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Hello, All. Lot's of activity to report from front and center and from behind the scenes. First off, the Holiday Fruit sales continue apace. We are in the 250 to 260 boxes range, so we are getting close to the minimum goal of 300. If each member sells just one more box, we are there! Of course, there is nothing wrong with exceeding the goal...

Local Community Service has been pretty busy helping the Interact club with their projects. They are really busy this holiday season. They are putting together Thanksgiving baskets for needy families in their school community; running a book drive (about which I think you might hear more, in case you have books to donate) for a housing project in Northwest Denver; con- into the 21st century, by autotinuing a "Coffee for Cops" program, sending Starbucks cards with notes of encouragement to PDs that have suffered a tragedy; and, holding a teacher appreciation breakfast at CEC. While LCS is providing funding for these projects, the Interact club is matching funds through their own fundraising efforts. A great team effort by all! The Interact club has really grown over the last several years - not just in members, but in impact. Our members have been great in supporting the club, but also, Stacey Hervey over at CEC always deserves a special shout-out for her dedication to the club. She is a great mentor to the kids and a great role model. Next time you see her, give her an extra thanks

for all she does! She is really quite amazing!

There are a few items coming up in front of the board this month. The first is a resolution to change how bills are paid by the club. In the past, since time began for the club, we have had a process whereby a bill comes to the treasurer, the treasurer prints or writes out a check along with an expense request, gets the president (past or present) to sign both, and then sends the check to the vendor (or drops it off in the case of the Uclub). All a manual process and really inefficient. As a past treasurer, I remember that process as being the most timeconsuming. The current treasurer, Lawrence Mundy, has undertaken the steps to boldly move us mating the process. The proposed new process is to submit expense requests via email to the president, who approves the request via email, and the treasurer pays the bill either via electronic banking payment or by printing the check with the president's digital signature on the check. This can all be done electronically instead of having to chase each other down, thus saving time on the part of the treasurer. Note that the treasurer cannot, in this process, initiate payments or transfers unilaterally, baking in the checks and balances that the board feels are necessary to keep everything above board. Not a question of trust, but a demonstration of transparency with checks and balanc-

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es. The board will be discussing this change this afternoon and voting on it.

The second (unrelated) item is a discussion of the concept of bonding and insurance for the directors on the board. Bylaws require that the officers "give bond as required by the Board for the safe custody of the funds of the club, cost of bond to be borne by the club." We have not done this for as long as I have been involved with the board, which is an oversight. So this begs the question of whether it is really necessary and whether bonding is worth the expense. So we are discussing it, checking out the costs and deciding whether it is necessary to have. If it is not worth the expense, then we may suggest that we change the bylaws. Otherwise, we will allocate sufficient funds for the bonding. This too is not a question of trust, so much as I think it might further the aim of "above board, transparent and checks and balances. So, again, looking into it, but not sure where it will go at this point.

If anyone has any questions about either of these motions, feel free to ping me or any board member to get your thoughts and to provide further information if you are interested.

In the meantime, grapefruit! Dilly-dilly!

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Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

November 15th - Steve Woods is a retired business consultant, with vast experience as a fund raiser in the non-profit world. Steve will provide us with a presentation on effective fundraising in today's world.

November 22nd - Dark for Thanksgiving

November 29th - Brian Good - Former DMHRC member, and current Chief Administrative Officer at Denver Water, Brian Good will be our speaker. Brian will provide insight into Denver Water's "One Water", a newer concept in urban water management which looks at utilizing and reusing all sources of water available at a site.



November Birthdays

- 17th Chuck Rudolph
- 23rd Diane Messamore
- 26th Carolyn Schrader



Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

November 15th

Inspiration - Audrey Leavitt Greeters - Kevin LeVezu and Jeff McAnallen Host - Diane Messamore

Rotary Minute - Constance Mortell

November 22nd

Dark for Thanksgiving November 29th Inspiration - Lawrence Mundy Greeters - Carolyn Nobel and Geoff Noble

Host - Alex Orkow Rotary Minute - Karl Paulson ROTARY CONVENTION TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA 23-27 JUNE 2018





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WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO CHANGE THE WORLD?

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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).



DMHR Foundation Donations

The Denver Mile High Rotary Foundation funds charitable work performed by our Club. When planning your end-of-year charitable giving, please consider the Denver Mile High Rotary Foundation. Also, if your employer has a matching gift program, please consider matching your donation. Please make checks payable to: DMHR Foundation and mail to: DMHR Foundation c/o Tom Giordano 7271 East Wesley Avenue Denver, CO 80224 Note: Please do NOT mail payments for Holiday Citrus to this address

Bridge Hope Donations

Bridge Hope is the non profit that Jessa Crisp runs for men and women who have escaped human trafficking. We have decided to team up with the Cherry Creek club to help make a difference.

