



## **President's Column:**

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Hello, all! I hope you all are ing up the fruit are as folhaving a great start to the holiday season! All sorts of logistical stuff to report this week regarding the holiday party, fruit sale results and logistics and some district news. The Denver Mile High Rotary holiday party is coming up this Sunday, the 10<sup>th</sup> at the Pinnacle at 2900 East 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver, 80206 (across 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue from City Park, same place as last year). Good food, good drink, good friends! How can you go wrong? I look forward to seeing everyone there.

The fruit sale was very successful for the first year out. In total, we sold 338 boxes of fruit, for a total of \$10,140 gross, and the foundation netted approximately \$4,056 for future projects. Carolyn has collected just about all of the funds as well, which is great. There are a few more coming in tomorrow to close out the payments. Great job everyone! That is a great start to this fundraiser. Next year we will be able to sell even more! The logistics for pick-

lows: There are two times for picking up the fruit boxes: Either Saturday afternoon between 3 and 5pm or Sunday morning between 10 and noon. The location is the Food For Thought storage space in downtown Denver, not too far from Mile High Stadium. The directions to the location are at the end of this newsletter and printed versions of the directions will be on the tables in the morning at the meeting this

Weds. NOTE: The truck delivering the fruit is set tom come in on Saturday. We are 'pretty confident' that it will be in before the Saturday pickup time, but we are not 100% certain. Keep an eye out on email for confirmation that the Saturday time is still on. Each member is responsible for picking up the fruit that they sold and getting it to the buyer. Again, thanks everyone for chipping in. This project came together very quickly and did really well. That is a testament to club teamwork!

Don't forget to let me know if you want to go to the RI

President's Dinner on Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup>. The club has bought a table of 10 and we have 3 of them reserved for members so far. We will need to fill it up and seats go quickly, so send me an email to let me know you are in and how many seats (just you, or you and a SO?).

More district events to be aware of: The State of the State & Mental Health Expo is coming up this Thursday (tomorrow). See the District site if you want to go. Grants training is coming up on January 20<sup>th</sup> at Red Rocks Community College from 12:30 to 4pm. And the RI Convention is in Toronto this next year, June 23-27; discounted tickets are available if purchased on or before December 15<sup>th</sup>.

See you all at the meeting!

Adams



## **Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs**

December 6th -Our speaker, Dr. Annie Miller, is a Research Assistant Professor at the University of Denver in the International Disaster Psychology Department and serves as Co-Director of the Colorado Resilience Collaborative. Her efforts center on supporting communities to reduce hate, discrimination, bias, crime, and violence. Her research focuses on the effectiveness of networks and collaborations seeking to combat human trafficking, non-profit management, and capacity development to end wicked problems.

**December 13th** - Join us as Carolyn, Audrey, Tom, and Bob share their stories and photos from their recent trip to Africa and the update us on the status of ongoing Rotary projects.

**December 20th** - Our speaker, Katie Hilburn, is the founder of Global Orphan Prevention, an organization aimed at keeping mothers and children together by providing resources and training sufficient to maintain families. Katie will address the worldwide issues of orphan trade, child trafficking, and safe birthing.



## **December Birthdays**

3rd - Noreen Keleshian

4th - Tom Gregory

13th - Tom Cella

16th - Robert Kemp

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## Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

#### **December 6th**

**Inspiration - Kaili Purviance** 

Greeters - Chuck Rudolph and Heidi Resetarits

**Host - Bart Schaffer** 

**Rotary Minute - Sara Schaffer** 



#### **December 13th**

**Inspiration - Carolyn Schrader** 

**Greeters - Linda Sue Shirkey and Juan Silva** 

**Host - Vass Sirpolaidis** 

**Rotary Minute - Roberta Simonton** 

#### **December 20th**

**Inspiration - Scott Smeester** 

**Greeters - Greg Smith and Betty Speir** 

**Host - Robin Springer** 

**Rotary Minute - Jeff Sprole** 

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## **King Soopers Cards**

Remember to keep using your King Soopers cards. 5% of every dollar loaded spent goes towards the club! If you don't have one yet, contact Sarah Hite to get one (schite2000@yahoo.com).



## **Foundation Matching!**

The months of November and December are Foundation Months in Rotary. Founded in 1917, The Rotary Foundation is the international foundation that helps us with our projects by providing matching grants to local clubs. These grants are designed to help Rotary achieve our goals of better world understanding and peace through humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs. The foundation is funded by individual contributions from Rotarians and friends of the foundation around the world.

To recognize those contributions, the foundation awards fellowships for each \$1,000 a person gives. Called Paul Harris Fellowships, these awards are both prestigious and are the foundations way to say thank you for your efforts to support Rotarians that are trying to do good in the world.

