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May 19th, 2015

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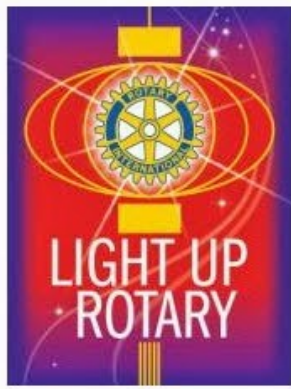
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Thank you to the World Community Service Committee for allocation donations to all members of the Denver Mile High Club that has made personal contributions. Shelter goes a long way for these families.

- There is a Board meeting today at 4:30 if any members would like to join.

- We are now less than 2 months from our July 11th, Denver Mile High Rotary

Fellowship Cycling Ride. Please sign up if you have not already

[CLICK HERE to sign up](#)

Tomorrow, welcome our guest **Harris Sherman**

will speak to us about the Colorado Water Plan. Harris served as the Executive Director for the Colorado Department of Natural Resource under Roy Romer and again under Bill Ritter.

He went to Washington, DC after finishing his second tour of duty with the state to become the Director of the US Forest Service under President Obama. You won't want to miss this exceptional leader and his important message on one of our state's most critical and threatened resources



Harris Sherman

Please see Page 8 co54.org is the website for the mountain climbing event on August 8, 2015. El Povinir would love to have a few Rotary teams! "Team Mile High" to climb a 14er as a benefit for our Nicaragua water partners at ElPorvenir.

The concept is to have people climb all 54 peaks on the same day - but everyone gets to pick their own challenge. I can always ride my bike to the top of Pikes Peak! Open the website for more detail.

Contact Bob Kemp for More details.

Have a great week!

Light it Up!

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Denver Mile High Rotary Upcoming

WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO CHANGE THE WORLD?

Programs

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

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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May 27th - 2015 is the 100th anniversary of Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) - one of the most beautiful natural treasures of Colorado. To celebrate this anniversary we have invited Park Superintendent Vaughn Baker and Park Spokesperson Kyle Patterson to be our guest speakers. They will share the interesting history of RMNP and the events of this year's celebration.

June 3rd - Attorney General Cynthia Coffman will be our special guest. She will speak on Colorado's marijuana lawsuit. The legalization of marijuana in our state has created a myriad of legal challenges for our state government. This meeting will be interesting and enlightening.

June 10th - Our own Sonny Weigand will be our guest speaker. His topic is one that affects us all no matter our age - "Why Estate Planning?"

June 17th - Bob and Chuck will bring us up to date on their Global Service Project in Nicaragua.

Thanks to the 13 people who used their king soopers card last month. This is an increase in the number of people using the card this month so thank you very much! We will be receiving a check for \$281 this month. If you would like to purchase a grocery card please see Sara Hite or Betsy Boudreau at betsyboudreau9@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!





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Weekly Inspirators, Greeters & Hosts

May 20th -

Inspiration - Chuck Rudolph

Greeters - Carolyn Schrader and Linda Sue Shirkey

Host - Roberta Simonton

Rotary Minute - Michael Tapp

May 27th -

Inspiration - Greg Smith

Greeters - Betty Speir and Robin Springer

Host - Jeff Springer

Rotary Minute - Vass Sirpolaidis

June 3rd -

Inspiration - Greg Thielen

Greeters - Ann Tull and Tony Vaida

Host - Sonny Wiegand

Rotary Minute - Chris Wong

June 10th -

Inspiration - Paul Anderson

Greeters - Patricia Barry and Zig Berzins

Host - Brandon Blankenship

Rotary Minute - Betsy Boudreau

June 17th -

Inspiration - Elizabeth Daigle

Greeters - Kevin Gallaway and Kim Gardner

Host - Don Garretson

Rotary Minute - Melanie Gentz

Continental Breakfast

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

Denver Mile High Rotary Calendar

May 19th - Denver Mile High Rotary Board Meeting - 4:30 - 6:00p - **1700 Lincoln Street, Suite 4550**

May 22nd - Harrington Food for Thought Harrington Elementary School 7:00 - 8:30

May 29th - Harrington Food for Thought Harrington Elementary School 7:00 - 8:30

June 6—9th - Rotary International Convention

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



May 10th - **Robin Springer**

May 11th - **Tony Vaida**

Denver Mile High Rotary Fellowship Cycling Ride



\$30 donation to mental health initiatives
approx. 30 mile Ride, Fellowship, Family, Fun - OR a FUN 5 Mile ride!!

Click [HERE](#) To register ~ [Rotary Ride ~ Event ~ Denver Mile High Rotary Fellowship](#)

The Denver Mile High Rotary Hosts 1st Annual Rotary 30 Mile Fellowship Ride

7:00AM - START July 11th at REI, 1416 Platte St., Denver

7:45/8:00am - Riverpoint Water Stop We should arrive there about 7:45/8am

Address: 3565 S Platte River Dr, Sheridan, CO 80110

9:00am - Ride to Fox Hollow Golf Course Clubhouse, 13410 W. Morrison Rd., Lakewood

Meet/Regroup at Fox Hollow - turn around

Ride back to REI to complete ride about 10:30/11am

11:30 - Ride/drive over to Denver Beer Co. for fellowship, fun, and liquid refreshments.

