



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

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BUSINESS MINUTE



Trip Butler gave the Business Minute. Trip recently changed jobs and is now working for Sanders and Sons Kitchen and Bath. He is excited with the new firm.

SPEAKER



Today's speaker, Anne Gross, was raised by a mother who had contracted polio at the age of two and was paralyzed from the waste down. Anne has a Ph.D. in psychology from Duke University. She has worked with individuals that have disabilities.

In 1985, after her mother had passed away, Anne received a package from her father. In the package was a collection of journals that her mother had written throughout her life talking about her disease and handicap. Anne didn't do anything with them except put them on a shelf in her basement after she had read them. After her father passed on, Anne and her brother went to the house in Pasadena where they had been raised to close up the house. In every room they looked they found additional journals their mother had written. They also found the outline of a book their mother had planned to write. Anne took the outline and wrote "The Polio Journals".

Anne's mother came down with paralytic polio in 1927 during the epidemic. Her mother was 2 1/2 years old when she contracted polio. It left her paralyzed from the waste down. (Note: There are three different types of polio virus and they affect the body differently for the person who contracts polio.)

When Anne was young, she and her mother went to Pixie Town, a local store. Her mother drove a specially equipped car. They had to park near the store entrance so her mother would not have to travel far in her wheel chair. While in the store, Anne recalled, a little girl looked at them with a look of "why are you in a wheel chair?"

Anne's mother spent a lot of time at Warm Springs, GA, the place founded by Franklin Roosevelt for individuals with polio. Following is a quote from Anne's book about Warm Springs.

"I remember the heady experience of freedom, no longer confined by my braces or wheelchair, no longer confined by my crippledness-a glorious feeling of mastery, of being in full charge of my body which responded magically, miraculously to every motion I wanted to make. Above the water, under the water, in the air as I went diving-flying-from the sitting position on a diving board into my wondrous world of water world. The ecstasy of movement for sake of movement, swift and sure and unfettered."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 5-MAJOR GENERAL JOHN BERRY, UASF (RETIRED), WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES MUSUES, OPENING JULY 2018

JUNE 6-CLUB BOARD MTG 7 AM

JUNE 9-ARAPAHOE LIBRARY DISTRICT OFFICE-BLESSING BAG ASSEMBLY

JUNE 9-SUMMER KICKOFF BEER SALES, CENTENNIAL PARK

JUNE 12-CHIEF JERRY RHODES, SOUTH METRO FIRE DISTRICT

JUNE 19-MARC GARFINKEL

CLUB MAKEUPS:

<http://bestrotary.com/gallery-collections/video-galleries>

www.rotaryclubone.org

Anne's mother became a professional harp-sichordist. She started playing the piano, but being a paraplegic she had no ability to use the pedals on a piano. A harpsichord does not have pedals. She played a Carnegie Hall. She gave up her career after about 40 years.

Many people with polio will develop what is called Post Polio Syndrome after about 30 to 40 years from the initial onset of polio.

Anne's mother, unfortunately, was one who developed post polio syndrome. Some of the symptoms are exhaustion, muscle weakness, and painful joints.

(Note: Many people who have non-paralytic polio can also develop post polio syndrome. The syndrome can cause paralysis, the same as paralytic polio. The polio virus resides in a person's lungs throughout their lives.)

“One thing that made my childhood experiences different from those of others is that my mother has always been paralyzed by polio from the waist down. I never have thought of her as being ‘crippled’-the very word seems foreign and unjust to me. My mother lives a very normal, well adjusted life.

“I, like my mother, felt her paralysis was a shameful thing.”

Shame was the biggest thing Anne felt with her mother being paralyzed.

CLUB BUSINESS

- Jessica Sidener announced a Blessing Bags meeting after the club meeting and there goal is to fill 1,000 blessing bags on June 9 from 9-12. The Millennials will be helping in the distribution of the bags.
- Barb Median announced the Changing of the Guard will be June 23 at her house. It will be catered by Bennett's Bar-B-Q. It will start at 5 PM

- John McCarty announced things are moving ahead with the Madagascar well project. Engineers Without Borders is going to be testing two wells in Madagascar where the pumps have failed. They will be doing a drawdown test, which is necessary for our grand application to Rotary. The failed pumps are going to be replaced but with a different pump design which requires a modification to the well casing. It is hoped our project will come to be in November.

- Tim Eunice announced the going away party for Kevin Heckle will be this Saturday, June 2 from 5-7 at his offices. The offices are at 6675 S Kenton St, Suite 114, Centennial, CO 80111.

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- Erik Nielsen announced the Summer Kickoff beer event is June 9 at the Centennial Park. One spot needs to be filled for the second shift—ID Checker.

TRAVEL GIFTS

- Paul Horiuchi brought a copper bracelet and earrings from Santa Fe, and a wolf hat and gloves from the Wild Life Sanctuary. See picture on next page.
- Anne West brought back items from Greece (bag), England (wedding bouquet tea), and Southern Italy (Trulli house).
- Katherine Henschen brought back a stein from the Indianapolis 500 race.

BLUE MARBLE

For the second week in a row, Ken Hope had his number drawn. For the second week in a row he could not find the marble.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

At 11:30 a.m. on May 29, 1953, Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay, a Sherpa of Nepal, become the first explorers to reach the summit of Mount Everest, which at 29,035 feet above sea level is the highest point on earth. The two, part of a British expedition, made their final assault on the summit after spending a fitful night at 27,900 feet. News of their achievement broke around the world on June 2, the day of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation, and Britons hailed it as a good omen for their country's future.