To celebrate, foundation the months and to get folks involved in one of the top charitable foundations in the world, the club is offering to match your contribution between now and December 31st! If you have never given to the foundation, we will match you two for one! So, if this is your first time giving to the Rotary Foundation, a \$334 gift will be matched twice and you will be awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship! If you are already a donor to the foundation, we will match any gift you give one to one!

"How do I do that?" you ask.... There are several ways. 1) Bring a check (made out to the Rotary Foundation) or your credit card to one of the meetings between now and the end of the year and give it to either Kevin LeVezu or Noreen Keleshian. 2) Email Kevin at <a href="levezu@yahoo.com">levezu@yahoo.com</a> 3) Donate directly to the foundation through their website Rotary.org and let Kevin or Noreen know that you have done it. We will fill out the matching forms matching club points to your cash donation and send them in. Then in a short time, we will present you with your Paul Harris fellowship at an upcoming meeting!

Don't miss this great opportunity to give!

## **Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar**

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

http://denvermilehigh.org/Events/Calendar

#### **DMHR Holiday Party - December 10**

Mark your calendar! This year's DMHR holiday party will be held on December 10, 5:30 PM at the Pinnacle condominiums party room 2990 E. 17th Ave.

## **DMHR Happy Hour - January 18**

5:30-7:30

Location; Denver Athletic Club (DAC)

1325 Glenarm PI, Denver, CO 80204

Meet in the pub on the 2nd floor.

## Thank You from BridgeHope

Dear Mile High Rotary Club, We at Bridgettope cannot express to you how deeply touched we are by your commitment to serve the Community. The ways you have not only helped us with the Givettope program to make sure survivors of human trafficking not only receive a holiday gift but also know that they are cared about brings us to tears. We couldn't have done this without you and we are deeply impacted by your love and genorosity. Just like Rotory evadicated polio, I believe that Rotarians will not only eradicate human trafficking but also be the key to giving hope back to survivors through iniahires like Grettope.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Jessa for Bridgettope



# Building skills and self-worth

STELLA DONGO

Rotary Club of Highlands, Zimbabwe

In a nation challenged by high unemployment and one of the largest populations living with HIV/AIDS in the world, Stella Dongo, along with Carolyn Schrader of the Rotary Club of Denver Mile High, Colo., has led the way in providing training, education, and hope to women and youth in need. The two women's Rotary clubs partnered in 2003 to start HIV/AIDS education programs in poor Harare communities, funded by Rotary Foundation grants. But when the Rotarians surveyed program participants, they found that an even more pressing need was job skills."The women we serve wanted to find ways to put food on the table and send their children to school," says Dongo, a recently retired business executive and a 2015 Rotary Global Woman of Action. In 2009, Community Empowerment in Zimbabwe was launched with a \$330,000 Rotary 3-H grant to fund four years of job and business skills training for women and youth. In 2014 the clubs received a global grant to support advanced business and computer training for women, and another global grant in 2016 helped them expand their efforts in additional communities. Today, the group is equipped to train about 500 women at a time. "When we started the program, these women were depressed and helpless," Dongo says."Now they have a sense of self-worth and pride. They see themselves as being able to stand on their own feet." - ANNE STEIN

#### **CITRUS PICK UP DIRECTIONS**

**Pickup Location: 1495 Rio Ct., Denver, CO** (Located approximately 100 feet north of the Metropolitan State University of Denver Athletic Complex.)

#### From Central or East Denver

- Drive west on 13th Avenue to Rio Ct. (approximately 1500 W. 13th Avenue)
- Turn right onto Rio Ct. go .2 miles

As Rio Ct. bends to the left (west) look for shipping containers on your right under the viaduct.

#### From Northbound I-25

- Take the 209 C exit toward 8th Avenue.
- At the light turn left onto 8th Avenue go .1 miles
- Turn right at the first opportunity onto Zuni St. go .53 miles
- Turn right onto 13th Avenue go .47 miles
- Turn left onto Rio Ct. go .2 miles

As Rio Ct. bends to the left (west) look for shipping containers on your right under the viaduct.

#### From Southbound I-25

- Take the 209 C exit 8th Avenue
- At the exit take an immediate hard right turn (north) onto Zuni St.
- Turn right onto 13th Avenue go .47 miles
- Turn left onto Rio Ct. go .2 miles

As Rio Ct. bends to the left (west) look for shipping containers on your right under the viaduct.

#### **CITRUS PICK UP INFO**

The citrus is due in Denver this Saturday, December 9. We do not know the time of delivery, sort of like the cable man, but expect it to be delivered by mid afternoon Saturday.

With that in mind pick up times are 3:00-5:00 on Saturday and 10:00-12:00 on Sunday.

Please watch for an e-mail confirming or modifying the times before heading out to the pick-up location.

Members are responsible for picking up and distributing their orders. Should you know ahead of a need for help please make arrangements. If someone else is picking up your order please let Greg or Chuck know. We want minimum confusion at pick up.

In case of problems call Greg at 720-441-7480 or Chuck (720) 290 9523



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