



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

May 31, 2016



Congratulations to Lauren Nelson. She has completed all of the requirements for the Red Badge and received her Blue Badge at the meeting today.

Rotary Minute: Kent Ostedgarrd gave a summary of RYLA. 6 applications from very qualified applicants were received. Unfortunately, 2 were from individuals that were not yet eligible for RYLA. The Rotary Club of Centennial will be sending 4 individuals to senior RYLA and 2 will be going to junior RYLA.

The following travel gifts were received—a Rosie the Riveter cup, Hersey hazelnut kisses, moose mitts and doll, and UFO stockings.

John Peterson's number was drawn for the blue marble. The prize was \$358.00. No blue marble was selected so the prize rolls over to next week.

Erik Nielsen, Lauren Nelson, and Mark Paller gave their classification talks.

Erik Nielson. He grew up in Nebraska and attended California Lutheran University where he met his future wife. He majored in German. After graduation he joined Flo at Progressive Insurance. From Progressive Erik moved to Bentonville, Arkansas where, with a friend, he started a Happy Feet franchise. This is an organization that teaches soccer to very young kids. He is now married and his wife works at South Suburban Parks and Rec. Recently, he joined the Army National Guard.

Lauren Nelson. Lauren was born in California and moved to Colorado when she was two. She graduated in 09 from Grandview HS. She graduated from Metro State with a degree in Hospitality. Upon graduation she went to work at Wildlife Experience as an event coordinator. After that she worked at Vehicle Vaults in Parker. She is now Catering Sales Manager at Embassy Suites.

Mark Paller. Mark is an original charter member for our club. He was raised in Phoenix and went to Northern Arizona University where he got an accounting degree. He was a marine at Thousand Oaks. He has two daughters, one in New York and another here in Denver. His wife Susan is an elementary school teacher. Mark has obtained seven professional certifications.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 4—SUMMER KICK OFF
BEER SALES, CENTENNIAL
PARK
JUNE 7—RICK SCHMIDT, PRES/
CEO, TIPPING POINT SOLU-
TIONS
JUNE 14—TBD
JUNE 16— SAVOR CENTENNIAL
BEER SALES
JUNE 18—CHANGING OF THE
GUARD AT BYRON KOSTE,
17766 E. JAMISON AVE
JUNE 21—KATHLEEN STAKS,
ASST DIRECTOR OF ENERGY
JUN 28—MEETING IS AT TOP
GOLF
JULY 5—CLUB IS DARK
AUG 12—AREA ASSEMBLY



This past Thursday was the new member orientation. While I have been a member of Rotary for about 15 years, the presentation made at the orientation was new information for even me. Five members were present with presentations made by Mark Garfinkel, Kent Ostergaard, and John McMarty. Great presentations by all.