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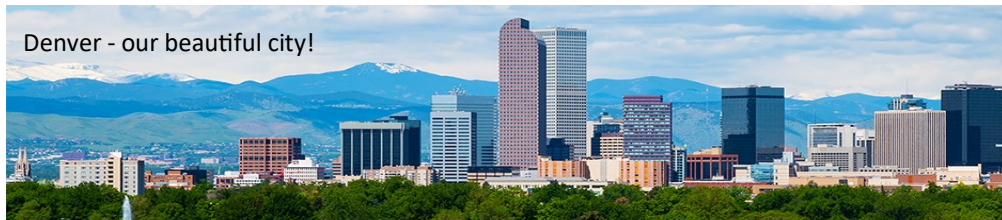
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## President's Column

Dear Rotary Colleagues,

9 October 2023

### This Week

Dan Hall will facilitate our Wednesday meeting, in part to experience and handle the unpredictable technology curve balls related to zoom and projecting screen images. Like his fearless predecessors, he will surely appreciate your forbearance in advance and a kind welcome to the role.

October = RI **Polio** month. Collecting donations all month and providing updates.

Village Exchange this Wednesday

### Last Week

Project CURE -- Our site visit and warehouse volunteer activity were enlightening. This Rotary-born non-profit international medical goods supplier generates a tremendous impact world-wide. For example, Ukraine and Syria/Turkey (earthquake) have received 28 cargo containers with \$25,000,000 worth of medical supplies and equipment in the last two years. Additional club service days and/or financial contributions beckon.

Caught up with the Alkozay family on a visit to the Denver Zoo this past weekend. Still living in Green Valley but wanting to move back to Aurora. Father and oldest daughter still working at airport. Dad driving for Lyft as well. Three daughters at Gateway High and two sons at Jewell Elementary, all in Aurora. All healthy including mom and six-month-old daughter.

Our Peace Walk / Cycling fundraising has collected **\$9842**, almost reaching our **\$10000** goal.

### Appreciations

- Project CURE warehouse sorting volunteers – Tom C, Robin, Geoff, Annely and Marty. (Marty - editor's addition)

### One of Us

See if you can guess this week's member. **Answer at bottom of next page.** Ignored the call, "Go West young man/woman!" and instead went East, landing in Denver after leaving the home of the Bulldogs. Might be found eating a taco from Cochina's, walking the Highline or Cherry Creek trail, fly fishing / golfing, or finishing a good book like Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet. Thought Highjack was a good series from Apple. Fond memory of a dawn hot air balloon ride – though not in Albuquerque but rather Cappadocia Turkey. Meanwhile, the siren call of Greece beckons. Once was a salesperson for a building supply company. Being a fiction novelist has an appeal. Favorite Rotary service activity is the Village Exchange food packaging and also supports the Cancer League of Colorado, Trout Unlimited, and the Denver Art Museum. Who am I?



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## Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts, etc.

Date	Inspiration	Greeters	Host
11 Oct	Melanie Gentz	Tom Giordano and Brian Good	Tom Gregory
18 Oct	Annely Noble	Mary Hall and Marcus Hanlon	Abby Hanson
25 Oct	Kevin Gallaway	Dan Himelspace and Sarah Hite	Noreen Keleshian
1 November	Off-Site	S.A.M.E. Café	2023 E Colfax Ave, Denver 80206

## Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar of Events

**Oct 10** - World Mental Health Day  
**Oct 10** - 4:00pm Board Meeting  
**Oct 13** - 6-8pm Conflict Center Event - Contact [Ronnie Weiss](#)  
**Oct 11** - Annely Noble and Carolyn Schrader – Club International Projects (part 2), Nepal and Zimbabwe // Dan Hall facilitating meeting  
**Oct 14** - LCS Service – Tree Distribution Day with The Park People at Valverde Community. [Click here to register](#). Of the two distribution locations available at sign-up, please consider the Florence Crittendon school site.  
**Oct 18** - Knight Moves - Linc Kroeger - computer science program for Native Americans  
**Oct 21** - WASH Symposium - [Click here for details](#)  
**Oct 25** - Art from Ashes – Jessica and Kree  
**Oct 26** - 5-8:30pm - Dynamic Dinner - Details to follow.  
**Nov 2** - 5-7pm - Happy Hour at Noreen Keleshian's home - details at right—>  
**Nov 11** - pm - Maxi-Dinner (vs. mini-dinner) hosted by Tom Cella and Mary Hall: \$75 for an Afghan feast cooked by our refugees, details to follow.  
**Nov 28** - DMHR Holiday Party at the Pinnacle, pending final confirmation (note the change from Dec 10; this event will also replace the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday happy hour previously scheduled on Nov 29<sup>th</sup>)

