



# **President's Column**

Denver Mile High Rotary

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#### **ZOOM LINK**

The Zoom meeting "room" will open at 7:00 am, 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=aXZsTXRiZzJLZEVLR1 N2RFZ3bnBRdz09

Mtg ID: 812 9479 1259 Passcode: 903839 Dear Rotary Colleagues,

8/14/2023

#### This Week

Past Presidents Party. This coming weekend, we honor Annely's tenure as our club's stalwart President, 2022-2023. We will also honor other past presidents (those still willing to made public appearances) as well as inspire future Presidents to embrace this once in a lifetime opportunity. Join this fun fellowship event as we toast and roast our distinguished colleague!

Speaking of embracing, our largest project fundraising activity of the year needs your love. Our City Park Peace Walk (and related Bike Ride a few days later) is one month away. Check out a **sample communication** (see pg 6) to engage family, friends, and business colleagues. Customize the message to your personal preferences. Sign up for these events. This is the primary funding mechanism for our community projects!

#### **Last Week**

We had a great turnout for the weekend **tree canvassing project**, dropping approximately 400 door leaflets describing how residents might adopt low-cost trees. We partnered with The Park People for this effort in West Denver's Valverde neighborhood, a low income, low canopy, semi-industrial area.

Sarah Werner from Denver Cherry Creek presented their dental mission results in Roatan, Honduras. Their project served more than 370 recipients and our club provided a \$2000 cash and DDF contribution (14% of the funding or the equivalent of services for 53 recipients).

The updated **results** of the club project prioritization poll are attached for those interested. *Please see page 5 of this newsletter*.

## **Appreciations**

- A shout out to the tree leaflet crew: **Tom Cella, Marcus Hanlon, Debra Flick, Mary Hall, Noreen Keleshian,** the honorary Cella Rotarian clan (Janis, James and three grandchildren) and Cathi Waters.
- Sharon Cella for efforts supporting the Alkozay children's re-enrollment in school

## One of Us

See if you can guess this week's member. Answer on next page, bottom left.

Grew up in KC (KS side). Fan of Park & Company burgers! Heads to City Park for an urban nature fix. "Shrinking" (Apple) is a favorite series. In another life, being an astronaut has appeal and once worked at Planet Fitness. Enjoyed a trip to Northern Italy and has eyes on Morrocco and Dubrovnik for the future. Values Rotary for its service and fellowship attributes which are like another favorite cause, the Peace Corps. Enjoyed the tree planting project. Suggests we could do a bit better at outreaching new members. Who am I?

Answer on next page, bottom left.

Marty





# **Club Calendar**

- Aug 14 Local Community Service Meeting (LCS) 4:00pm. Please use our Wed. mtg Zoom link
- Aug 15 Club Board Meeting 4-5pm (Irregular date) Contact Marty for Zoom, etc.
- Aug 16 Chef Erin Boyle, CEO of CHOW (Culinary Hospitality Outreach and Wellness)
- Aug 20 Past President's Party 5-7pm in front of Tom Cella's home, 1739 Forest Pkwy, Denver
- Aug 21 World Community Service Meeting (WCS) -4:00pm. See Audrey Leavitt for details
- Aug 22 Book Club at Annely and Geoff's 4:30pm 16658 E. Hialeah Ave, Centennial 80015
- Aug 23 Greg Winchell Citizens' Climate Lobby Colorado
- Aug 30 DARK Happy Hour 5-7 at The Tavern at City Park Golf Course
- Sept 6 Off-site at CVC Safe Outdoor Spaces (SOS) 1530 W 13th Ave, Denver
- 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 20 7 AM City Park Peace Walk (fundraiser part 1)
- Sept 23 Cycling to Serve Bike Ride (fundraiser part 2)
- Sept 30 District Convergence formerly known as District Conference held in spring

Date	Inspiration	Greeters	Host
August 16	Robin Springer	Jim Strong and Ann Tull	Tony Viada
August 23	Mary Walta	Bruce Ward and Ronnie Weiss	Sonny Wiegand
August 30	DARK	Happy Hour at The Tavern at City Park	5-7pm
Sept 6	Off-site	Colorado Village Collaborative - SOS	1530 W 13th Ave

## Book Club is reading...

Shoe Dog-A memoir by the creator of Nike by Phil Knight Meeting at the Noble home on Tuesday

August 22 at 4:30 pm 16658 E Hialeah Ave, Centennial, CO 80015

#### **Newer members!**

Rotary 101 is offered over Zoom on **Tuesday, August 22nd** from 7-8pm and is well worth your time. Please click here for more information and registration.

# News Worth Knowing

# Watch for your first quarter dues invoice e-mail.

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.

