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Thanks Betty Speir for setting up the monthly happy hour last week look forward to hearing what's next. Thanks to those who came out. Lots of fun.

We are excited to induct our newest member tomorrow Kristy Baily! Welcome Kristy we are excited to have you in the club.

Our Nepal team is on the ground and visiting our projects in Nepal. We will wait for more of an update but after a long journey there they are hitting the ground running! More to come.

Did you know March 25th to the 31st is International Week of Service. Our club will come together in some way to serve that week, we have opportunism such as Bryant Elementary/Food For Thought and will possibly suggest some others.

Visit the International Week of Service 2017 Facebook event page to RSVP and see what other clubs are planning.

Tomorrow we will have - Christina Burri - will speak - Denver Water - Watershed Scientist. Christina Burri works for Denver Water the day for the evenas their Watershed Scientist to inventory, protect, and improve the 2.5 million acres of watershed area in Denver Water's Collection System. Christina is leading Denver Water's innovative watershed management and planning efforts, including forest health investments

For those of you applying for District Awards be sure to submit them by tomorrow as the dead line is tomorrow. Thank you to all of you who have done the work. Fingers crossed.

A few other upcoming events, if you are skier - We will be having the Annual Rotary Ski Day with Cherry Creek Rotary on April 1st at Vail. Betty will have more information. Always a fun day of fellowship and skiing in our beautiful Colorado.

One last thing that is

coming up quickly is District Conference. Have you been to a **District Conference?** Are you curious? Would you like to go for ing? Each year the Denver Mile High Rotary has a great representation at the conference. There will be great speakers and a great opportunity to learn more about Rotary.

Check out the District site - http:// www.rotary5450.org/ Click HERE for info about the Conference at Beautiful Chevenne Mountain in Colorado Springs.

See you tomorrow, thanks for all that you do!!

Melanie Denver Mile High Rotary





Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

March 1st - Christina Burri works for Denver Water as their Watershed Scientist to inventory, protect, and improve the 2.5 million acres of watershed area in Denver Water's Collection System. Christina is leading Denver Water's innovative watershed management and planning efforts, including forest health investments. Christina manages the From Forests to Faucets Partnership, which has been a \$33 million investment between Denver Water and the U.S. Forest Service to improve



the health of our forests and watersheds. Christina serves as the Treasurer of the South Platte Enhancement Board, and serves on the Board for the Coalition for the Upper South Platte. She is involved in several watershed and forest health collaborative groups, such as the Upper South Platte Partnership, the Fraser Source Water Protection Planning group, the Front Range Roundtable, the High Country Forest Collaborative, and the South Platte Urban Headwaters Partnership. In her spare time, she enjoys weekends spent at her cabin on Palisade Mountain in Drake and hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Presentation Overview:

Denver Water's Collaborative Investments in Watershed and Forest Health:

Denver Water's key collection and delivery infrastructure receives water from snowpack and streams in our watersheds. As the water provider to 1.4 million people in the Denver metropolitan area, Denver Water directly depends on healthy watersheds to supply its customers with high quality water. Denver Water has made significant innovative and collaborative investments in watershed and forest health. Christina Burri, Denver Water's Watershed Scientist, will describe the value of these investments and the future planning efforts that Denver Water is initiating to inventory, protect, and improve the health of our watersheds.

March 8th—Chris Armstrong: Panasonic is in a new partnership with Colorado DOT to bring connected vehicle technology to Colorado. Chris' background has deep expertise in connected and autonomous vehicle research and Intelligent Transportation Systems deployment. Chris will highlight the key projects and technology initiative rolling out of the new partnership with Denver, DIA and Colorado DOT. It is called Denver's Smart Cities Initiative. He'll showcase the vision for Denver's Pena Station Next and Panasonic's new Operation Center on the A-Line to the airport.

March 15th — Tom Giordano will guide us through a historical account of the life of President Ulysses S. Grant. Tom is a self-proclaimed history buff and teaches courses on this central figure in American history. Please be sure to attend and hear Tom provide insight into the man that helped shape America during and after the Civil War.

