



Rotary Club of
Denver Mile High

Service Above Self



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

March 24, 2015

President's Column: 'Light Up Rotary'

Happy Spring to Everyone!

A special shout out to the World Community Service Committee who responded to a call for help from our fellow Rotarians with the LoDo Club. The LoDo Club has been involved with service projects in the Vanuatu Islands for some time now. These remote tropical islands are located in the South Pacific approximately 1000 miles east of Australia. Last week the islands were devastated by Cyclone Pam with massive damage resulting. The WCS group responded, virtually overnight, with a donation toward providing a Shelter Box to help those who have lost their homes. More to come on this.

On March 26, Thursday, at 5 pm we will join the Cherry Creek Rotary at Brio's in Cherry Creek. It is right across the street (to the West) from Nordstrom's. According to the invite 14 people have RSVPed plus the members of the Cherry

Creek Rotary club, so this will be a fun Happy Hour! Please feel free to stop by and celebrate friendship!

On **May 6, 2015** we will celebrate our club's anniversary in style and plan to hold a silent auction to raise some much-needed funds. So far we have received Broncos tickets, Rockies tix and design services to offer. Thank you Linda Sue, Bill E., Betty and Diane! Please consider donating an item or two for our silent auction. Let Betsy know your item at [Betsy Boudreau9@gmail.com](mailto:Boudreau9@gmail.com) or when you see her or Diane at Rotary. Please give them any items while at Rotary. The deadline to donate silent auction items is Wednesday, April 22. Thank you for your support.

We are continuing to work to get the new web site launched, but in the meantime for the March 27th



Food For Thought event, we already have our volunteers signed up.

March 27
Kurt Bartley
Greg Thielen
Bob Kemp
Robin Springer

Don't forget to share RYLA with Juniors and Seniors in High School. Rotary Youth Leadership Award, RYLA, and Young Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Young RYLA, applications are due by April 30th. The applications must be filled out online at www.rmryla.org. More information on page 5.

Also, if you can attend ~ **Register for the Membership Engagement Webinar**
Membership Engagement: The Key to Retention - A Membership Matters! Webinar

25 March 2015

Denver Mile High Rotary

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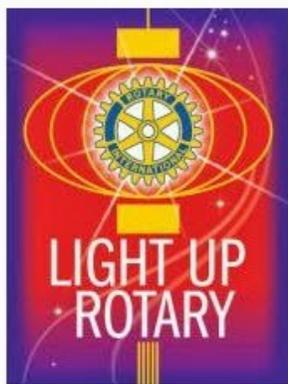
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March Birthdays



Happy St.Patrick's Day!

March 8th - Michael Tapp

March 14th - Geoff Noble

March 16th - Kurt Bartley

Register for the Membership Engagement Webinar Membership Engagement: The Key to Retention - A Membership Matters! Webinar

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25 March 2015

Join us on Wednesday, 25 March 2015, at 10:00 am CDT/Chicago time (UTC-5) for the fourth installment of the Membership Matters! webinar series. This webinar, Membership Engagement: The Key to Retention, will discuss why Rotarians leave their clubs and Rotary and how to address their reasons for doing so. You may be surprised by just how easy it can be to help a member re-engage with Rotary. Our panelists will offer insights on how to engage members along with case studies and best practices.

Register to attend the webinar:

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About the panelists:

Past District Governor Yeşim Yöney - Yeşim Yöney (Rotary Club of Cesme, Turkey) has been a Rotary member for over 20 years and has served in several key positions, including assistant Rotary coordinator. Yöney has invaluable ideas for engaging Rotary members, women, and younger professionals.

Past District Governor Jeremy Hurst - Jeremy Hurst (Rotary Club of Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands) has 27 years of experience in Rotary and has shown his leadership in a variety of club and district roles, including club president and district conference chair (twice). He is currently serving as an assistant Rotary coordinator. Jeremy is an active and passionate leader with wonderful insights and stories to share.

DENVER MILE HIGH ROTARY FOUNDATION 2015 SPONSORS

DMHR relies on its foundation to fund its service projects. The funding is accomplished by fund raisers and sponsors. Starting this year, 2015, Sponsors will be celebrated the entire year at all events plus the weekly meetings. This is a change from the past practice of Sponsoring a specific event. Sponsorships, business and personal, will be for the calendar year. This aligns the sponsorship dollars to the business and tax year. Being a sponsor is easy simply talk to Roberta or Robin. Our Foundation goal is \$25,000 for the year. We are off to a great start.

Let's give a big shout out to Sonny Wiegand and Tom Gregory for kicking off the year as our first Business Sponsors for the DMHR 2015 service projects. Thank you to Michael Tapp and Roberta Simonton for launching this years Personal Sponsorship.

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Roberta Simonton....DMHR member since 2009

Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming

Programs

March 25 Nancy McCamey from the Scientific, Cultural Facilities District will be our guest speaker. The District makes a huge impact on the economy and quality of life for all Coloradoans. Nancy will talk with us about the District's great work and their plans for the future.

April 1st - We have rescheduled this program from March 18. We will have a speaker from the Holocaust Awareness Institute at the University of Denver join us. The goal of the Institute is to enable Holocaust survivors to tell their story. As the number of survivors of this world nightmare continue to decline, it's a unique opportunity for us to learn what happened and how it affected the lives of so many innocent people.

Professor Winston Grady-Willis, Chair of African-American Studies at Metropolitan State University Denver, either **April 8 or April 15**

April 22nd - Dick Life of Honor Flight of Northern Colorado

April 29th - We will have a Muslim student talk to us when we are the CEC

May 6th - Fellowship/Charter Day is May 6 (Diane and Linda Sue are coordinating.)

