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Denver Mile High
Rotary
Club



February 27th, 2018

President's Column:

Hello, all! Happy Monday!

We had a great presentation last week from Sam Bailey, Senior Vice President of the Metro Denver Economic Development Council, who gave us great insight into the coming developments for our region. No surprise that the projections are for this region becoming even more of a global force! What Sam was not able to delve into with the short time to present, was the history of the MDEDC. It was form back in the later half of the 80's, a period of deep economic recession for this region, as the Metro Denver Network. It was formed by the likes of the Coors family, senior execs at Mountain Bell, Ned Minor of Minor & Brown and many others with the goal of bringing headquarters (read that, JOBS!) to the front range. They realized even back then that competing amongst themselves, the cities of the front range would only hurt each other's efforts. So they banded together forming the MDN to attract companies to this area. Flash forward to the 2010s and look where we are. MDN, now MDEDC has had a lot to do with the growing economic vibrancy of the

area. Those days of the late 80's when I-70 was a DMZ, the Platte was pretty much a wasteland with train tracks running through it, Union Station was a giant pigeon roost and no Coors Field sure seem like a long time ago (well, ok... For some of you, it was!). We've come a long way, baby! Was talking to a good buddy (Rick) of mine about Sam the other day. Rick told me he intends to run Sam's campaign for governor in about 20 years! We were lucky to have him speak to us. Way to go Kevin and team!

This week is going to be Carolyn Nobel's sister, telling us about her efforts, along with her Rotary club for relief in Haiti. A monumental task to be sure. I can imagine she will have a lot of very interesting stories to tell us!

A few items and reminders for everyone: Don't forget to promote RYLA out in the community. We have three slots for RYLA for 10th graders going into 11th grade and 2 slots for Young RYLA, 7th graders going into 8th grade. It is an awesome program, one that my daughter went through and it had a wonderful impact on her, making some great friends for

life. Kids and grandkids of Rotarians can go as well. They go through the same process, but as family members of Rotarians, they have to kick in the \$450 for the week. Non-Rotarians go to RYLA on us. I strongly encourage it for any and all! Sign up is at: <http://www.rmryla.org/>.

At the back of the newsletter is an email asking for judges for an upcoming Speech and Debate tournament. If you have not done this in the past, it is really quite fun. You get some great perspectives, some fun laughs and it reinvigorates one's faith in our youth (which sometimes needs a little invigorating... I'm just sayin.) Check out the email and sign up!

Also at the back of the newsletter is attached a PDF for a Rotary trip to Sicily. For you wayward travelers, it looks like a lot of fun. Thought I would pass it along...

Have a good week and see you Weds.

Adams Price
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Denver Mile High Rotary

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Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

February 28th - Lisa Nobel Martin and her husband, Jarod, have a 6 year old son, Jace. They are currently in the process of adopting a child from Haiti. This presentation will discuss the adoption journey (thus far), a volunteer trip to Haiti to learn about the people and the culture, and admiration for the Rotarians who welcomed them on the trip.

March 7th - Bruce Ward is the founder and President of Choose Outdoors, a nonprofit coalition of outdoor recreation interests, focused on increasing support for, and participation in, all forms of outdoor recreation in order to connect all Americans to the land. He has worked as a consultant for various companies focused on public/private partnerships and increasing support for outdoor recreation. Please join us for Bruce's presentation, "Overcoming the Threats to Outdoor Recreation".

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 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**

March 14th

Inspiration - **Juan Silva**
Greeters - **Roberta Simonton and Michael Tapp**
Host - **Scott Smeester**
Rotary Minute - **Betty Speir**



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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).



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

THANKS TO A DONATION, THE COST BELOW WILL BE REDUCED BY \$33/PERSON FOR THE FIRST 30 PEOPLE WHO SIGN UP!!!

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.

**Contact Melanie Gentz at melanie.gentz@gmail.com
or Geoff Noble at gtnoble@comcast.net**

We can get a 20% rebate for a group of over 40 rafters

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Speech and Debate Judging

I'm writing to invite you and other members of the Rotary Club of Denver Mile High to volunteer as judges at an upcoming speech and debate competition. May you forward this opportunity?

My club will host the Rocky Mountain Classic Speech and Debate Tournament from March 21-24 at Metropolitan State University in Denver. Almost 200 students, ages 12-18, from across Colorado and at least 5 other states will compete in 14 speech events and 3 debate formats (Team Policy, Parliamentary and Lincoln-Douglas).

My fellow students competitors, our parents and coaches, and the tournament staff would be grateful for your assistance, because we need you! Tournaments require help from a significant number of adults in our community who are willing to watch, listen, and provide written feedback to us students.

As a community judge, you will be provided with all the necessary training, as well as free parking and snacks and meals during the tournament hours. In turn, you will listen to and evaluate student speakers in a variety of forensic events, then provide constructive written feedback on ballots you turn in at the end of each round.

You can volunteer for any combination of judging time slots from one round (a commitment of approximately 2.5 hours to include the training session) to a full day.

Judges regularly tell us how thought-provoking, informative, entertaining, and uplifting they have found the time judging, and many then register at the door for additional rounds.

