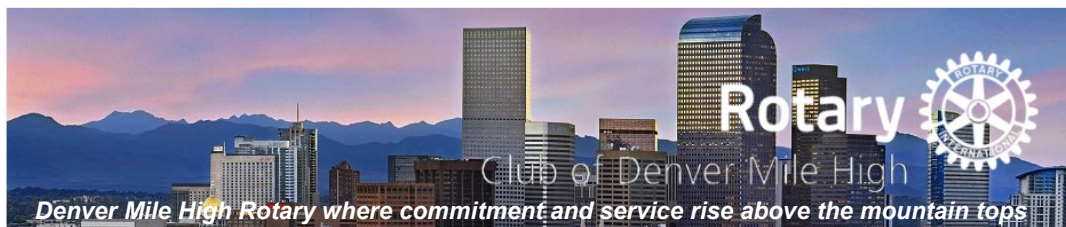




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Hello, all! For those of you who missed last week's meeting, you missed an impressive lineup! We started with the induction of Anson Thomas to the club. Anson is from Indiana and splits time between Indie and Denver. He is a past president of the Munsie, Indiana club and looks forward to jumping in for DMHR as well. If you have not had a chance to meet him, please do. He is a great guy and you will be all the better for it!

After the new member induction, we heard from Grant Wilkins. His is an amazing story, even by Rotary standards. Both he and his first wife contracted polio back in the 50s. He survived, his first wife eventually did not. Back then there was no such thing as a polio vaccine, so it was always a lottery as to whether you got it or not. But eventually, a vaccine was developed and Grant decided it was time to do something about this terrible disease. So, he rallied a handful of Rotarians to come up with a plan to proliferate the polio vaccine throughout the world

to eradicate polio. He started that in 1984, he and a handful of Rotarians in Denver. Through determination and hard work that group enlisted people, organizations, funds, governments and many, many Rotarians to the cause. It snowballed into a \$10+ billion effort over 33 years (and counting) that has nearly (emphasis on nearly!) wiped polio off the planet. We are down to less than 10 cases worldwide and the end is almost in sight. If it goes to zero for 3 years in a row, we win! From 300,000+ cases per year all around the planet to just 5 and the brink of ending it. Just a handful of Rotarians very successfully started a global effort to wipe out polio. And as Carolyn Schrader once said, countries and NGOs from around the world, who typically don't even trust each other, entrusted Rotary with more than \$10 billion to achieve this end. It is amazing what Rotary has built. But it is even more amazing what a handful of Rotarians can achieve when they put their minds to it. So, who's next? Is it Michelle Ashby, with her new grant for work in Zambia (congratulations,

Michelle!!!!) or will it be Carolyn's work in Zimbabwe, snowballing into a continent-wide effort to change the plight of third-world women? Dream big, everyone. It takes just a handful of Rotarians...

Our own Heidi Resetarits was our featured speaker. She told us about her project in the Dominican Republic, guiding college students through service projects in the DR. The projects were meaningful, but it really caught fire when local DR Rotarians got involved and showed the group what was really needed. It was clear that it turned into a life-impacting trip for Heidi and for the children of the DR. Well done, Heidi! Maybe there is a Rotary WCS project in there somewhere!

On a side note, again, thank you to all who volunteered at Craig Hospital. It sounds like it was very rewarding and that the patients at Craig really appreciated it.

-Adams

Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

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.

August 9th - RYLA participants and their families will join us for breakfast. Please plan on attending to hear these accomplished students share their RYLA experiences.

July Birthdays

8th—Dan Himmelspach

24th—Betty Speir





Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

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

August 9th

Inspiration - Kevin Galloway

Greeters - Melanie Gentz and Lindsay Gerlach

Host - Tom Giordano

Rotary Minute - Tom Gregory



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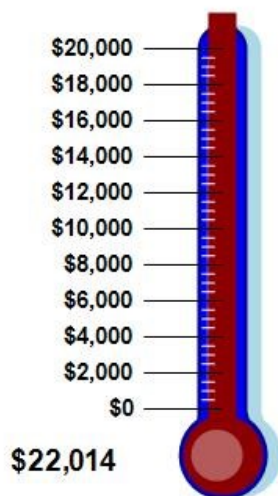
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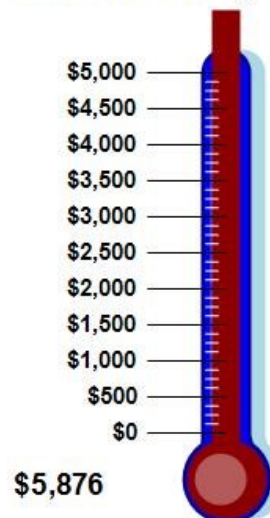
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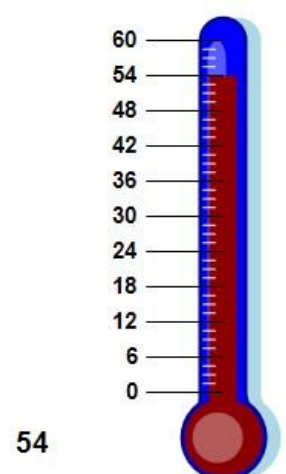
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