Vaughn Baker, Supt. of Rocky Mountain National Park, and Kyle Patterson, RMNP spokesperson, will help us celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Rocky Mountain National Park.

Attorney General Cynthia Coffman will be with us on June 3 to talk about the very interesting Colorado marijuana lawsuit

IMPORTANT

We need 2-3 speakers "in our hip pocket" who could fill in should we have some sort of scheduling challenge with our speakers. If you know of someone, please let me know as soon as possible. Without those people we have no "Plan B."

Also, as I mentioned during the announcements last week, it is very important to have potential speaker referrals from our membership. When you are having breakfast at our meetings, please chat with them about this. I am finding that "cold calls" are both a lot of hard work and not very productive.

If you have questions on any of this information, please give me a call. See you Wednesday!!

Greg Thielen
Rotary Program Chair



WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO **CHANGE THE WORLD?**

ROTARY'S 1.2 MILLION MEMBERS
BELIEVE IT **STARTS WITH A COMMITMENT**

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

It is time for RYLA and Young RYLA again. Please think of young people you know who would be good representatives of our club at one of the camps this year.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award, RYLA, and Young Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Young RYLA, applications are due by April 30th. The applications must be filled out on line at www.rmryla.org

RYLA is for students who will be Juniors or Seniors next school year. Students have to stay for the entire time. The dates for the camps are

RYLA 1: Sunday, July 19 - Friday, July 24, 2015. OR

RYLA 2: SATURDAY, July 25 - THURSDAY, July 30, 2015

Young RYLA is for students who will be in 8th grade next year. Again the students have to stay for the entire time. The dates are:

Young RYLA Camp 1 will be from Sunday, July 26 - Friday, July 31, 2015. OR

Young RYLA Camp 2 will be from Sunday, August 2 - Friday, August 7, 2015

After applications close, interviews will be conducted in early May to select the winners of the awards for both camps.

If a Rotarian's child attends the Rotarian will need to reimburse the club for \$450 attendance fee. All other students are paid for by our foundation.

IF OPPORTUNITY
DOESN'T KNOCK,
BUILD A DOOR.

— MILTON BERLE

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"A journey of a thousand miles
begins with a single step"

— Confucius



**LIGHT UP
ROTARY**

Continental Breakfast

The continental breakfast will be served every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar

March 25th - Membership Webinar

March 26 - Happy Hour Brios

March 27th - Food For Thought

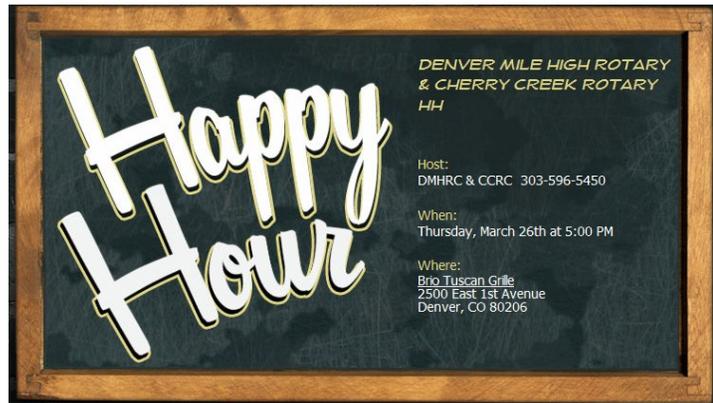
March 28th —Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

April 17th - Building Bridges signature fund raising event called Circles of Change

May 1 - 3rd ~ Rotary District Conference ~ Keystone Lodge and Spa

June 6—9th - Rotary International Convention

July 11th - Denver Mile High Rotary Fellowship cycling ride.



Save the Date July 11, 2015

Denver Mile High Rotary Fellowship Cycling Ride.
\$30 donation to mental health initiatives
approx. 30 mile Ride, Fellowship, Family, Fun - There will also be a fun 5 Mile ride!!

We are getting closer to the details, and would like to join other clubs in our fellowship and share cycling with each other while supporting mental health initiatives.

On February 4th, 2015, **Building Bridges** presented to the Denver Mile High Rotary Club.

We would like for you to save-the-date for our April 17th Circles of Change event.

Many people asked what they could do to support us, and coming to this event and bringing a friend would be an amazing gift to the organization.

It is an inspiring and uplifting event, hosted by our spectacular participants, and honoring three incredible change-makers who will tell us their personal stories.

Building Bridges would also like to share— Jeanette (one of the participants who spoke with me last week) was accepted to speak at Denver TedEx Youth conference.

BuildingbridgesShift.org

If there are ten (10) Rotarians and spouses who would be interested in attending, we can get a table for ten for \$350 as a "Community Partner". Please contact Geoff Noble if you are interested.

gtnoble@comcast.net

10th ANNUAL
CIRCLES OF CHANGE
Luncheon

**APRIL 17
2015**

11:30 am

SEAWELL GRAND BALLROOM
Denver Center for the Performing Arts

 *Honorees to be revealed soon at BuildingBridgesShift.org*

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Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

March 25th -

Inspiration - Jeff Sprole

Greeters - Robin Springer and Michael Tapp

Host - Greg Thielen

Rotary Minute - Melanie Gentz

April 1st -

Inspiration - Linda Sue Shirkey

Greeters - Roberta Simonton and Vass Sirpalaidis

Host - Greg Smith

Rotary Minute - Betty Speir

April 8th -

Inspiration - Tony Vaida

Greeters - Sonny Wiegand and Chris Wong

Host - Paul Anderson

Rotary Minute - Pat Gorman Barry

April 15th -

Inspiration - Brandon Blankenship

Greeters - Betsy Boudreau and Kim Gardner

Host - Don Garretson

Rotary Minute -

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