Please consider investing in us as we learn to communicate effectively and debate critically but graciously.

For more information about the Rocky Mountain Classic or our speech league in general, or to register as a judge, please contact me at rad@draeker.com. You may also visit our event website at <https://rmc.homeschooldebate.net>.

Sincerely,
Reagan Draeker

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COMUNE DI RAGUSA
PROVINCIA DI RAGUSA

Saturday, May 26 th

Arrival at Catania/Comiso airport; transfers by coach at 13:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; accommodation at “MEDITERRANEO HOTEL” in Ragusa.

7:30 p.m.: dinner at the Hotel and welcome speech by the President of Ragusa Rotary Club to introduce the week’s activities. Then, Mr. Gaetano Cosentini, a member of our club, will give a short description of Baroque style in “Val di Noto”.

Sunday, May 27 th

Breakfast at the Hotel.

9:00 a.m.: visit of Modica, famous not only for its beautiful buildings and churches, but also for its delicious chocolate (you can buy it in local shops). We will visit outstanding churches such as San Giorgio, San Pietro, Santa Maria di Betlemme, San Domenico and the rocky Church dedicated to San Nicolò.

Lunch at “Fuoco dei Mori”.

Afternoon: visit of Scicli, where you will see Piazza Italia, la Matrice, the Church of San Bartolomeo, Palazzo Beneventano, Via Mormino Penna, Chiesa del Carmine. Coach to the hotel.

8:00 p.m.: dinner at “Tipico”.

Monday, May 28 th

Breakfast at the Hotel.

9:00 a.m.: departure to visit Ragusa Ibla walking down an ancient stairway. You will visit the Church of Idria built by the Knights of Malta, the Church of the Purgatory, Palazzo Cosentini with its wonderful gargoyles in the balconies, Palazzo Sortino Trono. Walking along a narrow winding road, sided by ancient buildings such as Palazzo La Rocca with its beautiful Baroque balconies, you will reach Piazza San Giorgio, the main square with its amazing Cathedral dedicated to Saint George. Brunch at Palazzo Arezzo di Trifiletti and tasting of local sweets at the wine shop “L’isola nell’isola”.

5:00 p.m.: visit of Ragusa Superiore and of Prefettura with its beautiful frescoes by Duilio Cambellotti, where you will be welcomed by Her Excellency the Prefect Filippina Cocuzza (the major government authority in the Province of Ragusa).

8:00 p.m.: organ concert in Saint John the Baptist’s Cathedral, performed by our club member Maestro Marco D’Avola.

9:00 p.m.: dinner at “Antica Badia Relais”.

Tuesday, May 29 th

Breakfast at the Hotel.

9:00 a.m.: coach to Piazza Armerina to visit the famous Roman “Villa del Casale”.

Lunch at “Masseria Bannata” in Piazza Armerina.

Coach to Ragusa.

Free dinner

Wednesday, May 30 st

Breakfast at the Hotel.

9:00 a.m.: coach to Noto. Visit of its historical centre including the wonderful Cathedral, the Town Hall, the Theatre, the Churches of San Carlo, San Francesco, Santa Chiara, San Domenico and Palazzo Landolina.

Lunch at the restaurant “ Cantina Modica”.

16:00 p.m. accommodation at Hotel in Siracusa. Visit the archeological area at the “Greek Theatre”, “Latomie”, “Dionysus’s Ear”.

7:00 p.m.: performance of the Greek tragedy ‘Eracle’ (ending around 8.30).

Dinner at hotel

Thursday, May 31 st

9:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Hotel Syracuse to visit Ortigia Island, Aretusa fountain, the Cathedral. Lunch at “Cortile Arabo ” in Marzamemi.

8:00 p.m.: dinner at “Ristorante Konza”

Friday, June 1 nd

Breakfast at the Hotel. Free day

7:30 p.m.: coach to “Villa Fortugno” and the Gala Dinner.

Participants: our clubs’ members, the District Governor John De Giorgio, the Past-Governor Francesco Arezzo (members of our club) and Board - Director of south-west Europe 2018 – 19.

Gala dinner, final speech by Rotary Ragusa President, exchanging club banners

Saturday, June 2 rd

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to Catania/Comiso airport.

PLEASE, bring ALWAYS with you your ID (ID card, Passport, driving licence), especially in the trips. During the Week of Ibla Baroque, discounts will be available in the following shops close to your hotel for all the participants who show the “DISCOUNT CARD” (that you found together with all the documents):

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Tradizioni d’arte , ceramiche - corso Vittorio Veneto 134	tel. 093 622228		“ 10 %
Pasticceria Di Pasquale – Corso Vittorio Veneto n. 104	tel. 0932624635	.	“ 10 %
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Casa del formaggio “ S. Anna “ - Corso Italia n. 387	tel. 0932227485	“ 10 %
L’Isola nell’Isola - Corso XXV Aprile 13 - Ragusa Ibla	tel. 0932 623223	...	“ 10 %
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NB: if you need to leave earlier, or if you have any food allergies or other personal requirements, please inform us as soon as possible; we will try to satisfy your needs.

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