**October is** **END POLIO NOW** **month!**  
 Audrey Leavitt is collecting funds for the "End Polio Now" drive during the entire month. Look for the yellow bags on the tables at meetings. Please make checks out to "The Rotary Foundation" with "Polio" in the memo field.

### DMHR Annual Happy Hour Fellowship

Noreen decorates her home for Oct 31st and wants us to see and enjoy it before she removes it all. **Happy Hour at Noreen Keleshian's home 3220 S Locust St, Denver 80222 Thursday, Nov 2nd, 5-7pm!** Noreen will provide drinks and hors d'oeuvres, please contact [Noreen](#) if you would like to bring a dish.

## Word from the Editor

### A word from your editor

Dear fellow Rotarians...

Thank you to Marty for a great off-site meeting at Project C.U.R.E.; I enjoyed the organizational work we were asked to complete, and our leader said we finished in record time. See photos on page 5 of this newsletter.

Have a great week!

Annely Noble

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*The more you contribute to your Rotary Experience,  
the more you benefit from your Rotary Experience.  
What are YOU contributing to Rotary?*

One of us... Tom Gregory



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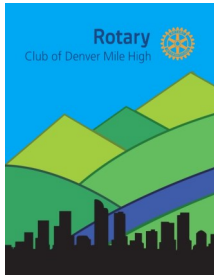
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### DMHR Dues information

Please pay quarterly dues on or before the following dates:  
July 15; **October 15**; January 15; April 15  
Deliver a check to Carolyn at a meeting or mail to:

**Denver Mile High Rotary**  
**PO Box 101471**  
**Denver CO 80250**

For more info, click [here](#).



Denver Mile High Rotary supports worthy causes, both financially and with person power. What is your cause and how can we help?

### District and Global Grant Presentation

Thank you to Carolyn, Diane and Pilar Reppo for an outstanding presentation on DMHR grants from the past two years. Their presentation highlighted why our club is known for its grant work. [Please click here](#) to see the impact our donations have on grant funding; thank you to Carolyn for her work on providing a visual for us.



### October Birthdays

**6 Oct**

Scott Smeester

**8 Oct**

Kevin Gallaway

**15 Oct**

Alessandro Eichstaedt

### Project Fund Suggested Names

(please send ideas to Marty).

A vote to choose the new name will follow collection of ideas.

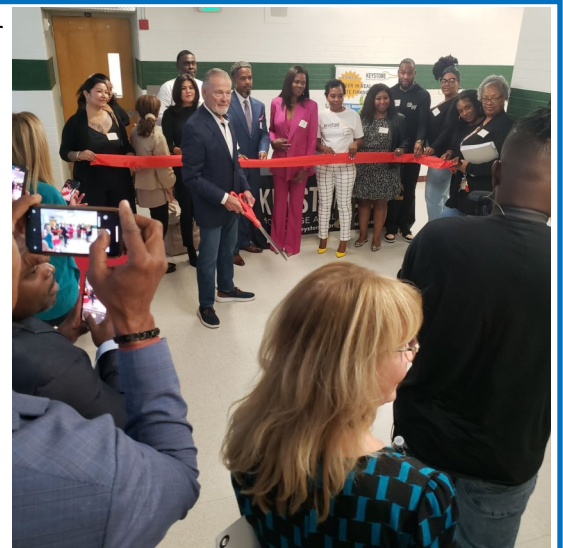
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- Fund for Community Good
- Fund for Greater Good
- Fund for Good
- Caring Fund
- Give Fund
- Care Fund
- Fund for Good
- Service Fund
- Impact Fund
- Service Above Self Fund
- GOALS (Giving, Outreach, and Leadership Service)
- SOS Fund (Service Over Self)



DMH Rotarian Janine Kempfer successfully has opened Keystone Mortgage Academy. [Please click here](#) to see the press release titled:

“Bridging the Gap in Homeownership:  
Keystone Mortgage Academy Empowers Minorities to Become Change Makers in the Mortgage Industry”





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## Volunteer Opportunities and Fun Activities



### PROJECT WORTHMORE

#### Project Worthmore - Volunteer anytime

Project Worthmore is a local non-profit that serves the refugee community in the Denver metro area by providing a dental clinic, language classes, food for their community, as well as other services. We may volunteer any Monday during the entire month to help with food packaging and/or contactless deliveries. **Please contact [Tom Cella](#)** for more information and to volunteer.

