



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

February 21, 2017



Russ Kyncl spoke on the Visions to Do Good, Ben Franklin's Perspective.. Ben Franklin was raised a Puritan in Boston. He only had two years of formal education.

Cotton Mather, an early distinguished citizen of Boston, wrote a book titled "Essays To Do Good." This book came into Ben's possession at an early age and had apparently an effect on Ben. Cotton's son Samuel was involved in the Salem witch trials which kind of tarnished the Mather name. Ben sent Samuel a letter which quoted some of the material in Cotton's book to help Samuel. Quoting from the letter, Ben stated "[the book] gave me such a turn of thinking, as to have an influence on my conduct through life: for I have always set a greater value on the character of a doer of good, than any other kind of reputation; and if I have been, as you seem to think, a useful citizen, the public overs the advantage of it to that book."

In a codicil to his will, Ben stated, "I devote two thousand pounds sterling (\$3,746,000 USD in 2013), of which I give one thousand thereof to the inhabitants of the town of Boston, in Massachusetts, and the other thousand to the inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, in trust, to and for the uses, intents, and purposes herein after mention and declared."

In Boston, this grant created the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology which offers training in the trades. This institute is still operating and providing opportunities for youth.

The money for Philadelphia created a scholarship fund managed by the Philadelphia Foundation, which since 1993 has provided nearly 700 scholarships for young men and women to attain technical degrees.



The club's newest member, Mike Dworak, was inducted. From the bulletin, this is some information about Mike. He is from Nebraska but lived all over the US and overseas. His world has been marketing, media, and development, and basically influential communication through story-telling. He had been married for 46 years. He has three children and two grandchildren.

BEING YOU POLIO + PIGS TO THE MEETING NEXT WEEK FOR COLLECTION.

CLUB BUSINESS

- Ken Hope announced AloSource is meeting weekly.
- The little books is continuing to function though the boxes are in need of repair.
- John McCarty announced the new member orientation will be March 2 and 7 PM at the Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority offices at 7437 E. Fairplay St, Centennial
- Forms were handed out to club member concerning donations to the Rotary Foundation. The form states how much you need to donate to get to the next Paul Harris level. The club foundation will match you give 2 for 1.

2015-2016 Club

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President—Randy Earnest

President Elect—John Berry

Secretary—Mary Alice Jackson

Treasurer—Barbara Medina

Sergeant at Arms—Paul Horiuchi/
John Weksler

Past President—Randy Pye

- Santa Clothes signup starts this next week.
- Luchio will be putting on an Italian dinner on March 18 at the Willow Creek Club House. Cost is \$30 plus a bottle of wine.

Blue Marble—Again there was not a winner. The prize is over \$1700.

Directors

Club Administration—Roxy Hahn

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Andrea Tagtow/Elle Vatterott

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Mike Tagtow

Technology Innovations—John
Peterson

Membership Growth & Enrichment—
Trip Butler

Rotary Foundation—John

UPCOMING

EVENTS

FEB 28—SYDNET BERNZOTT—
ORGANIZING A BONE MARROW
DONOR DRIVE

MARCH 7—PAIGE SCHUSTER—
INTRODUCES A NEW CENTEN-
NIAL BUSINESS

MARCH 14—JONNY GRUS-
ING—A LOOK INTO FBI MISS-
ING CHILDREN INVESTIGA-
TIONS

MARCH 21—MARIE
FORSBERG—PREVENTION OF
BULLING

MARCH 28—ANDRES OSUNA -
CENTENNIAL ANNULA BOARD
REPORT

APRIL 4—GAIL LEHRMANN,
DISTRICT 5450 FOUNDATION
AND POLIO +