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**Rotary**  
Club

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### ZOOM LINK

The Zoom meeting  
"room" will open at  
7am and the meeting  
will begin at 7:15.

[Click here to join the  
Zoom Meeting](#)

or use the following  
URL:

[https://  
us02web.zoom.us/  
j/81294791259?  
pwd=aXZsTXRiZzJLZEVL  
RTN2RFZ3bnBRdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81294791259?pwd=aXZsTXRiZzJLZEVLRTN2RFZ3bnBRdz09)

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## President's Column

Dear Rotary Colleagues

9/11/23

### This Week

**9 days** until the **DMHR Peace Walk** (& Bike Ride) fundraisers. We are at **\$4500** towards our goal of \$10,000. So far, 10 members have donated to the cause and 11 have registered to walk. Thanks, Robin, for registering to do the ride option of our fundraiser. If you are planning to join the walk or ride, please get registered (links below). Also note Annelly's call for the Century ride course marshals which provides another fundraising aspect to our week of activity.

### Last Week

We visited the Safe Outdoor Space **SOS** site on 13<sup>th</sup> and Quivas. Among the takeaways: [Please click here](#) to view the Wednesday SOS power point.

1} A powerful **personal story** by Cuica, overall SOS sites manager, highlighting how an "average" person might experience abnormal and traumatic events that culminate in the loss of job and property resulting in mental health/substance issues and homelessness. With the aid of the "safety net" system including housing and support services, people can recover and resume higher levels of functioning.

2} Addressing one of the biggest **neighborhood concerns** regarding SOS camps coming into an area, crime rates have gone down, not up; 25% of residents move into permanent housing; a number of empowering community services are brought to the camp and are actively accessed.

3) **Opportunities** for club volunteer activities might include: monthly social visits with food as part of the event, starting a book club, conducting classes based on camp interests, clothing drives, and helping with some of the camp set up and maintenance activities (one such activity in the calendar). [SOS Power Point Presentation.](#)

### Appreciations

Thanks to our Village Exchange crew last week for a productive outing: Geoff, Annelly, Jim, Tom Giordano.

### One of Us

See if you can guess this week's member. **Answer at bottom of next page.**

Grew up in two eastern states, both with panhandles. Has a few Thai affinities including a favorite restaurant (Thai Garden) and a favorite Rotary global project, developing a library in Thailand. Enjoyed Breaking Bad and shares at least one physical similarity with the main character (but definitely no other characteristics that we are aware of). In another life would consider being an outfitter and fishing guide, turning an avocation into a vocation. Wants to get to Alaska and valued a family trip to Aruba. Worked at Ace Hardware early in life. Likes LCS projects like the tree initiative and health fair. Hopes Rotary can eventually move on from Polio to focus more on World Peace. Active church involvement is another important value. **Who am I?**

## Club Calendar

**Sept 12 - Club Board Meeting**  
**Sept 13** - Our own Amanda Biffle reports on the current Denver Real Estate market  
**Sept 17** - Rockies vs Giants at Coor's Field 1:10pm [Click here for tickets](#)  
**Sept 18 - 4:00pm World Community Service Meeting - Contact [Audrey Leavitt](#) for details**  
**Sept 20** - 7am – [City Park Peace Walk](#) (fundraiser part 1) This is our meeting this week, sign up now.  
**Sept 21 - 7:30am - DMHR Foundation Board Meeting**  
**Sept 23 - [Cycling to Serve Bike Ride](#) (fundraiser part 2)** Please donate now  
**Sept 26** - LCS - SOS painting day (see Marty if interested)  
**Sept 28 - Reading for Peace Training** (See details on page 4 of this newsletter)  
**Sept 28** - 4:30 - Book club meets at Sarah Hite's home - see below on this page for details.  
**Sept 30 - [District Convergence](#)** formerly known as the District Conference - See below left.  
**Oct 7** - LCS Service - 365 Health - Cancelled  
**Oct 14** - LCS Service Project - Tree Distribution Day with The Park People for SW Denver Area  
**Oct 21** - WASH Symposium—See page 5 for details.  
**Dec 10** - Save the Date for the DMHR Holiday Party! Details following soon

Date	Inspiration	Greeters	Host
Sept 13	Nic Wilson	David Abrahams and Pat Gorman-Barry	Steve Blazek
Sept 20	Amanda Biffle	Curtis Brown and Sharon Cella	Tom Cella
Sept 27	Bob Connaghan	Alessandro Eichstaedt and Debra Flick	Walter Flor

## News Worth Knowing

**EMBRACE SERVICE**  
**at the DISTRICT CONVERGENCE!**  
[Registration is open - Click here](#)

**Front Range Community College**  
**Saturday - September 30 - 9:00am-4:00pm**

Where diverse perspectives will gather  
to meet and share interests, goals and ideas  
for SERVICE PROJECTS.