**Where:** Project Worthmore is located at 1666 Elmira Street, Aurora

**What:** They need a total of 8 volunteers - 3 to help with packaging and 5 to help with contactless deliveries.

**When:** The first Monday of every month.

**10:30am - 12:30pm: Food Packaging.** Three volunteers **12:30pm - 1:30pm: Deliver boxes** of food to families



#### EVENT

#### The "In Your Element Skills Auction"

is an annual fundraiser event, this year on Friday, October 13 from 6-8pm.

For more information and to purchase tickets, [click here](#).

Don't miss an evening of performances, entertainment, fortune tellers, food and drinks, and an opportunity to bid on a skills workshop!

***You can volunteer to offer your skills to teach a workshop that will be auctioned off.***

Contact [Ronnie Weiss](#) for more information and to volunteer.



#### The Conflict Center

The Conflict Center is always looking for volunteers to do a variety of tasks. Watch this space for opportunities beginning May and early June.

If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact [Ronnie Weiss](#).

#### October Service Project - Denver Digs Tree Distribution!

Community members in five heat-vulnerable west Denver neighborhoods have adopted 300 trees, which they will pick up at two different sites on: **Saturday, October 14th, 8am to 12 noon**

We'd love to have your help getting the new trees loaded into residents' vehicles so they can take them home to plant.

[Click here to sign up to volunteer to help.](#)

**Please choose either the Crittendon site or Valverde site.**

Denver Digs will have breakfast burritos, tree-planting demonstrations, and music for your enjoyment. Please bring your own water bottles and sunscreen.

All our work growing and caring for our parks and urban forest is only possible through the effort, sweat, and love of you, our wonderful Rotarians, and other volunteers. More details will follow, or contact [Marty Waters](#) (518-718-4160) for additional information.

#### Denver Mile High Rotary Book Club

All Welcome!

In December we will be discussing

**The Grundle by Steven Rowley**

Next meeting will be at

4:30pm on December 5th

at Tom and Pam Giordano's home

7271 E Wesley Ave

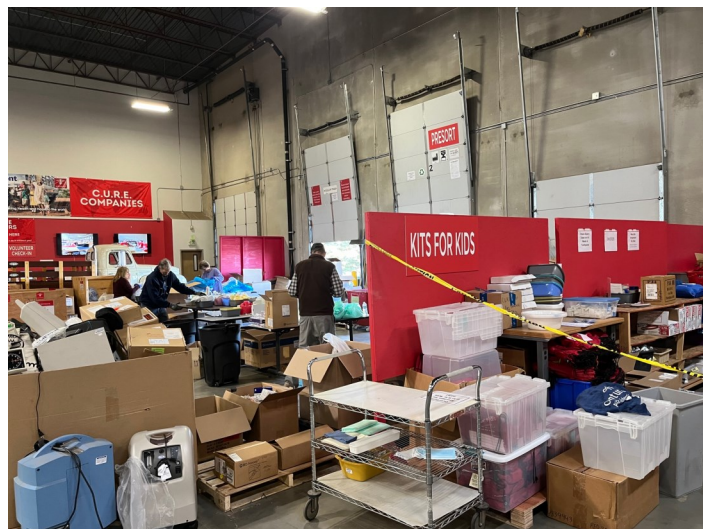
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## Off-site at project C.U.R.E.



Project C.U.R.E. sends medical equipment world-wide and it all starts in this warehouse headquartered in Centennial. Additional distribution centers are located in Phoenix, Nashville, Houston, Philadelphia and Chicago.



Nancy Maloney, a retired registered nurse, has volunteered with Project CURE for decades, sorting and organizing medical instruments, equipment, hardware, and sundry other medical products.

Nancy is pictured here with (L->R) Geoff, Robin, Annely, and Tom Cella. Marty took the photo and also spent the morning sorting items.