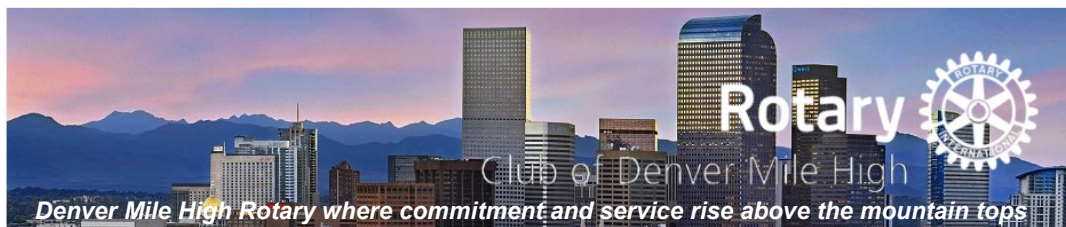




Denver Mile High  
**Rotary**  
Club



## President's Column:

July 18th, 2017

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Hello, all! Last evening, we celebrated another Past Presidents' Party at Tom and Debra Gregory's lovely home. Thank you to the Gregory's for opening their beautiful home to us! And thank you to Betty Speir for putting it together! We had a great turn-out, with great food and drink and, of course, the honey-baked ham... The highlight had to be seeing all the past presidents of DMHR, including Bob Walsh (now with the Parker Club), pull together for a Past Presidents' photo. Or maybe it was seeing Melanie open the present for her puppy, a singing treat jar, with treats included. But then again, a highlight was that a Rotarian from Finland, Kari Koski, past and current president of his Rotary club in Espoo, Finland. Apparently, their rotary meetings are held in saunas... Interesting concept to consider! But, of course the biggest highlight of the evening was seeing everyone have fun together. It is really a very special club that has a great time together. Melanie, thank you for all you bring to DMHR and congratulations

on a great year!

A few reminders of upcoming events: This Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 10pm, the CEC Interact Club is holding a fundraiser at Menchie's Frozen Yogurt in the Highlands. Menchie's is awesome, great frozen yogurt and a perfect desert on a warm summer evening. And a cut of the Menchie's sales goes to the CEC Interact Club for their projects. Sounds like a win-win-win to me!

Further on with CEC Interact, don't forget that Bruce Ward is taking the Interact club camping at the Peacefully Valley Boy Scouts camp from August 18 through 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone able to help Bruce with logistics, please see Bruce. This is a groundbreaking project and will be great for the CEC Interactors. Way to go, Bruce! For those contemplating writing Rotary grants for project funding from RI, there is an online training session on Monday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Go to the district website ([www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org)) to register. Alternatively, there will be an offline seminar at Front Range Community College on

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday morning.

Lastly, RI is calling for nominations for Rotary People of Action: Champions of Peace awards. The award goes to active Rotarians who have championed projects to address the underlying causes of conflict including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and/or unequal distribution of resource. Potentially two members of each district are nominated for consideration. The award winner will be recognized and awarded at the UN in Switzerland in 2018. Nominations are due July 31<sup>st</sup>.

I Look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

-Adams



## Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

**July 19th** - Our own Heidi Resetarits will be our speaker. Heidi traveled to the Dominican Republic with the organization called [Peace-work](#). Peacework is a 501(c)3 global nonprofit organization that engages communities, academic institutions, and corporations in innovative cross-sector solutions for sustainable development around the world and across seven development disciplines: agriculture, business, education, engineering, health, public service, and technology.

**July 26th** - DU professor Andrea Stanton will be our speaker. Andrea is an Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies at DU's Dept. of Religious Studies. She lived in Beirut from 2006-2008 and spent her summers in Syria from 2002-2006. Her areas of expertise include Middle Eastern History and Media and Politics. She is also a frequent expert commentator in local and national news media.

**August 2nd** - Rami H Sayed is currently a District 5450 Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Rotary Global Grant Scholar working on his PhD in Political Science at the University of Cape Town. His research focuses on the consequences of Political Violence in emerging democracies in Africa. Join us as Rami speaks about his time as Rotary Global Grant Scholar, his field work and research for his PhD Dissertation, and his involvement with Rotary in Cape Town, community organizations, and various research and policy institutions.

### July Birthdays

**8th—Dan Himmelspach**

**24th—Betty Speir**





## Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

### July 19th

**Inspiration - Ann Tull**

**Greeters - Tony Vaida and Bruce Ward**

**Host - Ronnie Weiss**

**Rotary Minute - Sonny Wiegand**

### July 26th

**Inspiration - Diane Wilson**

**Greeters - Chris Wong and Michelle Ashby**

**Host - Pat Gorman Barry**

**Rotary Minute - KB Bayley**

### August 2nd

**Inspiration - Bob Connaghan**

**Greeters - Alessandro Eichstaedt and Jane Fisher**

**Host - Debra Flick**

**Rotary Minute - Mark Foseid**



## Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar

July 19th - CEC Interact fundraiser at Menchies frozen yogurt in Highlands from 6-10PM. 2656 West 32nd Ave Denver, CO 80211.

## Women's Empowerment through Economic and Computer Training Rotary Global Grant GG16-39076

### History of Previous Grants

Rotary Grants developed by the Rotary Clubs of Denver Mile High and Highlands in Zimbabwe have been delivering economic and computer trainings to high-density communities in Harare Zimbabwe since 2009. Almost 100 Rotarians have contributed their time and expertise to develop and deliver the training and oversight for these grants. Over 6,000 women and youth have learned to save money and use their own savings to start and manage small businesses. With their newly acquired computer skills, they track their finances and stay in touch with their families around the world. Over 250,000 people have benefitted by these projects.

