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*Denver Mile High Rotary where commitment and service rise above the mountain tops*

## President's Column:

January 12, 2016

Thanks to all those who attended the Presidents Dinner last Saturday. Over 500 Rotarians, Family and Friends turned out to hear R.I. President Ravi Ravindran speak on the challenges of delivering the knockout blow to Polio. We were proudly represented by Master of Ceremonies Dan Himelspace and Ann Tull who led the Four Way Test. Denver Mile High was recognized as one of the leading contributors to Polio Plus at this event. Our Club continues to be a leader in many facets of our District.

Speaking of how our Club serves the larger world of Rotary; this Saturday (1/16) will see the District Grant Qualification Seminar at Red Rocks Community College. This seminar is being led by our own Carolyn Schrader. Carolyn is recognized as one of the preeminent authorities on the Rotary Grant system. We are very fortunate to have Carolyn and her skillset in our club. Just ask anyone in another club who has attempted to navigate the mysteries of a Rotary Grant!

This week we are introducing a new feature in the newsletter. As most know our club is the sponsor of the Interact Club at CEC High School in NW Denver. We will be providing updates about the Interact Club and their activity. Even better than reading about it, consider attending one of their meetings on Thursday afternoons at 3 PM. These are a great group of young adults who we should get to know and support.

On January 20th we will induct our newest member, Bruce Ward. Bruce comes to us from the Conifer Rotary Club where he has been a member for many years. Bruce has recently moved to Denver. Please make Bruce and all of our newer members feel at home – and then put them to work! No better way to find your way in Rotary than to get involved in our activities.

Finally – Our regular meeting on January 27th will be a Club Assembly. This will be an opportunity to get an update on where we are and where we want to go as a Club. One of the primary features of this meeting will be the annual election of Club Officers and At Large Board Members, including the new President Elect Nominee. Current PE Melanie Gentz will recommend her candidates and we will hold a voice vote. Please let Melanie know if you wish to serve your Club.

Thanks to all of you for being a part of Denver Mile High Rotary!

Bob Kemp  
President  
Denver Mile High Rotary  
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# Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

**January 13th** - Joel Russman will be our featured speaker. As an attorney who provides legal services for business and medical marijuana clients, he has a unique view of the developing marijuana industry in Colorado. Since the inception of Colorado's medical marijuana industry, Joel has counseled a variety of clients on a wide range of issues in the marijuana industry, including general business law, business planning, real estate, regulatory issues, interpretation of these issues.

Mr. Russman plays an active role in educating business owners and the legal community about the evolving state of medical and legalized marijuana issues related to this new growth industry. In July 2010 - just a month after Houses Bill 1284 became law, Joel presented one of the first continuing education seminars in Colorado on medical marijuana regulation and business issues. He co-presented these seminars with Matt Cook, then Senior Director of the Medical Enforcement Division of the Colorado Department of Revenue.

If you are curious about what it means to have legalized medical and recreational marijuana in Colorado, come to this presentation AND BRING A GUEST. It will provide you with a factual overview of how this historic legal change is affecting the state: from opportunities to challenges. This will be a great opportunity to bring potential Rotarians and other guests! If you plan to bring a guest, please notify Greg Thielen.

**January 20th** Some of us remember when you could see thousands of stars from Denver on a typical night. With the increased population the stars are disappearing from our sight. Our guest speaker, Robert Stencel, will talk about what has happened to our "dark skies." Professor Stencel is an astronomy professor at the University of Denver and the Director of the University's Chamberlin Observatory in University Park and the Meyer-Womble Observatory atop Mt. Evans. Professor Stencel is an interesting and engaging speaker which will make for a terrific learning experience for all of us.

**January 27th** - Each year our Club nominates officers for the coming Rotary year. This meeting will focus on that process and the work of our club. This is one of the most important meetings of the year and we encourage everyone to attend.

## Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

**January 13th -**

**Inspiration** - Elizabeth Daigle

**Greeters** - Audry Leavitt and Kevin Galloway

**Host** - Kim Gardner

**Rotary Minute** - Don Garretson

**January 20th -**

**Inspiration** - Melanie Gentz

**Greeters** - Tom Giordano and Lawrence Mundy

**Host** - Tom Gregory

**Rotary Minute** - Susan Henderson

**January 27th -**

**Inspiration** - Ted Hendryx

**Greeters** - Alex Orkow and Dan Himelspace

**Host** - Sarah Hite

**Rotary Minute** - Noreen Keleshian



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Here are some creative ways to use it your King Soopers Card:

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- Purchase two, one for you and your spouse so that you always have it handy.
- Leave it in your car next to your re-usable bags, so you can grab both on the way out!

Every little bit adds up to funds that our club can use to treat guests or have events.

Thanks for your support!

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# 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

**January 9th** - Presidents Dinner

**January 16th** - Grants Qualification Training

**February 6th** - Rotary Leadership Institute

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

**April 2nd** - Rotary Leadership Institute

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

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



**January 18th** - Paul Anderson

**January 18th** - Ted Hendryx

# CEC 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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