February Birthdays



February 8th—Pat Gorman Barry February 11th—Sonny Weigand February 24th—Adams Price



Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

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March 1st

Inspiration - Greg Thielen

Greeters - Tony Vaida and Bruce Ward

Host - Ronnie Weiss

Rotary Minute - Sonny Wiegand

March 8th

Inspiration - Diane Wilson

Greeters - Chris Wong and Michelle Ashby

Host - Pat Gorman Barry

Rotary Minute - Bob Connaghan

March 15th

Inspiration - Preston Dickey

Greeters - Alessandro Eichstaedt and Debra Flick

Host - Mark Foseid

Rotary Minute - Kevin Galloway

Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar

April 1st - Rotary Ski Day

April 28th—30th- District Conference - - Cheyenne Mountain

June 10-14 Rotary International Convention—Atlanta

June 17th - Denver Mile High Rotary Rafting trip!





WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO CHANGE THE WORLD?

BELIEVE IT STARTS WITH A COMMITMENT TO

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Mile High Rafting Trip

ROTARY HALF-DAY RAFTING TRIPS WITH MILE HI RAFTING ON SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH. A \$5 DONATION IS INCLUDED IN THE COST OF EACH TRIP. ALL PROCEDES GO TO SUPPORT THE WARRIORS ON CATARACT PROGRAM

SURE-SHOT - \$49 ADULTS, \$44 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) - \$59 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) - \$79 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. Min-

imum age 14.

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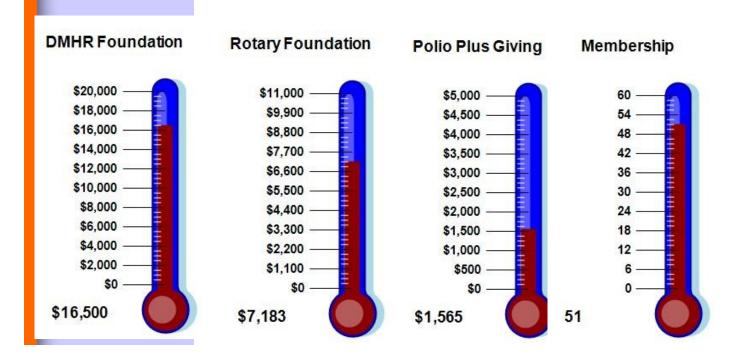


http://www.endpolio.org/

We can get a 10% rebate for every rafter booked by March 1st 2017. All rebates to be donated directly to the Colorado based non-profit program

Rotary Book Club Meeting

The next Rotary Book Club meeting will be held Saturday, April 8 from 1:00-3:00 PM. It will be held at Bill Yeoman's home 1266 Fillmore St. The novel is *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom who wrote the acclaimed *Tuesday with Morrie*.



A Letter from the Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition

Hello,

This past week has been extremely challenging for the Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition's --probably the most challenging in its 26 years of existence.

Several Colorado state lawmakers in key positions of leadership, believe vaccines are dangerous are attempting to de-fund the state's immunization database, which is the single consolidated registry that healthcare professionals use for clinical decision-making, individual care, outbreak control and emergency preparedness. If the Colorado Immunization Information System is de-funded, Colorado would be the only state in the nation and territories that would not have an immunization database.

We are working hard to educate lawmakers on the critical importance of this system. We could really use the support of Rotary clubs in Colorado. Attached is a Fact Sheet we are circulating. Many significant medical and child health organizations have signed on to the fact sheet. Might we get your Rotary Clubs to sign on as well? This is just a first step in a long battle to educate lawmakers.

On a different note, might you please put me in contact with Mike Talbot? On March 9th we are organizing a Lunch and Learn event for legislators to learn about the safety and importance of vaccines. We already have a pediatrician from Children's Hospital available to present, and we also have an invitation out to a school nurse. However, having a Rotarian with a personal polio story, such as Mike, would be very powerful. If Mike is interested and available, I can get him more details.

Finally, an embargoed copy of the report will be released on Tuesday and I will share it with you along with a press release.

Thank you for your assistance during this critical time in Colorado.

Best, Stephanie

Stephanie Wasserman, MSPH Executive Director Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition