt that the full quarterly dues of \$280 was a gating factor for some potential members who may not want to spend that much on a club, but nonetheless could be great contributing members. Third, the Uclub, at the end of the day, is a business who has to cover their costs for hosting us and providing us food. As such, they needed a minimum number of meals that we would commit to paying for every meeting (minimum of 30 and they cannot move below that for economic reasons). Fourth, we needed a structure that is reasonably easy to administer. At the time, we considered a lot of options, including evaluating moving to another venue with a lower food costs (we were not able to find other viable options at the time). We quickly realized that we were not able to lower the dues amount, but that we might be able to decouple the meal cost from the dues for

those who might not want to have a meal. We spent a great deal of time modeling out how we could ensure our ability meet our obligations to the Uclub but at the same time provide a flexible model for the members. Incidentally, the Uclub proved extraordinarily flexible with us in allowing us the ability to have different meal options at our meetings. Without getting into the details of the ensuing multivariate calculus, we came up with a model as follows: There are only two dues structures. We refer to the "full-boat" option that is \$280 per quarter, which includes coffee, juice and breakfast whenever that member attends. They need not pay anything at the door. The second structure, referred to as the "no-meal Option" is \$135 per quarter, but that member pays at the door when they attend. Each time they attend a meeting, they pay to Tom Cella, the Sergeant-at-Arms, either \$5 or \$20 at the door. \$5 pays for coffee and juice only. \$20 pays for coffee, juice and the meal (regardless of whether it is eggs/bacon/yadi or oatmeal/fruit/pastries/yadi). These are the only dues structures available for the club (no Senior Inactive or special Leave of Absence).

This really was the easiest model we could come up with without it being too burdensome to the volunteers. Furthermore, as Rotarians, there is no "policing" the process. We read and live the 4-way test every week, so I think the honor system works and will continue to work just fine. We all need to be aware that the minimum 30 meals per week that the Uclub requires could potentially be a problem in the future as more and more members move to the no-meal option. If we are to get into a situation where less than 30 people per meeting are paying for a

meal on a fairly consistent basis, we may have to revisit the model. We have not seen that yet, and truth be told, we have a very vibrant and apparently hungry membership, so I don't see this being a problem in the foreseeable future. But we have to be ever-vigilant to ensure we are doing the right thing by the membership while fulfilling our obligations to the Uclub. If anyone wants to discuss this in more detail, feel free to give me a call or corner me at a meeting. Thanks!

BTW, on another note, Sara Schaffer initiated a grant and is champion for Cycle of Hope Camp Discovery for women with disabilities. Way to go Sara!!!! She needs help from volunteers. Bring your bike and ride along with the campers or help push them in their chairs to the sailing area at Cherry Creek Reservoir. Let Sara know if you are able to help out. She can provide you details, if you have not received them via email. Thanks and see you Weds.

Adams Price

Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

August 16th—Zoriah Miller will be our presenter. Zoriah is an award-winning photojournalist whose work has been featured in some of the world's most prestigious galleries, museums and publications. Zoriah's clients include National Geographic, Time, Newsweek, The New York Times, BBC News, The United Nations, CNN, NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS, NPR, The Wall Street Journal, Fortune and many others. In addition to his journalism clients his photographs also appear in Glamour, Rolling Stone, Cosmopolitan, GQ, Elle and countless other top publications. With a background in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Aid, Zoriah specializes in documenting human crises in developing countries.

August 23rd - Our speakers will be Kimberly Desmond & Jessica Skibo from the Denver Women's Commission. The Denver Women's Commission promotes the social, economic and political quality of life in Denver by assisting women in the attainment of equality and full opportunity by: advocating for women; empowering women through coalition building, disseminating information and sharing community resources; and monitoring and recommending legislation and proposed policy changes affecting women.

August 30th - Dr. Jaime Alonso Yrastorza, a member of the Wheat Ridge Rotary Club and the VTT team on Hospital Acquired Infection, will be our speaker. Dr. Yrastorza and his team members will share the informative experiences gained from the VTT project in the Philippines.

August Birthdays

10th - Tom Giordano

14th - Vass Sirpolaidis

18th - Sarah Hite

26th - Ann Tull

27th - Chris Wong





Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

August 16th

Inspiration - Susan Henderson

Greeters - Ted Hendryx and Dan Himelspach

Host - Sarah Hite

Rotary Minute - Noreen Kelesian

August 23rd

Inspiration - Bob Kemp

Greeters - Audrey Leavitt and Kevin LeVezu

Host - Jeff McAnallen

Rotary Minute - Diane Messamore

August 30th

Inspiration - Constance Mortell

Greeters - Lawrence Mundy and Carolyn Nobel

Host - Tom Giordano

Rotary Minute - Alex Orkow



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Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar

August 17th - Rotary Happy Hour—El Five—2930 Umatilla, Fifth Floor, Denver, CO 80211

Be sure to check the calendar online for all events (meetings, happy hours, committee meetings)

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

Photos from the Past Presidents Party

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Club Training Workshop September 23 - 7:30 am to 12:00

pm Front Range Community College Build Energy, Knowledge & Excitement in Your Club! Something for everyone! [REGISTER NOW](#)

Grants Training & Club Qualification September 23 - 12:30 to 4:00

pm Front Range Community College Recommended for Club Presidents, Foundation & Grant Committee Chairs [REGISTER NOW](#)

<http://rotary5450.org/stories/training-opportunities-register-now/>

Rotary Club of Five Points Denver Event

The Rotary Club of Five Points Denver is pleased to host a screening of the film *The Last Bill, a Senator's Story*, a behind-the-scenes documentary of State Senator and Rotarian Linda Newell's real-life story carrying bills through the legislature. The film will be followed by an open dialogue around the issues of peaceful problem solving and healthy communication in government. This event is one of many happening around the state during Colorado's Conflict Resolution Month in October. **Seating is limited.**

A portion of the proceeds will support Senator Newell's education initiative, developing academically aligned film curriculum guides to be used in K-12 schools across the state. Increasing the civic knowledge of youth and the civic engagement of our citizenry has never been more important. Many people lack knowledge or experience with the role, process, and positions in government. What better way than to show them from an insider's view?

Additional proceeds from the event will benefit the Rotary Club of Five Points Denver programs targeting neighborhood schools, community, and educational organizations as well as Rotary's End Polio Now foundation and Shots for Tots and Teens.

This event will take place at the Posner Center for International Development in the Five Points neighborhood. A meet-and-greet happy hour will begin at 6:00 pm. The film will start promptly at 7:00 pm and a Q&A session with Senator Newell will follow. The event will conclude at 8:00 pm.

For tickets, hold ctrl and click [this invite](#).

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