One of Us! Nick Melrose Click here to order peaches from Cherry Creek Rotary. \$43 for 10#



# **August Birthdays**

- 10 Tom Giordano
- 14 Vass Sirpolaidis
- 17 Ronnie Weiss
- 25 Nick Melrose
- 25 MICK MEITOS
- 18 Sarah Hite
- 26 Ann Tull

\*What? No District Conference this year?
Yes, there is, but it is called the
District Convergence \*

and will be held Sept 30, instead of next spring.

Something new, something exciting!

Click here for information on the function!







# Food and drinks provided by the club

Snarf's sandwiches Salads Cookies

Beer, wine and soft drinks

Please bring your own lawn chairs

# Health 365

When - October 7th from 8a-12p
Where - CEC (address)
Linda Sue Shirkey - Rotary Coordinator
Geoff Noble - Volunteer Coordinator
Audrey Leavitt - Medical Coordinator
Stay tuned for additional details
as they become available.



# **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 is our only rider this year, please donate!

To donate online to the riders, <u>click here</u>, or *for more impact*, you can write a check directly and mail to:

Denver Mile High Rotary Foundation

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PO Box 101471 Denver CO 80250



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

# **Local Community Service**

More refugee and asylum seeking families are arriving in our community. The Local Community Service Committee (LCS) is collecting all varieties of household items to welcome and help settle these families.

If you have any household items you can spare, please bring them to a Rotary meeting or call Tom Cella for a pick up time.

M 303-981-1222 or tomcella1739@gmail.com

# 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 <a href="https://www.rockies.com/rotary">www.rockies.com/rotary</a> to order tickets. Thank you,
Mike Oldham

**Rotary District Polio Committee** 





# **Annual Calendar**

The calendar below is from a previous year and is subject to change. The **red font** shows Rotary International monthly promotions.

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
RYLA Camp	Past President's Party	Peace Walk - 9/20/23
Literacy Month & New Rotary Year	Membership and Extensions Month Cycling to Serve - 9/23/2	
		District Convergence - 9/30/23*
		New Generations Month
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
9Health Fair	Write Holiday Cards for Military	Holiday Party
World Polio Day Event	Jam Fundraiser—may begin earlier.	Toy Drive?
Economic & Community Development	Rotary Foundation Month	Family Month
And Vocational Service Month		
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Write Valentine Cards for seniors	Craig Hospital Card Writing	Literacy Month
Rotary Awareness Month	New Member Orientation	
	Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention Month	
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
APRIL  Earth Day - 4/22/24  Arbor Day - 4/26/24	Craig Hospital Dinner	Rotary Fellowship Month
Arbor Day - 4/26/24 🖁 🦰	RYLA Interviews	
RI Magazine Month	Promote International Convention Month	

# Editor's Letter...

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Please expect some changes in the newsletter as I determine where to place items of interest to you. Currently, I am putting the calendar and the "duties" on the second page so that you can see quickly what is happening. If you have ideas to improve the newsletter, please don't hesitate to let me know...I aim to please!

Service above self,

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Past President 2022-23

Annely 303-842-8725

Comparison of the Park People's low cost tree program.



DMH Rotarians packing food at Village Exchange Ctr —> 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of each month.







# DMHR Community Project Prioritization – 7/26/2023 snapshot

Local	Category	Global
Refugee Support - 5	Peace	Humanitarian War Relief - 9
Conflict Center - 4		
Youth Suicide – 5	Health	Menstrual Health – 5
Mental Health – 5		Mental Health - 3
TBD - 4		
Health Fair – 3		
Brainwise - 4		
TBD -1	Water	WASH - 2
TBD – 2	Education	TBD - 1
RYLA – 1		
Books for Kids – 5		
TBD - 1	Economic Devel-	Community Enterprise - 5
	opment	
Trees - 13	Environment	Trees - 6
Veteran Support – 5	Community	TBD – 2
Food Security – 6	Good	
Homeless – 6		
Senior Support - 5		

Local	Global
Trees – <b>15</b>	Humanitarian War Relief – 9
Food Security – 9	Trees - 6
Homeless – <b>7</b>	Menstrual Health – 5
Refugee Support - 7	Community Enterprise – 5
Senior Support – 6	Mental Health – 3
Veteran Support – 6	Community Good TBD – 2
Brainwise – 5	WASH – 2
Youth Suicide – 5	Voc Training - 1
Mental Health – 5	Education – 1
Books for Kids – 5	
Conflict Center - 4	
Health TBD – 4	
Health Fair – 4	
Education TBD – 2	
RYLA – 1	
Water TBD – 1	
Economic Development TBD - 1	





















# 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 well-being 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**: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/denver-mile-high-rotary-peace-walk-tickets-688950157467?aff=oddtdtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/denver-mile-high-rotary-peace-walk-tickets-688950157467?aff=oddtdtcreator</a>

## 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