

Rotary Rotary Club of Estes Park Spoke

Posted by Guy Van der Werf

Nehemiah Gateway founder to speak March 9

Nehemiah Gateway was founded to help and empower people to sustainably shape and determine their lives in dignity and independence.

Arnold Geiger, founder and managing director of Nehemiah Gateway, will speak at the Rotary Club of Estes Park on Thursday, March 9, at their regular noon meeting. Nehemiah Gateway is an international aid organization motivated to positively and sustainably improve the situation and living conditions of people in need.



Arnold Geiger, Nehemiah Gateway

Following several relief-goods transports and humanitarian missions to various countries including Sudan, Eritrea, Malawi, Ethiopia, Russia, Rumania, Turkey and Iran, Geiger with his wife and 5 children moved to Albania in 1991 to actively and sustainably invest in the long-term development of that society. While there, a multitude of projects and services came into being: emergency aid, spiritual support, medical and social aid, and educational institutions from kindergarten to university.

Geiger was awarded the German Federal Cross of Merit (Bundesverdienstkreuz) for his multifaceted commitment in 2008. On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Nehemiah Gateway in Albania, he received the "Mother Teresa" award, honoring his outstanding achievements for the country of Albania.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are 1.2 million Rotary members in 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary clubs have been serving communities worldwide for more than a century. Rotary clubs around the world initiate projects that address critical issues such as conflict resolution, hunger, poverty, disease and illiteracy.

March 9 Duty Roster

Invocation:

Doug Mann

Song & Pledge:

Dave Evans

Guest Intro:

Pete Sumey

Scribe:

Dana Fritz

Greeter:

Gregg Jurgens

Program Intro:

Doug Mann

March 16 Duty Roster

Invocation:

Chuck Bonza

Song & Pledge:

Dave Evans

Guest Intro:

Jay Harroff

Scribe:

Madison Casey

The Rotary Club of Estes Park meets Thursdays at the Rodeway Inn in Estes Park, 1701 North Lake Avenue on Highway 34 just west of Dry Gulch Road. Visitors interested in learning more about Rotary and its programs are welcome to attend. Buffet is served at 11:30 a.m., the Rotary business meeting opens at noon, and the program begins at 12:30 p.m.

Posted by Rita DuChateau

Salute to Americana: time to buy your tickets!

Salute to Americana promises to be an exciting two-night show on Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8. As a Rotarian you can support the show through sponsorship and purchasing tickets. This is one of two major fundraisers for our scholarship fund. It's been redesigned into two separate shows, so you will want to attend both. Held at The Stanley Hotel's Music Hall, it will **"wow"** our guests and raise our club's profile as a community service organization. Be a part of its success.

Ticket information: \$20 in advance, \$30 in advance for both show package; \$25 at the door. For more information on sponsorship, see [Phil Moenning](#).

When: 7 p.m. Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8

Where: The Stanley Hotel Concert Hall

Who: Six groups on Friday night, Brad Fitch and his TropiCowboy Band on Saturday night

Why: Scholarship Fundraiser

Wow: Bluegrass, Folk, Country and Western celebration of American music

Friday performers - feature #4 - Reintarnation

Tom Thomas: Guitar and vocals

Greg Glasgow: Bass and vocals

Jeff Tulley (filling in for Greg Miles): Banjo and vocals

Garth Lewis: Mandolin and vocals



Reintarnation

Reintarnation describes the process by which you are reborn....as a hillbilly. The group was formed about 15 years ago, When Tom and Garth invited Greg Miles and Greg Glasgow to one of their get-togethers. The four members soon became friends and discovered a mutual love of traditional bluegrass music. Within a few years, they were performing at weddings, parties and at local venues like Performance Park, Mary's Lake Lodge, and The Rock Inn. Even though the band has experienced international fame and made millions of dollars performing bluegrass music in the Estes Valley,

Greeter:

Kerrie Hill

Program Intro:

Ron Gordon

Upcoming Events

Golf Tournament Committee

The Egg and I

Mar 07, 2017

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Club Board Meeting

Wasson Room, Library

Mar 07, 2017

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Duck Race Committee Meeting

Nicky's Restaurant

Mar 09, 2017

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Foundation Board Meeting

Quality Inn

Mar 16, 2017

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

Salute to Americana

The Stanley Hotel

Apr 07, 2017 7:00 PM

Salute to Americana

The Stanley Hotel

Apr 08, 2017 7:00 PM

Speakers

Mar 09, 2017

Arnold Geiger

Capacity Building thru Education
Around the World

Mar 16, 2017

Laura Case

Estes Thrives

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

they still find time to do regular day jobs. Tom is a realtor at First Colorado and a contractor specializing in remodels. Greg Miles, an accomplished watercolor artist, owns and operates The Studio, a fine arts gallery and custom frame shop. Garth Lewis is flooring specialist, who owns and operates Park Flooring in Estes Park. Greg Glasgow specializes in retail sales of outdoor gear and works at The Mountain Shop. Playing the banjo on April 7 in lieu of Greg Miles is Jeff Tulley, from the Estes Park suburb of Allenspark. Jeff is a highly skilled craftsman and does general carpentry in Allenspark and the Estes Valley.

Posted by Pete Sumey

March 2 Meeting Highlights



Invocation by Bill Smith. Song and Pledge by Dave Evans. Guest Introductions were performed by Karen McClure Visiting Rotarians: None. Guests: Christine Porta attended a Rotary Meeting for the first time. A friend of speaker Dick Life attended. President Thor welcomed back Jay Harroff, Bob Brunson, and Lee Lasson.

Announcements

- Big Duck Gregg Jurgens announced the meeting to distribute duck sponsor forms would be today at 5:00 at US Bank. Gregg also had new race buttons to pass out. Distribution packets assembly will be after the meeting at Duck Central.
- Sue Fereday read a letter from our outbound Rotary exchange student in France, Ted Dumont.
- Phil Moenning asked the club members to participate in the Salute to Americana fundraiser as sponsors.
- Tara Moenning explained that music show sponsors would be contributing to the Foundation Scholarship Fund. She announced that the spring Shred-A-Thon would be held on April 22 in the parking area at Presbyterian Community Church on Brodie. Electronic equipment could also be dropped off.
- Thor and Ward Nelson showed a video honoring Bob Brunson as a WWII veteran during half time at a Denver Nuggets game. It was a special presentation.
- Thor asked guest Christine Porta to tell us a little about herself. She and her husband moved to Estes Park in 2013 and purchased the Old Harvest House.
- Thor asked the club to remember former member Jim Cope who now lives in Virginia and is fighting cancer

Happy Money

- Randy Skeie is glad that Dick Life is with us today as our speaker.
- Rob Ludlum is glad Bob Brunson is back with us after heart surgery. Rob mentioned that the mysterious red mark on his cheek is a rug burn. Don't ask.
- Madison Casey announced that the Music Festival on Sunday would feature a Russian Artist.
- Gatekeeper Wayne Andersen said that he was two meal tickets short last week and two tickets long this week, so

Member Birthdays

Bruce Brown
March 15

Dave Evans
March 25

Anne Slack
March 28

Karen McClure
April 5

Lee Machin
April 11

Jim Austin
April 20

Trudy Collar
April 21

David Tavel
April 25

Bruce Carmichael
April 28

Anniversaries

Bruce Carmichael
Lindi
March 26

Guy Van der Werf
Leslie
April 5

Karen Thompson
Scott Thompson
April 16

Scott Thompson
Karen
April 16

Peter Sinnott
Stephanie
April 20

Dick Broman
Marjorie
April 21

Harry Livingston
Mary

all is well. That's a relief.

Program

Guy Van der Werf made an elaborate introduction of speaker Dick Life for his program on "Understanding Russian Leaders". Dick claimed that this would be his eighth or ninth time speaking to our group, and his presentation was just as interesting and informative as all of the others.

Adjournment

President Thor closed the meeting with the quote of the day and the Four Way Test.

Submitted by Pete Sumey, Scribe



Posted by Rita DuChateau

We're off! Duck Race sales underway

Representatives of the charities have collected their adoption forms, posters are going up, and buttons are appearing everywhere, so it's time to sell, sell, sell. The 2017 Estes Park Rotary Duck Race sales campaign has officially begun.

The 29th Annual Estes Park Rotary Duck Race on Saturday, May 6 will include music, family activities, food, a 5K and fun run, and the all-important drop of thousands of yellow plastic ducks that race down the Fall River.

The process is simple: adopt a duck online for \$21 at epduckrace.org or <https://www.facebook.com/EPDuckRace> or for \$20 from a representative of any of the 68 charities and groups that are asking for support. Charities will receive \$19 of every adoption form they sell in the largest fundraiser in the Estes Valley.

"We had a great turnout at Distribution Night, and our charities have launched sales for the 2017 Estes Park Rotary Duck Race," Gregg 'Big Duck' Jurgens said. "It's always a great event because the energy of the organizations propels our ducks to the finish line."



As part of the March 2 kick-off for charities, Mayor Todd Jirsa bought the first adoption form of the 2017 race. Within minutes, online sales launched.

Beneficiaries may turn in batches of sold adoption forms and cash on Thursdays, March 30, April 6, April 13, April 20 and April 27 between noon and 5 p.m. Duck Central's 2017 location is 541 Big Thompson Ave. Unit C, next to Village Pizza in Lower Stanley Village in Estes

April 23

Join Date

Bruce Carmichael

March 5, 2009
8 years

Karol Rinehart

March 5, 2015
2 years

Lee Lasson

March 13, 2003
14 years

Madison Casey

March 16, 2006
11 years

Dick Broman

March 19, 2009
8 years

Rita DuChateau

March 21, 2013
4 years

Dave Evans

March 22, 2007
10 years

Bob Brunson

March 27, 2003
14 years

Earl Matson

March 28, 1996
21 years

Gladys Van Drie

April 3, 1997
20 years

Mike Connolly

April 3, 2008
9 years

Rene Moquin

April 4, 2013
4 years

Peter Sinnott

April 5, 2007
10 years

David Tavel

Park.

Duck Race questions? Call Duck Central at 970-480-5002 or email DuckRace@RotaryClubofEstesPark.org

Rotary Quote of the Week

"At the club level, we need men and women of all backgrounds, ages, cultures, and professions; internationally, we need clubs in every city, country, and region of the world. The better our clubs reflect their communities, the better we can serve them. Our diversity is our strength."

-John F. Germ, 2016-17 President, Rotary International



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April 10, 2000
17 years

Gregg Jurgens

April 14, 2011
6 years

Trudy Collar

April 16, 2015
2 years

Chuck Bonza

April 25, 2008
9 years

Dale Bonza

April 25, 2008
9 years

Philip Moenning

April 25, 2008
9 years

Scott Thompson

April 25, 2008
9 years

Tara Moenning

April 25, 2008
9 years

Virgil Yarbrough

April 28, 2016
1 year

A vertical stack of four promotional banners. The top banner is for Russell-Hampton Co. Quality Lapel Pins, featuring two Rotary logos. The second banner is for National Awards & Club Supplies, featuring a Rotary logo and a gold award. The third banner is for Sage Credit Card Processing that Gives Back!, featuring the Sage logo and a Rotary logo. The bottom banner is for downloading the ClubRunner Mobile App, featuring a smartphone displaying the app and a Rotary logo.