**ATTEND | LEARN | GET INSPIRED**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
**[RI Director Dan Himelspace](#)**  
(Denver Mile High)

**\$50 per person**  
**includes lunch and all sessions**

### September Birthdays

4 - Amanda Biffle  
8 - Roberta Simonton  
22 - Marty Waters



### Book Club is reading...

*The Day the World Came to Town -  
9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland*  
By Jim DeFede

Meeting at Sarah Hite's home  
on **Thursday - September 28th at 4:30 pm**  
648 Humboldt, Denver 80218

**Please bring a beverage or snack to share.**  
If you would like book recommendations from  
fellow DMHR members, please see page 5.

**One of Us! Geoff Noble**



## Rotary Club of Denver Mile High



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### Join the Denver Mile High Rotary

#### Peace Walk

See **page 6** of this newsletter for info on how to join our Denver Mile High Rotary walk and how to donate to the cause.



### Maui Fire relief Fund

Thanks to donations by members of our Denver Mile High Rotary Club, the Maui Relief Fund is now \$1,375. The DMHR Foundation has pledged \$1,000, so the total is now \$2,375.

**THANK YOU DMHR Members!**

Dear Health 365 Volunteers,

After four decades of unwavering commitment to the health and wellbeing of the Colorado community, the Board of Directors for 365 Health (previously 9Health Fair) has announced its decision to cease operations. The organization's Board of Directors made this difficult decision after careful consideration of evolving community needs, financial challenges, and the broader healthcare landscape.

**The Board is exploring transitioning its remaining assets to another community-focused organization.**

### Polio Plus Fundraiser Rockies vs Giants Baseball Game



**When** - Sunday **September 17** at 1:10pm

**Where** - Coors Field (Duh!)

**Goal** - To sell 500+ tickets to Rotarians and friends.

*Every ticket purchased  
donates \$5.00 to eradicate Polio.*

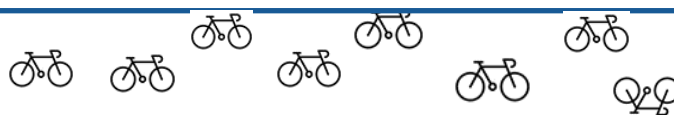
Go to [www.rockies.com/rotary](http://www.rockies.com/rotary) to order tickets.

**If you cannot attend the ballgame, please consider writing a check to DMHR Foundation memo**

**"Polio contribution" and give to Noreen at a meeting or mail to:**

Denver Mile High Rotary Foundation

**END  
POLIO  
NOW**



### Cycling to Serve

[Click here](#) for details on this important fundraiser!

This used to be our annual Woohoomanity biking fundraiser...and it still can be.

[Marty Waters](#), [Melanie Gentz](#), and [Dan Hall](#), and Robin Springer

are riding this year,

[please donate!](#)

To donate online to the riders, [click here](#),

or **for greater impact**, you can

write a check directly to and mail to:

**Denver Mile High Rotary Foundation**

**PO Box 101471**

**Denver CO 80250**

You also can bring a check to a Club meeting and deliver it to Noreen, DMHR Foundation Treasurer.

Human Centered Design

### WASH Symposium

Featuring Georgie Badiel-Liberty

October 21, 2023 - 7:15am—1:45pm

CSU SPUR Hydro Bldg

Live and Virtual (Zoom)

**First 40 students who register attend for free.**

**Please consider having our Interactor students attend this event in order to broaden their world views.**

[Click here for WASH Symposium](#) details.

[Register now by clicking here.](#)



CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD



### Reading for Peace

One of our heartwarming volunteer opportunities is with **The Conflict Center's Reading for Peace** program. Volunteers visit local elementary schools and read to small groups of children, spending about 30 minutes with each class. The books are carefully selected to positively reflect problem-solving, inclusivity and accepting differences, kindness and peacemaking, and we discuss these topics with the students as we read. Reading is scheduled for several **Thursdays** throughout the school year. As an added bonus, Noreen Keleshian is a reader, so you know you will have fun! **The training is scheduled for September 28. For more information, contact:**  
Noreen 303-746-6700 or [noreenkeleshian@gmail.com](mailto:noreenkeleshian@gmail.com) or  
Ronnie 303-718-3279 or [ronnie.weiss@conflictcenter.org](mailto:ronnie.weiss@conflictcenter.org)

### Editor's Letter...

Dear fellow Rotarians,

I had some problems with the Publisher file with which I write this newsletter...today's issue disappeared so I had to reconstruct it Sunday night while out of town. If something is missing, I apologize.

Items new to each issue are in boxes with dashed  lines which will make finding the latest news easier.

Service above self,  
Annely

Annely.noble@comcast.net  
303-842-8725

Past President 2022-23

### Denver Century Ride Fundraising Opportunity Course Marshal Paid Volunteer Positions

As part of the fundraising program for our DMHR, we have arranged for our members to act as course marshals for the Denver Century Ride on Saturday, Sept 23rd. Each participating member receives \$50 for monitoring a location on the ride course (25/50/85/100 mile). The purpose is to keep riders safe from traffic and to assure that they follow the correct course route. [Please click here](#) to see the times and locations available. Locations and times are first come, first served.

