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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=aXZsTXRiZzJLZEVLRTN2RFZ3bnBRdz09>

Mtg ID: 812 9479 1259
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President's Column

Dear Rotary Colleagues

4 Sept 2023

This Week

Our club meeting takes place at the Colorado Village Collaborative Safe Outdoor Site (SOS) at 1530 W 13th Ave. <https://www.coloradovillagecollaborative.org/> The SOS location provides transitional shelter and services for persons experiencing homelessness. Given the amount of public energy directed around the homelessness issue, this should be an educational experience for all.

Seventeen (17) days until the DMHR Peace Walk (& Bike Ride) fundraisers. We are at \$4100 towards our goal of \$10,000. Please register for the walk so that we have an accurate head count (link below).

We had discussions with the Village Exchange regarding our service days and asked for some coordination improvements to ensure that our time is productive. They value our services and have reassured us that they will make some changes. We are scheduled to be there Sept 6th and 13th at 9:30.

Last Week

We had a nice turnout at the City Park Golf Course Tavern. Thanks for joining the happy hour.

Appreciations

Linda Sue – for being the first non-cycling participant in our fundraising events to create a donation page for friends and family. Also for being our fearless leader over the years coordinating with the 9 News /365 Health Fair which has been discontinued due to funding issues.

One of Us

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

Another native, who like many, continues to enjoy the area they grew up in. Favorite spots include Esters Eatery and walks in City Park and the neighborhood tree lined avenues. The Bear is a recommended series. Has enjoyed the National Parks of Utah and wouldn't mind a trip to Thailand. Pastimes include reading, dog walks, games, and spending time with friends and family. Once worked in real estate as a broker; being an architect in another life has appeal. Favorite Rotary project to date has been helping the family from Afghanistan resettle in Denver. Also volunteers with ACLU and Feed America. Who am I? Answer on bottom of page 2.

Club Calendar

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 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 23 - [Cycling to Serve Bike Ride](#) (fundraiser part 2) Please donate now
Sept 30 - [District Convergence](#) formerly known as the District Conference - See below left.
Sept 28 - 4:30 - Book club meets at Sarah Hite's home - see below on this page for details.
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.

Date	Inspiration	Greeters	Host
Sept 6	Off-site	Colorado Village Collaborative - SOS	1530 W 13th Av
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

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

Breakout Session Topics Include:

- Increasing membership through service
- Working with volunteers
- International cooperation
- Funding your projects



September Birthdays

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

**News
Worth
Knowing**

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! Mary Hall

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.



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 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
PO Box 101471
Denver CO 80250

Thank you, Mike Oldham
Rotary District Polio Committee

**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](#)

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.](#)

Local Community Service

The (LCS) Local Community Service Committee is collecting all varieties of household items to welcome and help settle refugee and asylum seeking families.

call Tom Cella for more information or a pick up.
M 303-981-1222 or tomcella1739@gmail.com



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 or
Ronnie 303-718-3279 or ronnie.weiss@conflictcenter.org

Editor's Letter...

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Please consider taking part in our September Fundraising efforts...ride the Denver Century Ride or enjoy the Peace Walk, collecting pledges from family, friends and neighbors. As an alternative, please see the opportunity that follows directly below. It takes a village to fund the good works that Rotary does through grants and other efforts. Please help your president meet our club goals. Happy Labor Day!

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.

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.](#)

In Case You Missed It...

The Rotarian of the Year for 2022-23 is...

Tom Cella!

Tom has chaired the Local Community Service Committee for years and is always looking for opportunities for our club members to serve. **Tom** also has been our Sergeant at Arms for years, setting up our meetings every Wednesday. **Tom** participates at Project Worthmore and Village Exchange Center with the Food Share. **Tom** works extensively with our refugee families. **Tom** has been instrumental in our Tree Planting. **Tom** recognizes our members' birthdays, and **Tom** works closely with our Interact Clubs. **Tom** is the consummate Rotarian!

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.

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