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Denver Mile High

Service Above Self



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

President's Column:

May 17, 2016

This week finds me preparing to travel to the Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea. I will miss our meetings on May 25th and June 1st. As ten's of thousands of Rotarians, from all over the world, gather for our annual International Convention, let's take a minute to look at the worldwide presence of Rotary.

Rotary was founded in 1905 by Paul Harris. Many know of Paul Harris as a Chicago attorney. What few know is that Paul Harris was actually raised by his grandparents in rural Vermont. Always a free spirit, Paul was expelled from the University of Vermont and then dropped out of Princeton before finally obtaining his law degree from the University of Iowa. After moving to Chicago he missed the small town fellowship and camaraderie that he had grown up with in Vermont. He founded Rotary based, in part, on the concept of neighbors helping neighbors. He believed strongly in the fellowship of Rotarians.

Our reason to exist is stated as the **OBJECT OF ROTARY**:

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

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- **FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotary International has grown in the years since it's founding into an organization of 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs. There are 530 Rotary Districts in 34 Zones in approximately 200 Countries. We also sponsor Interact Clubs for youth aged 12 to 18 and Rotaract Clubs for those between 18 and 30. Individual clubs represent the backbone of the organization.

Rotary is somewhat unique in that we aren't constrained to a single cause or issue. Rotary accomplishes it's mission in six broad "Areas of Focus".

- Promoting Peace.
- Preventing Disease, with particular focus on ending Polio in our lifetimes.
- Providing access to clean water and improved sanitation.
- Maternal & Child Health.
- Education & Literacy.
- Community Development.

While we celebrate our own unique Mile High Rotary we should bear in mind that we are part of something much larger. The collective presence of Rotary worldwide is a global force for good. Rotary crosses political, religious and geographic borders. Rotary pioneered the concept of "think globally, act locally" long before it became a catchy phrase.

Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming Programs

May 18th - Sydney Beal from the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame (CWHF) will be our guest speaker. CWHF's mission is to inspire by celebrating and sharing the enduring contributions of Colorado's extraordinary women. To achieve this, the Hall educates the people of Colorado about the stories of the women who shaped our state and the nation's history with courage, leadership, intelligence, compassion, and creativity. Their talents, skills, struggles, and contributions form a legacy that the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame is dedicated to protecting. The women inducted into the Hall come from diverse backgrounds, from pioneers to politicians, educators to entrepreneurs, and have made a major impact on the lives of others and helped to elevate the status of women in our state, our nation, and around the world.

May 25th - The Boulder County Farmers Market has done some amazing work in bringing high quality products to the Boulder community. Elyse Woods will be our guest speaker and will talk about their work and what other communities can learn from their efforts.

June 1st - "With some 60 million people forcibly displaced in the world as of 2015, many of them refugees, we are confronting what one United Nations official calls "an unending crisis." Our guest speaker will be Professor Peter Van Arsdale from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver.

Professor Van Arsdale will focus on what's causing the crisis in three "hot spots" — East Africa, the Middle East, and S.E. Asia. South Sudan, Syria, and Myanmar will be featured. It also will focus on what can be done, not only by policy makers here and abroad, but by the everyday citizens.

- Here are some creative ways to use your King Soopers Card:
- Buy it as a gift: College kids, newlyweds and new parents appreciate groceries!
- Use it to buy supplies for special events; like bbq, mini dinners or fundraisers.
- 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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Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

May 18th-

Inspiration - Kurt Bartley

Greeters - Brandon Blankenship and Kim Gardener

Host - Preston Dickey

Rotary Minute - Debra Flick

May 25th-

Inspiration - Kevin Galloway

Greeters - Elizabeth Daigle and Melanie Gentz

Host - Tom Giordano

Rotary Minute - Tom Gregory

June 1st -

Inspiration - Audrey Leavitt

Greeters - Michelle Ashby and Jeff McAnallen

Host - Diane Messamore

Rotary Minute - Constance Mortell



May 10th - Robin Springer

May 11th - Tony Vaida



Continental Breakfast

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

Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar

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

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

July 9th - Denver Mile High Rafting Trip

CEC Interact Club Update

The CEC Interact Club is working on the following events:

Car Show and Community Carnival on May 14th

Three students will be volunteering at Cowell Elementary Students are working on individual community projects. Thirst project to raise funding for water.

CEC Interactors Teach "Be BrainWise with Food" at Cowell Elementary School.

