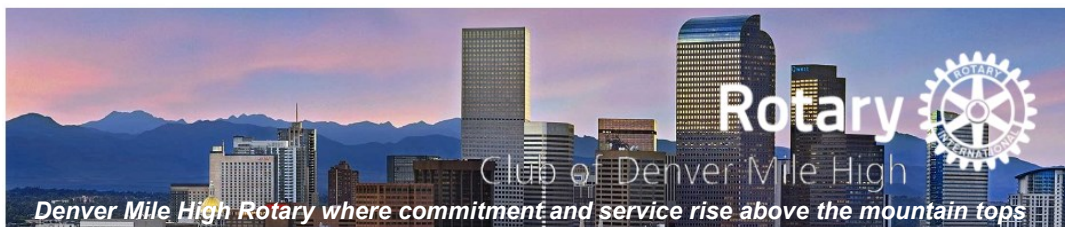




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Reminder: WE ARE DARK WEDNESDAY. Instead, we hope to see you on Saturday morning for the tour of the Broncos facility and stadium. Should be fun and interesting!

Yesterday was a great day of biking with a host of people (15 or so), cruising along the South Platte, heading up-stream from REI. It was a beautiful day for it. And while it got perhaps a little chilly at the start, we all warmed up quickly once we got to pedaling. The fall colors are amazing and it is always a great reminder of the beauty around us. As I mentioned to my fellow riders, I drive through that I25 corridor pretty much every day and it is amazing to me that just a few hundred yards off the highway, there can be a place that is so tranquil and beautiful as that. What a great time.

The trip was put together in concert with Rotary, Trips for Kids and Lucky Bikes (who I think are one and the same). Lucky Bikes is a really cool program, one that I was heretofore unaware of. They get donated bikes, teach inner city kids how to work on them, fix them up and then

they sell the bikes at Lucky Bikes store. Kids join an apprenticeship or internship program and learn all about how to fix up a bike, how to run a bike shop, etc. They also have programs, such as Earn-A-Bike, where the kids go through a program of building their own bike over time and in the end, they get the bike, a lock and a helmet. But also, Lucky Bikes teaches the kids all sorts of valuable things, such as team work, economic decisions, the value of working for something, etc. It sounds like it has had a lot of success. Trips for Kids, part of the Lucky Bikes enterprise is also a nonprofit that is dedicated to taking inner-city kids on bike trips both in the city and out on trails on the outskirts of Denver. They have taken 12,000 kids out on trips, and the program continues to grow. Given what Bruce is doing with the CEC interactors, there is a lot of synergy with the Trips for Kids concept.

So, it was Trips for Kids who provided the bikes for the interactors on Saturday. They showed up with a big van with bikes hanging in the back of it, fully outfitted with water bottles, helmets, locks, and flat fixing kits. Everything needed for a great and safe ride. We rode up the Platte for a while,

rode around Mile High Stadium, stopped for a picnic lunch, and Randy taught the kids how to change a flat (this kid included!). We went out a about 11 and were back by around 2. Short, but a lot of fun! I am looking forward to the next one, which I think will be a mountain biking ride on a trail just west of Denver.

Thanks to Bruce, Melanie, Jeff, Kristy, Debra, Randy, another Melanie and several others who worked to put the day together!

On the Holiday Fruit Sale front, it sounds like things are really taking off, with a \$1000 in sales or more already! Way to go! But it is just in the starting phase, so let's all jump to it and keep up the momentum! Thanks all and see you SATURDAY!

Adams

Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

October 18th - Dark - tour Mile High October 21.

October 25th - Please join us in welcoming District Governor - Abbas Rajabi

Abbas Rajabi, president of Denver SE in 2001-02 is the District Governor for District 5450 in 2017-18. Abbas has served in many capacities in the club and district and has been a tireless champion of Service Above Self.

November 1st - Paula Davis will speak about Affordable Housing in CO.



October Birthdays

6th - Scott Smeester

7th - Carolyn Nobel

8th - Kevin Gallaway

15th - Alessandro Eichstaedt

25th - Heidi Rose



Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

October 18th

DARK

October 25th

Inspiration - Jane Fisher

Greeters - Debra Flick and Mark Foseid

Host - Kevin Galloway

Rotary Minute - Melanie Gentz

November 1st

Inspiration - Lindsay Gerlach

Greeters - Tom Giordano and Tom Gregory

Host - Susan Henderson

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Shelter Box

If Rotarians want to help Hurricane victims in the Caribbean, a great option is to donate to Shelter Box. The cost of one Shelter Box is \$1,000. Donations can be easily made at www.shelterboxusa.org.

Spero Wine Event Postponed

The Spero Wine event that was on Oct 21st will be postponed until February 2018 .

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>

October 14th, Saturday

Rotary Bike Ride with CEC Interact

This Saturday is the Bike Ride with CEC Interact. There are 10 kids that will be riding, there are 15 bikes available, so there may be more.

We will be working with a local non profit, Trips for Kids, to take our Interactors on Denver's awesome bike trail system **October 14**, starting at REI downtown.

We will meet at REI at 10:30 then ride, stop for snacks, lunch and we will be finished by 2:30.

October 19th, Thursday

Rotary Monthly Happy Hour

5:30 - 7:30pm

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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 honors 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 tina.myers@denvergov.org; or call [720.865.2434](tel:720.865.2434).

[Anson Thompson](#) is the contact for this event for Denver Mile High Rotary Club. Please also let him know if you will be attending.

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