**Contact Annely Noble as soon as possible to secure your preferred location.**

303-842-8725 or [Annely.noble@comcast.net](mailto:Annely.noble@comcast.net).

### Book recommendations from fellow DMHR Readers

[Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore](#)

by Matthew J. Sullivan, former employee  
of the Tattered Cover Bookstore

[Mad Honey](#)

by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan

[Everything You Want Me to Be](#)

By Mindy Mejia

## Items of Interest

### Rotary License Plates

Would you like a distinguishing license plate?  
Then don't forget to order your  
Rotary themed plate today.  
Don't be the only member without one!  
To access the member verification form, [click here](#).  
To access the process, [click here](#).



### DMHR Dues information

Quarterly payments are due no later than 15 days  
after the start of each quarter:  
July 15; October 15; January 15; April 15  
Deliver check to Carolyn at a meeting or mail to:  
Denver Mile High Rotary  
PO Box 101471  
Denver CO 80250  
[For more info, click here.](#)



### Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging DEI&B

A new initiative is being developed which is called  
**Dynamic Dinners**. All are invited to attend. Dinners occur in town and include a vegetarian dinner and beverages (NA). This initiative is to develop intentional and authentic relationships with each other, those you don't know and those who you've known for a while. For details, please click on the dates below. Please contact Ryan Fila for more information: [ryan@ryanfila.com](mailto:ryan@ryanfila.com)

[Sept 21](#)

[Sept 22](#)

### SEPTEMBER

Peace Walk - 9/20/23  
Cycling to Serve - 9/23/23  
District Convergence - 9/30/23

## Annual Calendar

The calendar below is from a previous year and is subject to change. The **red font** indicates RI monthly promotions.

<b>JULY</b> RYLA Camp Literacy Month & New Rotary Year	<b>AUGUST</b> Past President's Party Membership and Extensions Month	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> Peace Walk - 9/20/23 Cycling to Serve - 9/23/23 District Convergence - 9/30/23
<b>OCTOBER</b> 9Health Fair - <b>CANCELED</b> World Polio Day Event Economic & Community Development	<b>NOVEMBER</b> Write Holiday Cards for Military Jam Fundraiser—may begin earlier. Rotary Foundation Month	<b>DECEMBER</b> Holiday Party Toy Drive? Family Month
<b>JANUARY</b> Write Valentine Cards for seniors Rotary Awareness Month	<b>FEBRUARY</b> Craig Hospital Card Writing New Member Orientation Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention Month	<b>MARCH</b> Literacy Month
<b>APRIL</b> Earth Day - 4/22/24 Arbor Day - 4/26/24 RI Magazine Month	<b>MAY</b> Craig Hospital Dinner RYLA Interviews Promote International Convention Month	<b>JUNE</b> Rotary Fellowship Month







## Please sponsor our Rotary Peace Walk in City Park

Dear Family and Friends,

On Wednesday, September 20, 2023, the Denver Mile High Rotary Club and I will be taking a **Peace Walk in Denver's City Park**. The walk will begin at 7:00 AM starting at the Bandshell on Ferril Lake, the middle of the park. I invite you to join. During the park tour, we will cover 3 miles, with an option to stop after a quarter mile, depending on your availability.

The walk is **free** and is designed to be fun and educational. Based on a theme of "5 Easy Pieces" you will experience:

1. **Peace Activists** – learn about five legends of non-violent change at the MLK monument
2. **Peace among People** – East High's Wall of Peace, the art of respecting cultural differences, a student created two block long street mural
3. **Peace of Mind** - enjoy the urban oases and learn a bit about its nature within
4. **Pieces of History** – find out how City Park came to be
5. **Pieces of Rotary** - learn some of the diverse ways our club contributes to community wellbeing with local and global projects

**Our portfolio of ongoing club projects** from this past year includes: working in local food banks, planting trees in Denver parks and neighborhoods, supporting Afghan refugees resettling in the U.S., providing humanitarian war relief to Ukrainians, supporting health care delivery in other countries, providing vocational training in Zimbabwe, helping establish a food storage system in Nepal, attending to the mental health needs of local youth as well as people in Uganda, providing health screens for local citizens, and supporting recovering veterans. This year, we will continue to work in many of the same areas and expand efforts to address homelessness in our community.

**Please consider joining our walk as a participant and/or being a sponsoring donor.**

To **Register for the walk**: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/denver-mile-high-rotary-peace-walk-tickets-688950157467?aff=oddtcreator>

**To Donate by check:**

Mail a check to: Denver Mile High Rotary Foundation  
P.O. Box 101471,  
Denver, CO 80250

Write "DMHR Ride / Peace Walk Event" on the memo line, and my name as your contact  
If you would like a Tax Receipt, include a return address or email.

**To Donate online:**

Use the QR code to be directed to the participant page  
Click the blue Donate button to make an easy and secure online donation.



Thanks for considering this request  
Your name