A successful collaboration with DMHR, Cowell Elementary School's Fit Fun program and CEC's Interact Club will be a model for future projects that reinforce the children's use of thinking skills. Led by Cowell social worker Abbe Montoya, CEC teacher Stacey Hervey, CEC school nurse Tess Callinicos, and Pat Gorman Barry, the high school students presented lessons to 4th and 5th graders on how use thinking skills when making decisions on food. Rotarians Terry Tomsick and Elizabeth Daigle supported CEC students/Interactors Brynn, Marcalino, Daniel and T. The rapt attention of the children says it all, and the teens are looking forward to their next presentation, either on "Be BrainWise with Money" or "Be BrainWise with Safety." The project is the result of a request from Abbe asking DMHR to help her get the BrainWise program into schools in Villa Park, starting with Cowell. CEC administrators are thrilled to have the high school students working with children in the nearby elementary school.



RI President Visits Denver Mile High Sponsored Community Empowerment in Zimbabwe

RI President Ravi Ravindran visited Harare Zimbabwe on March 4 through March 6. As is normal with a visit by the RI President, there were a number of different activities scheduled during his time in Harare. On Saturday morning, the President arrived to see a jubilant mood, traditional dancers and community folk, gathered around Mufakose hall, which had become the symbol of hope for many a household.

The Rotary Club of Highlands in partnership with Rotary Club of Denver Mile High participated in a 3H Grant and subsequent Global Grant which saw the empowerment of 6000 women and youth in the Mufakose and surrounding communities. These women and youth received training in Business and Computer Skills that ultimately benefited 250,000 people in their communities. Listening to their stories was moving, hearing from people very much like us who struggle to make ends meet. Coming from illiteracy to computer literacy, poverty to self sustenance—theirs was a story of hope.

One participant spoke of how the project which ran for over 4 years was Funded by the Rotary Foundation to the tune of \$ 400,000 and had allowed him to begin a business which is now registered. During his training he acquired computer skills and can now fully utilize the computers donated to the community.

President Ravi commended the project and said "I will go and tell my colleagues at The Rotary Foundation, how well the money was used here. This is a Model Project that we would like to see replicated around the world." He also advised the audience that this was the project which brought recognition to PDG Stella Dongo as one of six Rotary Global Women of Action; that award was presented at the United Nations in November 2015.

The Mayor of Harare, His Worship Councillor Ben Manyenyeni graced the occasion. He remarked that the partnership between Rotary and the City of Harare should continue to grow in fighting poverty and bringing a better quality of life to the vulnerable in the community in the quest to achieve the vision of Harare being a World Class City by 2025.

Before he departed, President Ravi said: **"I am realizing how Zimbabweans have overlooked the situation that they are in and found ways to do marvelous works in their community. "**



Rotary Club Rafting Trip

Please join us on Saturday morning, July 9th to raft down Clear Creek to raise money to support the Colorado based non-profit Warriors on Cataract. To date, a group of 31 Rotarians, family, friends and INTERACT students have signed up for this adventure. Please make your checks payable to the Denver Mile High Rotary FOUNDATION, and give them directly to Geoff Noble. He will collect the payments and forward the checks to the Foundation Treasurer. You will receive a receipt that will identify what portion of your payment qualifies as a charitable contribution. If your plans change, and you would like to join us, there are still seats available. Half-day rafting trips for Beginner (\$47), Intermediate (\$57), or Advanced rafters(\$67) are still available. Included in your payment is a \$5,00 contribution directly to Warriors on Cataract. If rafting is not your thing, please consider joining this group for lunch at a local restaurant in Idaho Springs. (Lunch details are still being negotiated.) We are hoping that the restaurant owner will rebate a portion of what we spend for lunch to directly support Warriors on Cataract. If you have any questions, please contact Rotarian Geoff Noble at gtnoble@comcast.net or by phone at (303) 669-5281
Thank you for your support.



A Note About Make-Ups:

Did you know that if you miss a regular weekly meeting you can make-up the missed meeting by engaging in another rotary activity within two weeks before or after the scheduled meeting? Lots of different activities can be counted as a makeup - for example, volunteering at Harrington Elementary, attending a Rotary bike ride, or attending a different Rotary meeting. If you miss a meeting and have a makeup to report, please email it to Kim Gardner, the Club Secretary, so that she can get it in the system. You can reach her at KimKGardner@gmail.com.