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Hello, all! I am typing this with one hand, so it will be a bit short. For all you skiers, word to the wise: Don't hold your poles with your thumb over the top of the handle!

Weekend before last, we held the annual hearts for humanity shindig. We had a great turnout of about 60 people. June and team took great care of us, serving great food in the southern Italian style and the local wine flowed freely. Who knew that wine of such caliber could be vented in our own backyard! The team did a great job putting on a grand fete! Many thanks to Audrey, Heidi, Roberta, Melanie, Kevin, Bruce, Brad and everyone else who worked really hard to make Hearts for Humanity work so well. And thanks to all who provided the plethora of silent auction items for us to all bid on. Beyond a killer bike trip that I can't wait to take, I got a great painting from Chuck's collection that I will hang in my office. Score! The overall take from the event, though some checks are still rolling in, is a little bit north of \$4,000. We should have a final tally in the coming days. Great job, all of you!

Alex, I can only say, Wow. Thank you for honoring us with such a deep-felt and humbling description of your past. You are a testament to all the good that come out of man's worst hours. As I think you put it,

great beauty can come out of some of the worst things. There were very few dry eyes in that room last Wednesday (me included), not so much for what has passed, but for what came to be. You blessed us with a very unique, but unfortunately not rare, story of what happens in time of war, strife and displacement. So many things have swirled through my mind ever since I heard your story, not least of which is that, in the four or so years that I have "known" you in Rotary, I have had no idea about this amazing part of your history. While I nor anyone else is entitled to that part of you, it has given me great pause over the last week to think, "Who else among us has an amazing story that we have never heard?" In life's stride, you remind me that stopping and really getting to know my fellow Rotarian can yield so many beautiful nuggets about ourselves, as a group and as individuals, wisdom that can grace us all. As Our member, Anson is wont to say, "Enjoy the f***ing journey!" Thank you, Alex for sharing with us. It is meaningful to each of us in our own way. But it makes all understand and treasure you and Rotary all the more, and to take a moment and enjoy the f***ing journey!

Don't forget, everyone that RYLA registration is open. We have plenty of openings for RYLA (Summer between Sophomore and Junior year, 3 slots) and

Young RYLA (Summer between 7th and 8th grade, 2 slots). Many of us have kids or grandkids who have gone through RYLA, and it is a great experience. It was transformative for my daughter and has been for so many others. As I have heard many times, for the kids, you have to drag them to the car to go to it and at the end you have to drag them to the car to come home. They love it. Think of a child whom you think can benefit from it and get them to apply. They will not regret it.

I think there is a rumor that our intrepid explorer, member, and sooner-that-he-thinks DG, Bob Kemp will be back in town and in meeting this week. Give him a great congratulations/condolences on his new appointment! Bob, we are all very proud of you and proud to have another DG in the ranks!

Well, ol' one-hand is signing off now. Forgive the typos. See you Weds.

Adams Price
President
Denver Mile High Rotary

Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

February 21st - Sam Bailey from the Metro Denver Economic Development Committee will be our speaker. Sam will give an overview of economic development, the role of Metro Denver EDC, and a couple case studies of projects, including Amazon HQ2.

February 28th - TBA

March 7th - TBA

February Birthdays

8th - Pat Gorman Barry

11th - Sonny Weigand

25th - Adams Price

*If you would like your birthday listed be sure to update your membership info so we can wish you Happy Birthday!





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Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

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February 21st

Inspiration - **Kevin LeVezu**

Greeters - **Jeff McAnallen and Diane Messamore**

Host - **Constance Mortell**

Rotary Minute - **Lawrence Mundy**



February 28th

Inspiration - **Carolyn Nobel**

Greeters - **Alex Orkow and Karl Paulson**

Host - **Kaili Purviance**

Rotary Minute - **Heidi Resetarits**

March 7th

Inspiration - **Chuck Rudolph**

Greeters - **Bart Schaffer and Sara Schaffer**

Host - **Carolyn Schrader**

Rotary Minute - **Linda Sue Shirkey**

ROTARY CONVENTION
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA
23-27 JUNE 2018



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).



Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar

March 10th - Rotary Ski Day with Cherry Creek Rotary @ Beaver Creek

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

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

Want to Get Involved?

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New Member Orientation
February 5th, 2018

Rotary Half Day Rafting Trip

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JOIN THE ROTARY HALF-DAY RAFTING TRIPS WITH MILE HI RAFTING ON SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH.

A \$5 DONATION IS INCLUDED IN THE COST OF EACH TRIP. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE WARRIORS ON CATARACT PROGRAM

SURE–SHOT - \$52 ADULTS, \$45 CHILD

Rafting on Clear Creek River's mountain water is an experience that's fun for the whole family. Get ready for some fun on our exciting 'Sure Shot' beginner-rafting trip. Begin with passing by the historic Charlie Taylor Water Wheel experiencing Class II rapids (ripples). While rafting through Historic Idaho Springs the Class III rapids of Castle Falls and Argo Holes test your newly developed rafting skills. Below town history and nature abound, with the occasional sighting of Retail Hawk, Deer, Fox, Bob Cat, Lynx, Elk, and Big Horn Sheep. Dizzy Lizzy, Power Line, Mountain Lion, and Box prepare us for the grand finale of Mr. Twister! The perfect beginner - starting with Class II water so you can practice, and then the Class III rapids. There is a 50 pound minimum for rafting to insure proper fit of the life jacket. Allow 3 hours for the trip.

BLAST (INTERMEDIATE HALF DAY) - \$62 ADULTS

Perhaps you've already been there and done that, and are looking for something more. Most folks who paddle the Blast weren't expecting some of Colorado's most consistent whitewater, and come back for more! With five solid class IV rapids and more class three whitewater than we have space to mention, the Blast is waiting for those with good physical conditioning and an attitude for adventure. If you are active in your daily life the 'Blast' is the trip for you. Allow 3 hours for the trip. Minimum age 14.

KAMIKAZE (ADVANCED HALF DAY) - \$82 ADULTS

One of our former guests refers to this trip as "the best darn whitewater around!", and after braving the rapids of the Kamikaze trip you'll understand why. Add another two miles of continuous (and we aren't kidding!) class IV/III whitewater onto the Blast and you have an adventure that will bring you back over and over. If you're on your toes you might have time to enjoy the scenery of the Front Range before you dive into your next rapid. Previous experience and the ability to swim is highly recommended. Allow 3 hours for the trip. Minimum age 14.

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