



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

February 28, 2017

At the February 21 meeting, Randy Pye gave the invocation which I felt was worthy of including in the newsletter. I forgot to put in last week's newsletter, but it is still appropriate.

Dear Heavenly Father.....

Significant this month of February are the birthdates of two great Presidents whose lives have lived on with the word spoken by Abraham Lincoln when he said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand," something in this current political environmental that perhaps we should ponder. And from his second inaugural, when he stated, "With malice toward none, with charity for all." Perhaps something else we should pause and think about.

Father, We thank you for these indelible words of President Lincoln who stands taller with the test of time and who likewise is revered by people of all nations.

For this part of our history and the food and fellowship as Rotarians we give thanks to you.

Amen.



Sydney Bernzott from the Bonfils Blood Bank spoke on the Bonfils Colorado Marrow Donor Program.

Every 3 minutes a person in the US is diagnosed with a blood cancer—leukemia or lymphoma. Patients may eventually need to look at a transplant as an option.

Dr. Graves of Ft. Collins put together the idea and early network for the donor program. The US Navy and Congress added support in 1980. The donor program started officially in 1987.

Interestingly, with a worldwide registry of over 25 million people, and over 12 million in the US, no one is guaranteed a match. 97% of Caucasians are most likely to find a match. African Americans have about a 70% chance. Other ethnic backgrounds have chances between these extremes.

Donors must be between 18 and 44. They cannot have risks such as heart disease, most cancer histories, bleeding/clotting disorders, major lung conditions, serious back problems, HIV or hepatitis, high BMI, or autoimmune disorders.

Review registration criteria such as commitment, health, and age. People are searchable within 6-8 weeks of registering. There is a 1:40 chance for further testing and a 1:430 chance to complete a donation. Donor selection process usually takes 1-2 months with about 20-40 hours of donor commitment.

Marrow donation is collected by surgery under general anesthesia. Takes about 1-2 hours operating room time. Donors usually discharged after evening rounds or overnight in hospital.

PBSC donation is collected by apheresis. Takes about 5-6 hours to collect, about 8 hours in a hospital or blood center. Donors are compensated for medical, meals, mileage, and travel.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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 OP
BULLING
MARCH 28—ANDRES OSUNA -
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REPORT
APRIL 4—GAIL LEHRMANN,
DISTRICT 5450 FOUNDATION
AND POLIO +



Nora Earnest, Randy's wife, told us her experience with getting a transplant for her Hodgkin's Disease. She was on chemo for 3 years. In 2011 Nora has a second relapse, they considered a stem cell transplant. Her donor was found in Germany, in a town that was in the old East Germany. He had to travel 3 hours to Dresden to donate. The cells were taken directly to the airport and flown directly to Denver.

2 years after the transplant she is in a confirmed remissions.

Five years after the transplant, she and Randy flew to Germany to meet the donor.

GUESTS

Rob Johnson, a Rotarian from Evergreen
Regina Thompson
Sarah Neilson—South Suburban

CLUB BUSINESS

- Dinner with Lucho is moving ahead. It will be \$30/person with a bottle of wine per couple
- Meals on Wheels needs one volunteer for March 31
- Remember the Centennial Foundation matching for the Rotary Foundation.
- April 13—State of the City—Volunteers are needed.

The rotary minute was provided by Jeanne Henschen and she talked about Rotary conventions.

The first convention was in Chicago in 1910. There were 60 attendees. RI Convention have been held in the USA 57 out of the 107 years of conventions. Chicago has hosted the convention 6 times. It has also been held in Atlantic City, NJ 4 times. Denver has hosted the convention 3 times.

The largest convention was in 2004 in Osaka, Japan with 43,381 attendees. Tokyo had 39,834 attendees. The last time Denver hosted the convention was 1966 and there were 12,929 attendees.

Rotary has 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs.

From the Rotary website

“Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change!”