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News and updates from the president of the Rocky Mountain Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

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WinterFest begins today » The annual Rocky Mountain Conference ski gathering, **WinterFest**, kicks off this evening at the **Silverthorne Pavilion** in Silverthorne, Colo. The event continues through tomorrow evening. For more information on this free event, check out the Youth Department page at rmyouth.org.

[Click here](#) to visit the new Youth Department Facebook page and stay connected with that department all year long!



The Reformation Tour brings many blessings to our pastors » Everyone is back now from the Reformation Tour in Germany. This trip, which was mostly paid for by the pastors and several generous donors, allowed our pastors and office team to

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Upcoming Events

RMC WinterFest
March 1, 2
Copper Mtn. Ski Resort
Silverthorn, Colo.
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Town Hall Meetings

March 30
Wyoming Town Hall
Casper SDA Church

April 6
Metro Town Hall
LifeSource Adventist
Fellowship

April 13

visit the very places where the Reformation was born. It was a thrill to worship on Sabbath together in the Town Church, in Wittenberg, where Martin Luther preached more than 2,000 sermons.

Here is what one of our pastors shared about the trip: "It was a blessing to be in Germany. To be in the places that hold so much history... It was just so inspiring! Father, maybe not like Luther, but would you do something in, with, through me? I'm yours!"

A huge thanks is extended to the donors and to **Don** and **Marti Schneider** who organized and led our tour. It just couldn't have happened without them.

John Sackett accepts new leadership position »

John Sackett, CEO of **Avista Adventist Hospital**, in Louisville, Colo., has accepted an invitation to become the CEO of the **Shady Grove Adventist Hospital** in Rockville, Md. John has been with Avista Adventist Hospital since it opened in 1990. The hospital has thrived under his leadership and has one of the highest patient satisfaction records anywhere!



John also has been a blessing to the Boulder Church, in Colo., his home church, and a supporter of our schools here in the Rocky Mountain Conference. He will be greatly missed! We wish John and his family only the very best as they make this transition.



The Adventist University of Health Sciences-Denver announces an Open House » Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) will hold an open house on the **Porter Adventist Hospital** campus, Mon., **March 4** from **4:00–7:30 p.m.** I encourage anyone who has interest in the healthcare field to come and see the great things ADU is bringing to Denver! In addition to their degreed programs in Radiography and Diagnostic Medical Sonography, ADU also now offers a four-year nursing program as well. [Click here](#) to read their announcement.



Mills Spring Ranch hosts Winter Retreat » Michael

NW Town Hall
Grand Junction SDA Church

April 27
SE Town Hall
Colorado Springs Central
SDA Church

May 4
SW Town Hall
Durango SDA Church

May 18
NE Town Hall
Campion SDA Church

RMC Camp Meeting Dates

Cowboy Camp Meeting
July 11–14
Silver Jack Reservoir
Near Cimarron, Colo.
Contact: [Steve Gillham](#)

Wyoming Camp Meeting
July 16–20
Mills Spring Ranch
Casper, Wyo.
Weldon Treat
Contact: [Weldon Treat](#)

Northeast Colorado Camp Meeting
July 26–27
Campion Academy
Loveland, Colo.
Contact: [Rex Bell](#)

Hispanic Camp Meeting
Aug. 30–Sept. 2
Glacier View Ranch
Ward, Colo.
Contact: [Ruben Rivera](#)

Save the Date

Aug. 11–14
Pastors Meeting at GVR

Sept. 20–22
Men's Retreat

Hopkins, camp manager at **Mills Spring Ranch**, sent in this report of the blessing the February Winter Retreat was, which took place at the Ranch. [Read more.](#)



HMS Richards Adventist School's core values are alive and well on the campus » I received the encouraging article from **Jodie Bell Aakko**, a teacher at HMS Richards Adventist School, who wrote this article with student representatives, **Perrin Logue** and **Jaron Philpott**, about the priorities and values present in their school program. I invite you to read this article and be encouraged by the good things happening in our school. [Read more.](#)

Summit Fellowship Church invites you to programs in March » Two special guests will bless those who attend **Summit Fellowship Church** this



month in Copper Mountain, Colo. On **March 2**, **Chester Clark III** will speak, and on **March 9**, **Brenda Walsh** will speak .
Read more [here](#).

On the road » The Germany trip was such a spiritual blessing to Diane and me. While Martin Luther certainly was not perfect, the courage he had to stand up for the Savior and His Word inspires us to do the same now, in this day and age, for our Lord.



After coming home, I had the privilege to attend the **Adventist Health Systems Mission Conference** in Orlando, Fla. It always encourages me to see the intentionality shown by our hospitals to fulfill their mission to extend the healing ministry of Christ. One highlight was a presentation by **Randy Haffner**, CEO at **Porter Adventist Hospital** in Denver, Colo., and **Dianne McAllister**, chief medical officer at Porter, about their plans to impact the south Denver area with the CREATION Health initiative developed by AHS. The corporate office has given a grant to help out in this extensive project to bring better health to the community.

This Sabbath, Diane and I will head to Silverthorne, Colo., for the **WinterFest** weekend, sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Conference Youth Department. We hope to see many of you there!

Happy Sabbath all!

Elder Gary Thurber

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