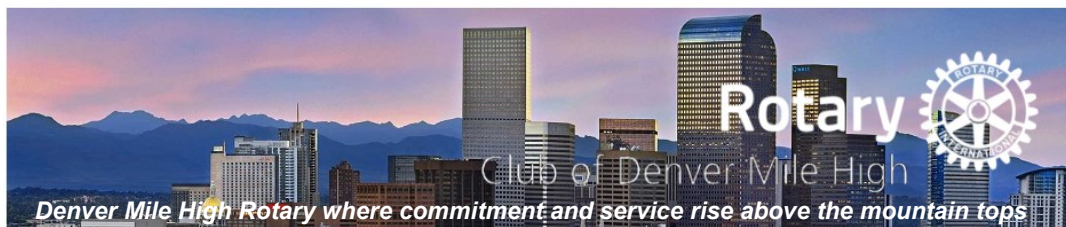




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## President's Column:

September 20, 2016

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Hope everyone had a lovely weekend and can feel the Fall Season in the air! Always better when the Broncos win :)

The date has arrived - the **Universal Healthcare Debate** is here. We will have about 100 people in attendance tomorrow morning so when possible please share Rotary - invite guests back and help where you can. Robin has put a lot of work into this and everyone who is helping knows their role. This is a great opportunity for us and has had a great response.

Please arrive by 6:30am tomorrow, so you can get your breakfast, find a seat, help where you can as the program will get started right at 7am and we hope not to have much movement once Greg Thielen starts to MC!

See you bright and early!

Please be sure to read through the newsletter each week as there is a lot going on that may not otherwise get announced or shared, so use your resources. The newsletter is a wonderful way to communicate what is

going on in the club. If you would like to contribute, please share with Chris Wong.

**The Foundation Board** met this morning and is in need of 2 board members to fill in a few vacancies. Please if you have interest, we can use your support with our Denver Mile High Rotary Foundation. Please contact Tom Giordano.

Thanks to everyone who helped get the **Food For Thought Program** going this past Friday. Please see the Web site for details for this Friday, as Greg will not have time to announce anything at tomorrow's meeting. Denver Mile High Rotary will be at Bryant Elementary - 3635 Quivas St. at 7am this Friday. You can sign up on our site.

[www.denvermilehigh.org](http://www.denvermilehigh.org) I believe only 3 people have signed up as of when I write this, so please if you can - help. Just go to the calendar and click on the date.

**Next Monday the World Community Service** at 5:00pm on the 26th at Blackbird Public House. Fol-

lowing the business meeting the committee will have a group discussion of the film Poverty Inc. Participation is voluntary and is open to all club members.

**Mini Dinners** are a wonderful way to raise money for the Foundations and we have some big goals this year! Greg Thielen will be hosting a Hungarian Themed mini dinner on the 15th of October, please see Diane Wilson for sign up details. A group of members will be hosting a Passport Party on November 4th at Carolyn Nobels House to share some big international travels from our members. More details to come.

Thanks, as always, for all that you do. Please let me know if you have ideas that are Big and Fun and will really make a difference.

See you tomorrow,

Melanie

President

Denver Mile High Rotary



## Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

**September 21<sup>th</sup>** - Amendment 69 Debate on Colorado Universal Healthcare. See page 4 for more details.

**September 28<sup>th</sup>** - Patsy Barnes has been a nurse for forty years, thirty-four in emergency medicine and six in hospice. Patsy will share her knowledge gathered over forty years in patient care, particularly regarding the disease of dementia and the struggles of those who care for patients with the disease.

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** - We will be dark at the University Club. Our meeting will be at CEC Middle College (2650 Eliot St, Denver, CO 80211) with the CEC Interactors.

**Note from September 14<sup>th</sup> Program** - If you would like to learn more about Mental Health Colorado, the subject of last week's program featuring guest speaker Andrew Romanoff, click on the following link:

<http://www.mentalhealthcolorado.org/tribute/>

### September Birthdays



**2nd—Greg Thielen**  
**8th—Roberta Simonton**  
**10th—Susan Kelly**  
**27th—Jeff McAnallen**

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## Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

### September 21st

**Inspiration - Bruce Ward**

**Greeters - Greg Thielen and Terry Tomsick**

**Host - Ann Tull**

**Rotary Minute - Tony Vaida**

### September 28th

**Inspiration - Michael Tapp**

**Greeters - Sonny Wiegand & Chris Wong**

**Host - Paul Anderson**

**Vocational - Melanie Gentz**

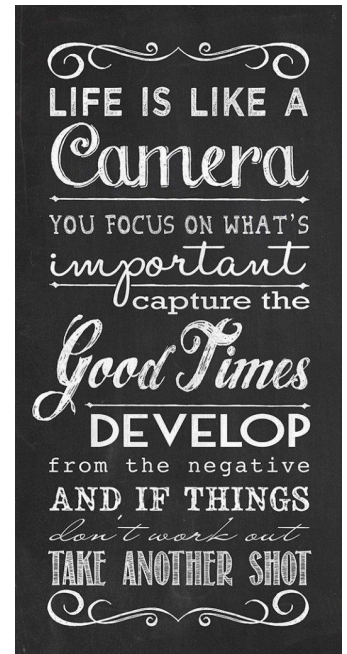
### October 5th

**Inspiration - Michele Ashby**

**Greeters - Pat Gorman Barry and Kurt Bartley**

**Host - Preston Dickey**

**Rotary Minute - Debra Flick**



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Wednesday September 21, 2016

# The Colorado Universal Healthcare Debate

Reserve tickets here: [Colorado Universal Healthcare Debate](#)



Healthcare coverage today is not equitable, universally accessible or affordable. Costs continue to soar - so much so that nearly two-thirds, or 62%, of all bankruptcy filings in the United States in 2007 were due to illness or medical bills according to the American Journal of Medicine. While we'd like to think these numbers pertain only to the uninsured in

America, most of those in the study were well educated and middle class; 3/4 of those in the study had health insurance.

**Industry experts agree: our current healthcare system unsustainable.** Americans deserve other options, and a group in Colorado has rallied to get an issue on the ballot this November that could change the way Coloradans receive healthcare. Now, Amendment 69 could mean that all residents of the state will be covered by universal healthcare. But what is the cost and what does it mean for our future?

Colorado Treasurer, Walker Stapleton and NY Times Best Selling Healthcare Policy Author and Chairman of the Board of The Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care, T.R. Reid will engage in an exciting and informative debate on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7AM at the University Club in Denver, CO. Todd Breyfogle from the Aspen Institute, will moderate the event.

Advocates for the amendment claim that not only will the law give Coloradoans more options for sustainable healthcare, it will be a model for the rest of the country.

Denver Mile High Rotary is providing an opportunity for you to come and learn about the issue to help you make an informed decision on this important electoral resolution.

**Seating is limited and reservations are required to secure your place. Registration closes Sept. 14th. Don't delay get your tickets now while they are still available.**

*PS ~ Even if you can't attend, do your friends a favor and pass this on to them so they can learn about this important resolution.*

## THE DETAILS:

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**When:** September 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30--8:30 am  
Doors Open @ 6:30 am for breakfast  
Debate & Audience Q & A 7am - 8:30 am

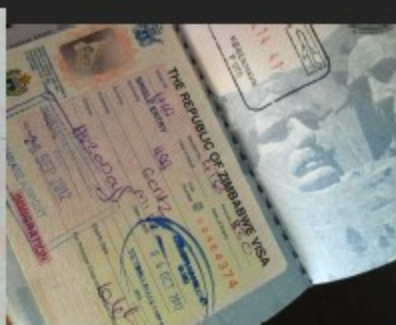
**Cost:** \$ 25.00 Includes Full Breakfast

**Where:** The University Club Denver  
1673 Sherman Street  
Denver, CO 80203

Parking available on street. Multiple public parking lots also available within 1 block north on 18th & Sherman



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# DENVER MILE HIGH ROTARY PASSPORT PARTY

Denver Mile High Rotarians are well traveled and have stories, stamps,  
photos and videos to share

Join other members at The Passport Party

## NOVEMBER 4, 2016 6 - 9 PM

HOSTED BY WELL TRAVELED ROTARIANS - LOCATION CAROLYN NOBELS HOUSE

3255 BEECH COURT GOLDEN, CO 80401

**\$20 per a person donation to the Denver Mile High Rotary  
Foundation plus either a bottle of wine (or 6 pack) OR your  
favorite cultural appetizer or dish (French, Italian, Ethiopian,  
German, Mexican, etc)**

*Be prepared to share a favorite travel story or adventure from a most  
recent trip or even a tour of the past. Bring your passport and show off your  
stamps!*





## TRAINING

Would you like more knowledge and training from Rotary. Our District hosts **District Learning and Leadership Development**—Plans and carries out, with the direction of the District Governor Elect, the District Assembly in the spring of each year; serves as a resource to club trainers, and assists in other District seminars, workshops, and conferences as requested.

### **The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) - Rocky Mountain Division**

A training program dedicated to improving the Rotary knowledge and leadership skills of the future leaders of Rotary Clubs and Districts. [Click here to view the RLI Brochure.](#)

Don't be afraid to ask, there are resources out there. Become a better leader, member of Rotary of society.

<http://www.rotary5450.org/SitePage/training>

## 100 Acts of Good

To mark the Rotary Foundation centennial, we're encouraging members everywhere to do 100 acts of good throughout the year. Let others know by posting photos of yourself on social media, along with a brief description of the act, using #100actsofgood.

<http://centennial.rotary.org/en/get-caught-act-doing-good>

## Invitation: DMHR Discussion Group

### Community Service or Toxic Charity? – How to maximize the value of DMHR Service Projects.

**Denver Mile High Rotary** provides countless hours as well as significant funds to improve the quality of life for people in communities – both locally as well as globally. But is the work we do optimal for the communities and people we serve? How do we know? How do we make the most positive change with our resources? Do we sacrifice long term benefit to our recipients in order to achieve short term, feel good benefits for those who serve?

We will strive to explore and perhaps answer these questions and more in the new ongoing **Service Discussion Group** being co-championed by Bob Kemp and Paul Leidig.

This is a voluntary discussion group open to all members interested in helping our Club maximize the impact and sustainability of the service work we do - locally and around the globe. We plan to use a combination of videos and readings to precipitate group discussions which will be held every few months. All you need to do in order to participate is to watch a video or read something and come prepared to discuss the message, and it's applicability to our clubs work.

The first Service Discussion Group meeting will be hosted by the WCS committee at 5PM, September 26th at 5PM – at Blackbird Public House . Our initial discussion will focus on the film “**Poverty Inc.**”. Prior to the meeting, please watch the film and come prepared to discuss it. The movie is available from many sources; please see the following link for more information. <http://www.povertyinc.org/>

As always please direct questions, comments and feedback to either Paul Leidig (leidigpa@gmail.com) or Bob Kemp (rkemp10453@aol.com).

We welcome your participation in this dialog!



## **Tour of the American Museum of Western Art**

### **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION**

At our July 27 DMHR meeting, Kristin Fong, Educator of the American Museum of Western Art invited the club members and guests for a private tour. We have scheduled our visit for Wednesday November 2 at 3 pm. This will be our get together in lieu of our club meeting for that date.

After an approximate 1 ½ hour audio tour, we will adjourn to the Brown Palace's Ships Tavern which is just across the street from the Museum at 1727 Tremont Place for no-host libation and club provided snacks.

We have ample space (limited by audio devices) at 50 units but we need to get your reservation. Please bring a spouse or friend. This is also a great way to introduce new people to the club. Your sole cost at the Museum will be \$5 per audio set.

Please also respond if you only expect to come to the Ship's Tavern, indicating "Ship's Tavern Only".

A Evite invitation will be sent out to all members. Please reply to the invitation as it will make it easier to track responses. If you did not receive the evite, you can also follow the following web address:

[http://www.evite.com/event/0249TMSGKK4PPECVCEPGLGS3JFGELY/activity?gid=006AQ6OB5WBWA4A7IEPGLGTA5W2DPU&utm\\_campaign=view\\_invitation\\_button&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=GUEST\\_INVITE\\_EVENT](http://www.evite.com/event/0249TMSGKK4PPECVCEPGLGS3JFGELY/activity?gid=006AQ6OB5WBWA4A7IEPGLGTA5W2DPU&utm_campaign=view_invitation_button&utm_medium=email&utm_source=GUEST_INVITE_EVENT)

The American Museum of Western Art provides access to one of the world's most comprehensive collections of Western art in one of the most unique settings in the country, the historic Navarre Building. The Collection is displayed in a salon style, which is in keeping with the Navarre's 19<sup>th</sup> Century origins and allows the Museum to exhibit a survey of Western art and history. The Museum's permanent exhibition (which includes over 300 paintings, drawings, and sculptures by more than 180 artists and spans nearly 200 years of American history) promotes the public's understanding and appreciation of art depicting the American West from the early 1800s through the present day.



WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO CHANGE THE WORLD?

ROTARY'S 1.2 MILLION MEMBERS  
BELIEVE IT STARTS WITH A COMMITMENT TO  
**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

## Continental Breakfast

The continental breakfast will be served every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

## Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar

**October 15th** - Greg Thielen will host a Hungarian themed mini dinner.

**November 2nd** - Tour of American Museum of Western Art. 3:00 to 4:30PM

**January 7th** - RI President's Dinner & Polio Fundraiser 5:30—8:30PM

## 9 Health Fair Update:

**Denver Parks & Rec at Barnum Recreation Center**

**Date: 10/15/2016 - 10/15/2016**

**Time: 7:00AM - 12:00PM**

**360 Hooker St, Denver, CO, 80219**

~~About Our Fair

Welcome to our fair! This is where you will find the most comprehensive health screenings that are convenient and affordable. We pride ourselves on providing a welcoming and comfortable environment for everyone, and we want you to take the step to attend our fair and Own Your Health. Check out our screenings listed below. Remember, many health issues have no symptoms but if you catch issues early, you can make a big difference in your health. We are here to help! You can sign up online today.

<https://www.9healthfair.org/health-fairs/fall/9/index>

## King Soopers Cards

Did you know the minute you load your King Soopers card our club gets a percentage of the money you add? You don't even need to spend it and our club gets a percentage! Use it for your daily coffee run. That's right, it's good at King Soopers' Starbucks too!

Sarah Hite has King Sooper's cards. It's an easy way to make money for our Club and make shopping easier for you! They also make great gifts.



## Invitation to hear John Hewko on Oct. 6

We have a unique opportunity to hear from John Hewko, General Secretary and CEO of Rotary International, who will be in Denver on October 6, 2016 in conjunction with another speaking engagement. Here is John's bio for your information: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/general-secretary>

You are invited to attend either of the following meetings – space is limited so you must **register no later than September 30:**

### **Denver Southeast Rotary, 7:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.**

Cherry Hills Country Club, 4125 S University Blvd., Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

\$15 per person includes breakfast

Contact John Wetherington to register for breakfast: [john.wetherington@att.net](mailto:john.wetherington@att.net)

### **Denver Rotary, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Denver Athletic Club, 1325 Glenarm Place, Denver, CO 80204

\$25 per person includes lunch

Click here to register for lunch: <http://www.IsMyRotaryClub.org/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77309472>

I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Yours in Rotary Service,

**Bill Downes**

William A. (Bill) Downes

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## DMHR Foundation Board

The DMHR Foundation Board has allocated \$21,500 for club projects in the current Rotary year.

**Denver Mile High Rotary gifting Goals 2016—2017** to the Rotary International Foundation and Polio Plus campaign.

Year to date in 2015-2016 the Denver Mile High Club donated \$10,884 to the RI Foundation and \$5,614 to the Polio Plus fund.

I thought it would be fun to track our success this year on these goals that the district and Rotary International asks us to achieve!

## Progress as of September 13, 2016

