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## President's Column:

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My normal practice is to dedicate much of the weekly column to our activity. Certainly the service we provide to the community, both locally and globally is noteworthy. The many ways our members are engaged in Rotary projects is nothing short of amazing. We have lots of upcoming activities designed to get us all involved. We have some great fellowship fun planned. We work hard and we play hard!

So let me take a somewhat different tact. It's no surprise that our membership is growing. Over the last year we have added some great new members. A wonderful mix of genders and ages. Some are new to the Rotary world while others come to us with a wealth of prior Rotary experience. All of this is great and it is making us a better club. And it will continue! We will induct another new member, Reena Prema, this week. We have several other applicants in process and continue to attract prospective new member guests to our meetings.

So here's the point. We are now a club in which approximately 20% of our membership has been with us for less than a year. For the longer term members, we need each and every one to reach out to the newer folks and make them part of the organization. Invite them to sit at your table, take them out to coffee, make sure they are included in upcoming activities. Find out who they are and what they like to do.

For our newer members, take time to introduce yourself to everyone. Jump in and join a committee. Participate in events other than our regular breakfasts. Go to our next happy hour, ski day or dinner. Rotary is about participation. Denver Mile High Rotary is made up of great people doing wonderful things. We are the Family of Rotary!



Bob Kemp  
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## Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

**February 17th** - Most Americans know little about Islam other than what they see on television or read in newspapers. This meeting will help us learn about this faith which has more than 1.3 billion followers worldwide. First generation Palestinian American and practicing Muslim, Iman Jodeh, offers an intimate, first hand account of what it is like to be Muslim from a perspective that is widely misunderstood and rarely heard in the West.

Ms. Jodeh is a first generation Palestinian American who is fluent in Arabic and maintains a second home in Ramallah, West Bank. She is the co-founder and Director of Meet the Middle East, a locally based non-profit that aims to foster relationships between the Middle East and the West through education and immersion travel. Please consider bringing a guest to what promises to be a very interesting and thought-provoking meeting. If you choose to bring a guest, please notify Greg Thielen.

**February 24th** - There is an extensive effort underway to reduce CO2 emissions which are believed to be a major cause of global warming. One effective way to do this is by converting coal generated electricity to wind power and solar power. Each has positive characteristics and problems associated with the technology including environmental concerns, power distribution and power storage necessitated by the intermittent nature of these sources. This talk will look at what is happening locally, nationally and worldwide.

David Weisberg is a graduate of MIT with a BS and MS in civil engineering. He spent most of his career applying computer technology to a variety of engineering problems including in the oil and gas industry. He is the author of "The Engineering Design Revolution" which examines how computer technology has changed the practice of engineering forever.

**March 2nd** - As Rotarians, we are very familiar with Polio Plus and the incredible effort Rotary International has made over the last 20 years to eradicate polio. Fortunately, there have been no new cases of polio in the United States for many years. There are, however, many Americans who still live with the effects of that terrible disease. Some of them have achieved incredible things during their life times.

Our guest speaker will be David Talbot. David is a polio survivor and founder of an organization called Crutches 4 Africa. His organization collects, ships, and distributes gently used mobility devices to victims of polio and other diseases in developing countries. David's experience and the great work of Crutches 4 Africa is a heartwarming and touching humanitarian story.

**March 9th** - Our own Greg Smith, the Executive Director of Colorado Public Employees Retirement Association, will be our guest speaker. Greg will speak about PERA and the task of maintaining an organization responsible for retirement plans of Colorado public employees.



## **Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts**

**February 17th-**

**Inspiration** - Chuck Rudolph

**Greeters** - Carolyn Schrader and Linda Sue Shirkey

**Host** - Roberta Simonton

**Rotary Minute** - Vass Sirpolaidis

**February 24th-**

**Inspiration** - Greg Smith

**Greeters** - Betty Speir and Robin Springer

**Host** - Jeff Sprole

**Rotary Minute** - Michael Tapp

**March 2nd-**

**Inspiration** - Greg Thielen

**Greeters** - Ann Tull and Tony Vaida

**Host** - Bruce Ward

**Rotary Minute** - Sonny Wiegand

**March 9th-**

**Inspiration** - Diane Wilson

**Greeters** - Chris Wong and Paul Anderson

**Host** - Pat Barry

**Rotary Minute** - Kurt Bartley

**March 16th-**

**Inspiration** - Brandon Blankenship

**Greeters** - Elizabeth Daigle and Preston Dickey

**Host** - Kevin Gallaway

**Rotary Minute** - Kim Gardner



## Continental Breakfast

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

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### **Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar**

**February 25th** - Denver Mile High Rotary Club Happy Hour at American Grill.

**March 11th - 13th** - PETS

**March 31st** - Denver Mile High Rotary Club Happy Hour at Denver Athletic Club..

**April 2nd** - Rotary Leadership Institute

**April 22nd - 24th** - District Conference

**April 28th** - Denver Mile High Rotary Club Happy Hour at Infinite Monkey.

**May 26th** - Denver Mile High Rotary Club Happy Hour at Alpie Dog Brewery.

**May 28th - June 1st** - International Convention - Seoul, Korea



**February 25th** - Adams Price



# CEC Interact Club Update

## Christmas Book Give Away:

Below is a picture of members of CEC's Interact Club after they set up tables to give away books to parents attending the Student Awards Assembly. Tom Cella delivered books left over from DMHR's Villa Park Holiday Party and other books collected by the club for children ages 3-16. The interactors worked from 3:00--8:00, setting up, staffing the tables, and cleaning up. They also provided child care for parents attending the assembly.

They have donated the left over books to a local Food Bank, and its administrators will send them pictures of children receiving the books to ensure they are distributed.



## 2016 Valentine's Day Dance:

The Interactors, in partnership with CEC Marketing Club, are hosting a Valentine's dance on February 5 to raise money for a water project they support. They have chosen a theme of "The '50's" and will sell tickets at \$15 per person and \$20 per couple. They will prepare a play list, insert the playing device it into a mock "Juke Box" they create. They will charge \$.25 to play requested songs. They want have a retro "photo booth" and possibly sell pictures of couples for a small fee.

On January 28th, a week before the dance, at the Interact club's regular meeting time on Thursday, they will have a 30 minute presentation on the water project. Students who attend the presentation will can get discounted dance tickets.



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