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Denver Mile High
Rotary
Club



President's Column:

January 30th, 2018

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Hello, all. Hope you all are doing well. Big thanks to Melanie for filling in for Chris Wong on the newsletter while Chris is taking sabbatical on a beach in Hawaii! Chris, have a great and relaxing time with the family!

Time to talk a bit about projects and the foundations and provide a little bit of background on how all that works – at least at the 10,000-foot level. Basically, there are two foundations as it relates to the club and RI. Our club has its own foundation, the Denver Mile High Rotary Foundation, which currently holds a corpus of about 130K. The DMHR Foundation is one (I stress 'one', more on that in a minute) source of funds for our projects. We run various fund raising projects throughout the year to provide funds to the foundation to help fund the

following year's projects. Here's the catch: The 130k is a 'rainy day' fund in essence and is not used to fund projects. The investment income (around 2k to 3k per annum) that is made off of the 130K does go to projects, but the corpus itself is not. The DMHR Foundation corpus was donated by members over time expressly to create an income generating fund, so the corpus is designated by those donors to be used to generate income, but not directly fund projects itself. So, for example, last year, we raised, through various programs and donations, approximately 22K that went to the foundation and the foundation corpus generated about 2k that can be used for projects. We allocated 22K to projects for this year to fund things like RYLA, Food for Thought, overseas water pro-

jects, etc. The funds themselves are directed by the Local Community Service and the World Community Service committees. The remaining amount is held in reserve for projects that come up in the year, such as Michelle Ashby's project in Africa, or Sarah Schaffer's project for cycling. These adhoc projects are not planned for at the beginning of the year, so we keep some reserve for when they come up. Here is the catch with our foundation funds. The money we allocate to next year's projects are raised this year. So, things like the citrus sales and Hearts for Humanity are critical fundraisers for next year's projects. If we are not successful (cont')



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this year, then we will have to trim back projects next year. So, please, keep banging away at getting auction items and getting people attending the Hearts for Humanity shindig.

22k, on the face of it, may not seem like a lot when looking at all of the projects that we fund. That is where the RI Foundation and other clubs come into play. Think of our 22k as an accelerant that lights the fuse on a whole bunch of funds around our district and at RI. It is very common for a project to be identified by someone in our club or in another club and for multiple clubs to go in on the project, then the District 5450 throws in what call DDF or district directed funds from RI, then grants may be written directly to the RI Foundation to provide more funds. Suddenly, a 4k allocation from

our project fund becomes as much as 50k to 100k in project funds for projects here in our back yard or around the world. It is the power of the grass roots effort and accelerant funding that creates the likes of Bridges to Hope, Polio Plus and projects in Africa as well as projects in across Colorado.

It would seem that the two foundations are in competition, but they really are not. If funds are given to the RI foundation by any of us, then those funds can be paired with our foundations funds for projects. It is part of the accelerant. If we raise funds for the DMHR Foundation then it, too, goes to projects that we initiate. So, it is important to raise funds in our own backyard and for RI. Both fund our projects to varying degrees. And a little

can go a long way. If you get an auction item that sells for \$100, through acceleration, that could end up being as much as \$1000 for a project.

So, let's go get auction items, let's get sponsors, and let's have a great Hearts for Humanity event this year!

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President

2017-2018

Denver Mile High Rotary



YOU'RE INVITED

Hearts for Humanity

FEBRUARY 10, 2018 | 6:30 PM | SPERO WINERY



Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

January 31st — Mark Rudolph is the State of Colorado Superfund Project Manager for the Bonita Peaks Superfund Site near Silverton. Mark will provide updates on the Gold King Mine remedial work as well as the other 47 listed mine sites in the Bonita Peak Superfund location. Work has been accelerating on the Bonita Peak Superfund site but has many years ahead. Mark will discuss current site actions at the Bonita Peak Site and other similar sites in the San Juan Mountains.

February 7th - TBA

February 14th - TBA

February 21st - TBA

February 28th - TBA



January Birthdays

1st - Kevin LeVezu

6th - Bart Schaffer

18th - Ted Hendryx and David Kiefner

21st - Bruce Ward

22nd - Debra Flick



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Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

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January 31st

Inspiration - Debra Flick
Greeters - Mark Foseid and Kevin Galloway
Host - Melanie Gentz
Rotary Minute - Lindsay Gerlach

February 7th

Inspiration - Tom Giordano
Greeters - Tom Gregory and Susan Henderson
Host - Ted Hendryx
Rotary Minute - Dan Himmelspace



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

January 26th - Food Bag Program at Beach court Elementary

February 2nd—Food Bag Program at Bryan Elementary

February 9th - Food Bag Program at Beach Court Elementary

February 10th - Hearts for Humanity

February 15th - Happy Hour at Retrograde (You have to enter Frozen Matter Ice Cream Shop) We are going to s Speak Easy - 5pm—7pm. 530 E. 19th Ave. Denver, Clever cocktails served in a petite, stylish lounge hidden in back of an ice cream shop

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

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



YOU'RE INVITED

Hearts for Humanity

FEBRUARY 10, 2018 | 6:30 PM | SPERO WINERY

Join the Denver Mile High Rotary for dinner and wine pairings! Then, stock up on your favorite wines while bidding on a variety of silent auction items. Raise a glass while helping us raise money to support all of our life changing projects! The proceeds from the wine sales and silent auction will go toward the Denver Mile High Rotary Foundation.

TICKETS INCLUDE: Dinner, Wine Paring, Silent Auction, Dessert!
RSVP: Buy a ticket online at Event Bright.

Share the Love

Invite friends, family and others interested in our club!

Rotary
Club of Denver Mile High



Wine tasting &
Fundraiser

Italian Food and
Wine Pairings

Buy a case, raise
money for the
club!

Winery Tour
Included

Silent Auction!

SPERO WINERY
3316 W 64th Ave.
Denver, CO 80221

February 10th

6:30-9:30 PM

TICKETS: \$40

Cocktail Attire



**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 PRO-**

GRAM

SURE-SHOT - \$52 ADULTS, \$45 CHILD

BLAST (INTERMEDIATE HALF DAY) - \$62 ADULTS

KAMIKAZE (ADVANCED HALF DAY) - \$82 ADULTS

**Contact Melanie Gentz at [mela-
nie.gentz@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.gentz@gmail.com)**

or Geoff Noble at gtnoble@comcast.net

**We can get a 20% rebate
for a group of over 40 raft-
ers**

**All rebates to be donated directly to the Colorado based non-profit
program Warriors on Cataract**

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