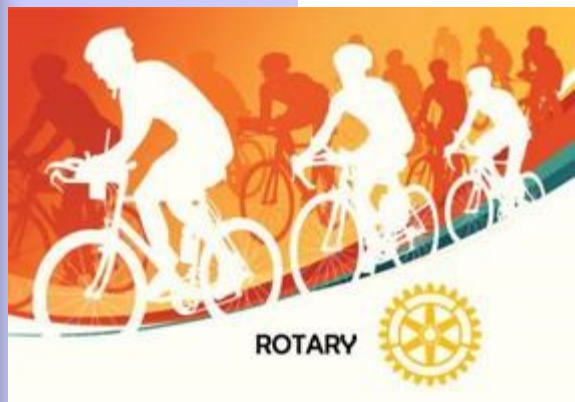
1695 Platte St, Denver, CO 80202

There will be a 5 Mile Ride ~

Meet at 8:30am on July 11th at REI, 1416 Platte St., Denver @ the B-cycle Station ~ if you do not have a bike you can rent a B cycle, or bring your bike and enjoy a fun 5 mile ride.

Will rejoin with the rest of the group at Denver Beer Co

~ If you would like to order a cycling jersey contact
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May 4, 2015

**Re: Rotary Global Grant 1526006 – Nicaragua Water and Sanitation Projects
Visit by Rotarians in April 2015**

Continued from Last Week ~

At our hosted lunch with Managua RC, we openly talked about their other projects, indicated that we were desirous of doing additional projects with them, and indicated that The Rotary Foundation is becoming more and more desirous of having clubs (Host and Foreign) take on more of the initial development of Global Grant projects.



We also visited a Managua Rotary Club meeting where we gained much more insight into our partner club. We had supposed that it was a large wealthy club and we were surprised to observe a small club of moderate means. While drafting the Global Grant we could not understand why a large club was only being asked for a \$250 contribution to the Grant. Having visited their meeting, we now understand that their \$250 contribution was much more a burden to them than the \$4000 was to our club. Their membership is somewhere less than 20 mostly young professional people. They have their own projects done internally and they have other International Rotary Clubs partnering with them on other grants.

We also gained insight about another club in Rural Northern Nicaragua which is a partner with Boulder Valley Rotary on a separate Global Grant. The Northern Nicaraguan club is being asked for a contribution in that Grant of \$100 and the Nicaraguan Rotary Club of less than 10 people was having a difficult time coming up with that contribution.

We also visited a meeting of Rotary Club Ciudad Sandino and were inspired. This small club of around 15 is composed of American Expats and local professionals. This club is in one of the poorest areas of Managua Metro and NO ONE IN THE CLUB HAS CLEAN WATER IN THEIR HOME, and this also applies to the population of Ciudad Sandino en toto. We were inspired by their upbeat attitude and their desire to improve their slum area through Rotary relationships and Global Grants.

We spent 3 days visiting past Rotary projects, our Global Grant Sites, El Tule and Apatu, and several sites for future Rotary projects. These sites were generally on 4 wheel drive roads/paths, some 5 to 10 miles off decent graded dirt roads and usually 10 – 20 miles off paved highways. All sites were 3 – 4 hours away in the North to Northeast direction from Managua.

Maria Soler of Managua Rotary Club met us in the field and we discussed the ongoing progress of the Global Grant after we both had visited sites.

At our Global Grant Site, El Tule, we visited one latrine under construction and we mortared a little cement in the construction of the base for the double pit latrine. Other latrines were under construction since the GG funds are now in Managua Rotary's hands. They hope to complete all 74 latrines before the rainy season that begins in about a month but there may be some carry over until the next dry season comes (rains start in late May, early June and it starts to dry up in about December).

Tuesday 19 May 2015

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Shelter for more than 15,000 people in Nepal



ShelterBox has now been able to provide shelter for more than 15,000 people whose lives were turned upside down following the recent Nepal earthquakes.

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Despite the second major earthquake to hit the country last week, which measured 7.3 in magnitude, our ShelterBox response teams have been working tirelessly to reach families whose homes have been destroyed or badly damaged.

The teams have been working with fellow aid agencies the Nepal Red Cross Society, the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and Handicap International to help coordinate and distribute supplies of aid.

So far, more than 2,600 shelter kits and almost 500 UN specification tents have been distributed to families in a variety of areas including the capital of Kathmandu, and the districts of Dhading and Sindhupalchok. Each tent will provide vital shelter for a family whose home has been destroyed, while shelter kits contain the vital items to enable families to create temporary shelters and start repairing their damaged homes.

Our teams have been further helped by local volunteers, including people like Rom Singh Basnyal, who has been helping distribute aid to other families despite suffering a great deal of loss after the earthquake.

Rom comes from the village of Pipaldanda in the district of Sindhupalchok, but is currently working as a lawyer in Kathmandu. After the first earthquake took place, he travelled by bus and then on foot for further hour and a half to get back to his hometown. When he arrived, he returned to find his family home destroyed and his mother buried under the rubble.



Rom had to carry his mother's body to a burial spot a few miles away before returning to help other villagers recover the bodies of the dead. It took five days for them to recover all of the people who had been buried in the disaster.

Thankfully, the rest of Rom's family survived and ShelterBox has provided them with a tent to help them shelter from the coming monsoon rains. Rom had walked for an hour and a half from the village through high mountainous terrain to help our response teams load up the first of our trucks travelling to Pipaldanda with tents for the villagers.

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ADVENTURE FOR GOOD

COLORADO, IT'S TIME TO SHOW THE WORLD WHAT WE'RE MADE OF.

Early in the morning on August 8, 2015, while the world is sleeping, we'll be lacing up our hiking boots. We'll strap up, gear up, and hit the trails. Together we will be ascending peaks across the state, attempting to summit all 54 of Colorado's Fourteeners in one day - with the goal of raising money to help end water poverty for fifteen communities in Nicaragua.

If you're an adventure-loving human who craves the crisp alpine air in your lungs, thrives in active community, and strives to have a positive impact in the world,

we want you. *Join us at co54.org.*

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