A Rotary reviewer praised this program for creating an attitude change, unlocking the potential of the participants to change their lives. RI President Ravi Ravindran, who visited the project in March 2016 called this project a model for Rotary Community Development programs and one that should be replicated through the world.



*RI President Ravi at the Grant Site*

### 2016-17 Training Grant

The local government has been highly supportive of the trainings, since there is nothing similar being offered to the women in the Harare area. They asked that the training be expanded to other communities where women had no way to acquire skills to support themselves. Working with the office of the mayor of Harare, local Rotarians identified three new communities for the training: Glen Norah, Highfield, and Dzivarasekwa (DZ). We hired a training organization that was started by some of our participants in our first Rotary Grant in 2009. Training started in September 2016.



There are four blocks of training under the Grant; the third round was completed in June 2017. Women receive a week-long intensive training in economic skills, followed by a similar training in computer skills. The participants form themselves into 12-13 member Self Help Groups. The women create their individual businesses as well as a group business. This gives them a chance to learn from each other to successfully run their own business. After the intensive trainings, there are 7 weeks of follow-up trainings. At the end of the 9-10 week training block, there is a graduation celebration.

Business training uses interactive, hands-on workshops and other group activities to reinforce basic concepts. Training focuses on saving, keeping accurate finances, successfully running a



business and effective use of loans. Topics in computer training include creating documents, using spreadsheets to manage and track finances and effective use of social media.

Harare Rotarians have visited the trainings and presented focused topics such as financial management and marketing to the women. Colorado Rotarians have interviewed participants to capture their stories. Some of these encounters have been amazing. One of the Self Help Groups presented a special gift at the graduation: a "Thank You Rotary" cake.



### Computer Training and Equipment



One of the most popular aspects of the grant is the computer training. Women rarely get a chance to learn this skill, and most who do have limited opportunities to use a computer. The grant has funded 5 computers and printers that have been placed in the community centers. The participants have priority access to these computers to use with their businesses; they carry flash drives with their information that they access when they visit the community centers. All participants have an email account; many also use Facebook. For some participants, the computer training has lead directly to a job.

### Women's Businesses

Our participants are only limited by their imaginations. Businesses include:

- Catering, cake making and decoration
- Sewing uniforms and specialty kitchen items
- Making soap and detergents
- Jewelry and basket making
- Purifying water to sell
- Buying and selling goods

### Rotarian Involvement

Host Rotarians visit the opening of each training and participate in the graduation ceremonies. They visit throughout the 10 week period, offering advice and sometimes presenting focused trainings. The head of training organization provides monthly reports and meets frequently with the Grant Committee to discuss progress and identify improvements. This shows up in the performance of the groups, which seem to be getting stronger with each training block. Colorado Rotarians will join the Host Rotarians in the closing celebration in September 2017 and interview participants to compile a series of their stories.



For more Information about the Grant, Please contact Carolyn Schrader, Denver Mile High Rotary, [schrader407@gmail.com](mailto:schrader407@gmail.com) or 303-589-7599.

## Craig Hospital Dinner Photo





## Arvada Sunrise Rotary Fundraiser

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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).



## Local Community Service Committee Meeting

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Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm

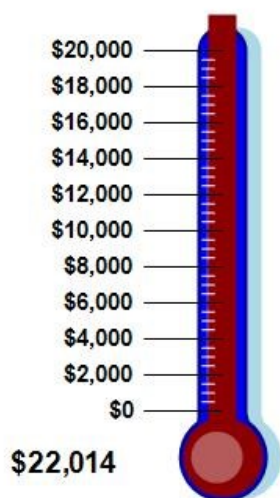
Michael Tapp's office at  
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All are welcome.

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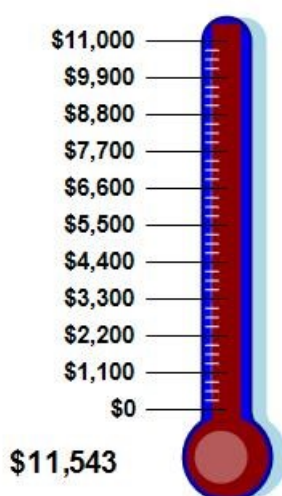
Robin Springer's E-Mail has been hacked and she has been forced to change her address. Her new E Mail address is published in the member directory. Please delete the address you have (make sure you erase it from your auto-fill) and update your files.

She hopes to get all of her contacts from her old address so she can close it.

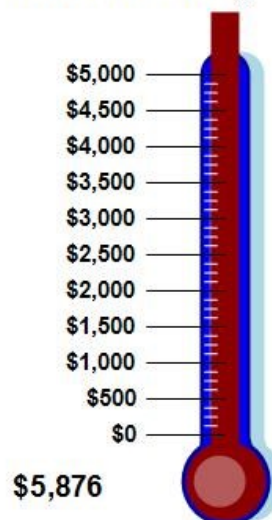
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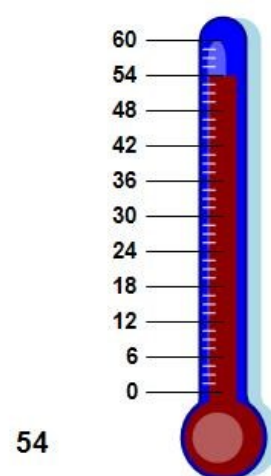
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