We very much appreciate your support for 6 female survivors of sex trafficking. Girl's gift baskets include:

- Wonder Woman DVD 2017
- Coffee
- Hot Chocolate
- Candy cane
- Peppermint spoon
- Chocolate bar
- Christmas ornament (unbreakable, red should not be the dominant color)
- \$20 gift card to Target or Walmart
- \$10 gift card to <u>Starbucks</u> or Fast food place

The items must be brand new in original packaging. Items should not have red as the primary color Gifts should be placed inside a inside a box that fits all the items together (box needs to remain unsealed and unwrapped for security purposes)

Gifts will be wrapped and ready for distribution the week of the 27th.

Contact Melanie Gentz (melanie_gentz@yahoo.com) for more details.

Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar

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

http://denvermilehigh.org/Events/Calendar

Beer Tour of Ratio - 11/15

Beer Tour of Ratio with past speaker - **Steve Kurowsk -** with the Brewers Guild - **November 15th** The tour will be on November 15th, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30 <u>http://ratiobeerworks.com/</u> 2920 Larimer St, Denver

Park Stewardship Dinner - 11/20

This year's Park Stewardship Dinner will be held on Monday, November 20, 2017 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Denver Zoo, Norgren Hall. This dinner honor's our amazing volunteers who contribute their time in helping beautify our Denver Parks and Trails year round. Our group will be getting recognized.

Please forward to other volunteers in your group **and RSVP by November 1st** to <u>tina.myers@denvergov.org</u>; or call <u>720.865.2434</u>.

<u>Anson Thompson</u> is the contact for this event for Denver Mile High Rotary Club. Please also let him know if you will be attending.

DMHR Holiday Party - 12/10

Mark your calendar! This year's DMHR holiday party will be held on December 10 5:30 PM at the Pinnacle condominiums party room 2990 E. 17th Ave.

Holiday Citrus Fruit

20lb gift boxes of fresh ruby red grapefruits and fresh navel oranges straight from the Rio Grande valley in Texas. The perfect gift for clients, friends and family! To top it off, proceeds from these gifts go to projects serving the Denver and global communities via Denver Mile High Rotary. A fantastic way to give twice! There are three choices of box: 20lbs Red Ruby Grapefruit 20lbs Navel Oranges



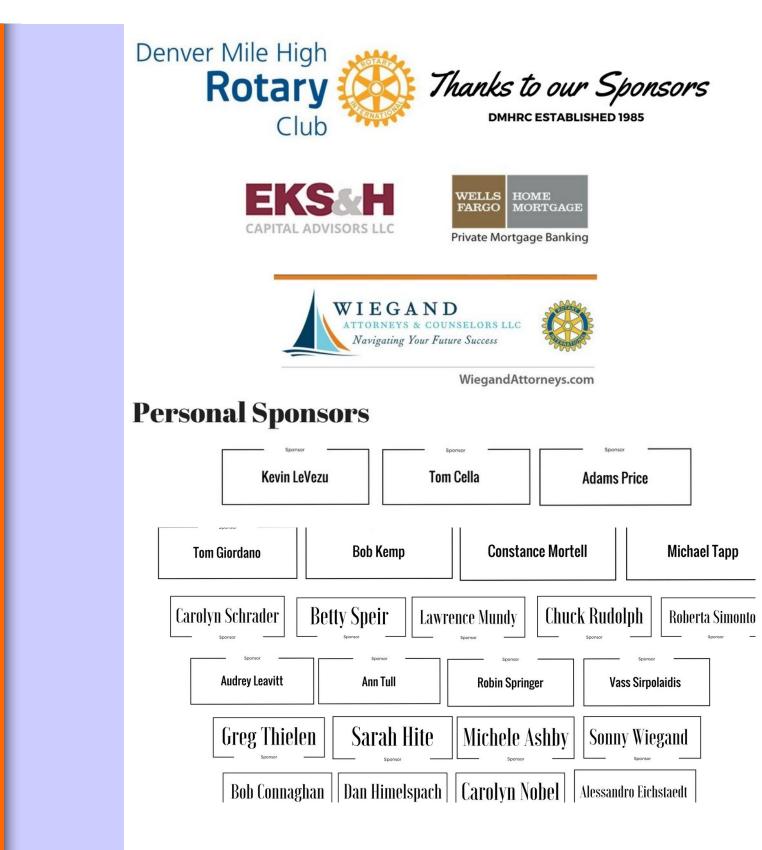
20lbs mix of Red Ruby Grapefruit and Navel Oranges. Each box is \$30. Orders can be delivered to the EKS&H offices or picked up downtown. They will get to Denver the first week of December. Payments in advance for boxes go to Denver Mile High Rotary Foundation.



All proceeds of the sale (\$12 per box) go to projects in Denver, including:

- 9HealthFair
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- Veterans Honor Flight
- Warriors on Cataract
- Outdoor activities for low-income kids
- Mental Health Awareness
- Food for Thought Program

Carolyn Schrader has sent out a sales tracking form that you can use to keep track of sales.





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