



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

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Tia Decolati, Sophia's oldest daughter, talked about her experiences this past summer at RYLA. She said the program focused on "who you want to be," instead of who you are. The most memorable thing she learned from RYLA was from one of the guest speakers who said "push pebbles, not mountains." Another speaker was in an avalanche and auto accident and the experiences changed them. A third speaker was a female engineer who talked about being a female engineer in a mans world. Tia felt the experience was very rewarding. Tia wants to study mechanical engineering at the University of Colorado. She is currently a senior at Arapahoe High School. At first she was reluctant to go to RYLA, but she is now making application to be a counselor. She discussed some of the physical activities in which they participated.

Rachel Zing was the second RYLA presenter. Unfortunately, she had an exam at 8 and was unable to present. However, she wrote a letter that Diane read to the club. Rachel was very nervous when she arrived at the camp, but within 15 minutes all nervousness was gone. All were advised that the camp was a judgement free environment. On Tuesday, they learned their true colors—Rachel is orange which means she loves to goof off and have a good time. On Tuesday they were introduced to the matrix which she said was both terrifying and fun. The most significant event was watching the movie the Freedom Writers.

Kent Ostedgaard gave a summary of RYLA activities. YRYLA is held in Larkspur. Our club sponsors two students for this camp. YRYLA is for individuals in 8th grade (apply in 7th grade). RYLA is held in Estes Park and our club sponsors 5 students. RYLA is for students in their junior and senior year of high school (apply in the 10th or 11th grade). Rotary has a new camp in Colorado. It is called RYLA Plus and it is for handicapped children. The camp is open to handicapped children in Districts 5450 and 5440. The camp is held at the Easter Seals Camp near Georgetown. Applications for all camps open in February 15th and runs through April 15th. Individuals interested can make application at RMRYLA.org.



AloSource project this year was the support of No One Left Behind. It is an organization that supports Iraqi and Afghani individuals that have entered this country through a special visa. All of the men in the families were translators for our forces in both countries. As a reward for their service they are being allowed into this country. There are about 110 families now in the Denver area. They are arrive here with just a few dollars and a dream of the United States. Sarah Gallegos, above, gave an update of their activities. Many of the men have gotten jobs at either DIA or with Vestas, a company that makes the blades for wind turbines. They are in need of continuous gifts. See Katherine Henschen if you have gifts or need ideas.

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Allen Jackson visited our club. He is retired USAF.

Travel Gifts:

Sophia brought a bottle of Tequila and an unused coaster.

Santa Clothes is December 7 from 7—8 AM

Holiday Party is December 10 at Byron Kostas house. Bring booze and deserts.

Blue Marble. John Berry was not able to find the elusive Blue Marble.

Keep John Peterson in your thoughts. He had to go back into the hospital.

Rotary International President's Dinner & Polio Plus Fundraiser is January 7, 2017. Cash bar is at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM. RI President John Germ will be speaking. Special guest is Dr. Michel Zaffram, head of Polio Eradication for the World Health Organization (WHO). Registration will open Nov 1 at www.rotary5450.org.

UPCOMING

EVENTS

NOV 29—PERMILLA JOHNSON,
FRIENDS COLORADO DEDICAT-
ED TO THE PREVENTION OF
BULLYING

DEC 6—RUTT BRIDGES, AU-
THOR OF SHIFTING GEARS

**DEC 7—SANTA CLOTHES &
AM**

DEC 10—HOLIDAY PARTY

DEC 13—LEARN ABOUT THE
CENTENNIAL RC WEBSITE -
ROXY HAHN, JOHN PETERSON,
AND ANDRES OSUNA

DEC 20 AND 27—DARK

JAN 10—INTERNATIONAL EX-
PERIENCE— LUCIO TRUBBAS
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