



# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

### Upper Thompson Sanitation District This is Home. We Treat it Right.

Our program this week will be held in person, but a Zoom link will be provided. Click on the link below to be admitted.

Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>

*Please remember to mute yourself unless you want to speak.*

#### **Rotary Weekly Luncheon**

**Place:** American Legion

**Time:** Lunch served from 11:30 - 12:00

**Cost:** \$15

**Parking:** American Legion and the church only.



*Chris Bieker, District Manager*



*Suzanne Jurgens, Assistant District Manager*



*Matt Allen, Operations Manager*

District Manager, Chris Bieker is a 42-year full-time resident of Estes Park and has been employed at Upper Thompson Sanitation District for 34 years. During his long tenure at the District, he has performed every function at the facility with an emphasis on wastewater treatment operations. He has managed catastrophic infrastructure losses and flood recovery, navigated pandemics, and most recently wildfire complications, and still loves rolling his sleeves up and delivering one of Estes Park's most essential services. He considers his next two years to be his most critical and difficult challenge with the design and construction of a new water reclamation facility and lift stations.

Suzanne Jurgens began serving Upper Thompson Sanitation District in 2014 as Financial Officer and was promoted to Assistant District Manager in 2020.

Beginning in 2012 Matt Allen served the Upper Thompson Sanitation District in the Collection Department as an Operator, and was subsequently promoted to Foreman, and Superintendent. In 2021 Matt was promoted to Operations Manager overseeing operations of the Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection Department.

### Update by President Jim Whiteneck

Announcements:

#### **April 14 Duty Roster**

**Invocation:** Madison Casey

**Song & Pledge:** Jim Whiteneck

**Guest Intro:** Scott Thompson

**Scribe:** Madison Casey

**Greeter:** Scott Thompson

**Program Intro:** Dennis Gellhaus

#### **April 21 Duty Roster**

**Invocation:** Gregg Jurgens

**Song & Pledge:** Jim Whiteneck

**Guest Intro:** Scott Thompson

**Scribe:** Pete Sumeay

**Greeter:** Karen Thomson

**Program Intro:** Dennis Gellhaus

#### **Upcoming Events**

##### Foundation Board Meeting

Quality Inn  
Apr 14, 2022  
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

##### Golf Committee Meeting

Elkhorn Law Office  
Apr 14, 2022  
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM

##### Spring Cleanup

Apr 30, 2022  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

##### Duck Race 2022

Nicky's/Riverside Plaza  
May 07, 2022  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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#### **Speakers**

Apr 14, 2022

Exciting things are continuing to happen at the Club the spring!

- Your Club members on the Scholarship Committee will begin evaluating applicants for the Rotary Scholarships we will present in May.
- Our Golf Committee Club members will have their inaugural meeting on April 14th prior to the Club meeting.
  - They will begin working on our Rotary Golf Tournament for June.
  - The event will raise money to help pay for next year's scholarships.
- Everyone who wants to help with our Community Cleanup Project on April 30, sign up at the Club meeting Thursday or let our Community Service Chair, Beth Weisberg, know of your interest.
  - (Yes, Beth is very busy helping Estes Valley become a better place!)

I'll look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday!

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## April 7, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Jim Whiteneck called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.  
 President Whiteneck led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
 Dennis Gellhaus gave the Invocation.  
 Madison Casey led the song "Take Me Out to the Ball Game".  
 Jack Boatman was The Greeter

### Guests of Rotarians:

Jim Whiteneck introduced Jim Jonell.  
 Ben Van der Werf introduced Josh Masters.  
 Dennis Gelhaus introduced Tom Chapel and his wife, Donna.  
 Jim Whiteneck introduced Tera & Phil Moennings' guests Stephanie & John Hearty.

### Announcements:

- Jim Whiteneck said Karol Rinehart was passing around a clipboard with volunteer opportunities.
- Greg Jurgens said there was a "Duck Sorting" party at the Quality Inn after the meeting today.
- Jim Whiteneck announced there was a Duck Race Committee meeting at 5pm by Zoom today.
- Anne Slack announced that
  - more volunteers are still needed to make calls for prize donations from local businesses
  - try to get donation forms submitted by Monday April 11th so that the merchant would be advertised in EP News Friday, April 15th edition.
- Ron Gordon announced that our Club had raised \$17,246 for the Ukrainian Relief Fund.
- Chuck added that he had been following the Rotary Club activities near Ukraine
  - He gave a nice report on the relief efforts in Moldova, Romania, and Poland.
- Jim Whiteneck added
  - the Trail Ridge Quilters and EP Quilt Guild are making and selling potholders for Ukrainian Relief and have raised \$145 so far.
  - the Golf Tournament will be held on June 18 to raise scholarship money.
  - a new date for President's Night would be set
  - we still need a volunteers for the President Elect and Club Secretary positions
  - and a volunteer is needed to assist with the club web site.

### Mel Rueppel, Sergeant-At-Arms, fined everyone

- \$2.00 if they were not wearing their badge
- \$5 if they had not bought a duck yet
- He also fined everyone that guessed that a "Black Mamba" was anything other than the women's group called Anti-Poaching Unit in Africa.

### Bill Smith told a funny joke.

### Happy Money:

- Ron Gordon was happy for Bill's joke and beard.
- Jim Austin was happy to be back from Arizona.
- Scott Robbins was happy to see Jim Jonell again.

### [Chris Bieker](#)

Upper Thompson Sanitation  
 Reclamation Facility

Apr 21, 2022

### [Billy Jivetti](#)

Community Health Center West  
 Kenya

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## Birthdays, Anniversaries

### Member Birthdays

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#### **Karen McClure**

April 5

#### **Lee Machin**

April 11

#### **Jim Austin**

April 20

#### **Tara Moenning**

May 3

#### **Tom Anderson**

May 10

#### **Rob Cohen**

May 14

#### **Sue Fereday**

May 17

#### **Jack Boatman**

May 18

#### **Brad Rosenbaum**

May 22

#### **Dmitri Galcovski**

May 24

#### **Gladys Van Drie**

May 24

#### **Scott Thompson**

May 27

#### **Karen Thompson**

May 28

### Anniversaries

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#### **Guy Van der Werf**

Leslie

April 5

#### **Karen Thompson**

**Scott Thompson**

April 16

#### **Scott Thompson**

**Karen**

April 16

#### **Peter Sinnott**

**Program:**

Dennis Gellhaus introduced Donna Chapel, who was a tax and accounting specialist and, upon retiring has been involved in many nonprofit boards including the Rotary Club of Fort Collins. She and her husband, Tom, visited Rwanda and Tanzania on a two-week African safari in August 2018. She gave a video presentation on all the animals they saw, including the baboons in Rwanda and a multitude of animals in Tanzania including the "cats" (lions, tigers and leopards), zebras, rhinos, cheetahs, giraffes, elephants, hippopotamus, water buffalos. They were very pleased with their tour company, "And Beyond", who organized all their accommodations, meals, and guides.



*Donna Chapel*

**Adjournment:**

President Whiteneck adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm with the 4-Way Test.

*Pete Sumei and Gail Corrigan, scribes*



## Rotary Magazine Article April 2022

### Contributions to the Ukraine count toward a Paul Harris Award.

This article is here courtesy of Ron Gordon who said  
" this catastrophe in Ukraine warrants all the attention we can illicit.  
This is how Hitler conducted his WWII campaign, and the world said "Never Again!"

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CREATES CHANNEL FOR DIRECT HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN UKRAINE REGION

In response to the deepening humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, The Rotary Foundation has created an official channel for Rotary members around the world to contribute funds to support the relief efforts underway by Rotary districts and has designated its Disaster Response Fund as the main avenue for contributions:

- Now through **30 June 2022**, designated Rotary districts that border Ukraine and the Rotary district in Ukraine may apply for grants of up to \$50,000 each from the Disaster Response Fund. These expedited disaster response grants can be used to provide relief to refugees or other victims of the crisis, including items such as water, food, shelter, medicine, and clothing.
- Also through **30 June**, other impacted Rotary districts that wish to offer support to refugees or other victims of the crisis in their district can apply for \$25,000 grants from the Disaster Response Fund.
- Now through **30 April 2022**, Rotary districts can transfer unallocated District Designated Funds (DDF) to the Disaster Response Fund, directly supporting these Ukraine-specific humanitarian grants.
- Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund in support of Ukraine can be made at [my.rotary.org/disaster-response-fund](http://my.rotary.org/disaster-response-fund). All funds need to be received into the Disaster Response Fund by **30 April 2022** in order to qualify for use in support of the Ukrainian relief efforts.
- Although the Disaster Response Fund will be the main avenue for Rotary Foundation support, Rotary and Rotaract clubs are also encouraged to create their own responses to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

In addition to providing support through the Disaster Response Fund, the Foundation is coordinating with partners and regional leaders, exploring effective solutions to the increased humanitarian needs:

- We are in contact with the International Rescue Committee and UNHCR, the United Nations refugee agency, to prepare our response to the needs of those being displaced within Ukraine and to neighboring countries.
- ShelterBox, our project partner for disaster response, is in communication with Rotary members in Central Europe to explore how it can offer assistance with temporary transitional housing and essential supplies.
- The Rotary Action Group for Refugees, Forced Displacement, and Migration is also mobilizing its resources to assist in this crisis.

Visit My Rotary and follow Rotary on social media to stay updated on how clubs can get involved.

For more information, please contact the Rotary Support Center at [rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org](mailto:rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org).

**Stephanie**

April 20

**Harry Livingston**

**Mary**

April 23

**Virgil Holtgrewe**

**Carol**

May 8

**Madison Casey**

**Marty Yochum**

May 20

**Dennis Gellhaus**

**Robbie**

May 21

**Pete Sumei**

**Lois**

May 23

**Dave Evans**

**Karen McClure**

May 27

**Karen McClure**

**David Evans**

May 27

**Kathy Groesbeck**

**Alan Groesbeck**

May 28

**Tom Anderson**

**Kathleen**

May 28

*Join Date*

**Gladys Van Drie**

April 3, 1997

25 years

**Mike Connolly**

April 3, 2008

14 years

**Peter Sinnott**

April 5, 2007

15 years

**Gregg Jurgens**

April 14, 2011

11 years

**Carl Robicheaux**

April 18, 2019

3 years

**Bill Solms**

April 21, 2016

6 years

**Chuck Bonza**

April 25, 2008

14 years

## Merchant Prize Collection Volunteers

*thank you volunteers*

Prize donations are pouring in thanks to all your efforts.  
You are so appreciated.  
Let's see if we can top 400 prizes.

## Greeter Sign Up Schedule

April 14.	Scott Thompson
April 21.	Karen Thompson
April. 28.	Phil Moenning
May 5.	Wayne Newsom
May 12.	Carl Robicheaux
May 19.	Scott Robbins
May 26.	Pete Sumey
June 2.	Jim Austin
June 9.	Ben Van der Werf

## Sorting Ducks for the Duck Race Thursday afternoon, April 7, 2022 It was Windy and Cold!



*Rotarians at work sorting 7000 ducks into groups of 500 little ducks per garbage can  
Tom Chapel found duck #1 !*

## Spring Clean Up Day Saturday, April 30, 2022 9 AM



It's Spring Clean Up time again!

Over the winter a lot of trash and debris collects along our roads, in trees and bushes, around our lakes, and along the river.

Many volunteers are needed to assist in the annual cleanup of our Town in preparation for the Duck Race, to create a safer environment, and to beautify our community for residents and visitors.

Mark your calendars for the morning of Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to noon to help with this effort, a collaboration of the Town of Estes Park, the Rotary Club of Estes Park, the Estes Valley Recreation and Parks Department, and Atlas Disposal.

Groups and volunteers are asked to meet at 9 am at the east side of the Visitor's Center for instructions, route assignments, and distribution of orange bags.

Watch for another article with more information to follow.

You may contact Tara Moenning at [tara@aspenbrookinvestments.com](mailto:tara@aspenbrookinvestments.com) if you have questions.

## Do You Know Anyone for RYLA

**Dale Bonza**  
April 25, 2008  
14 years

**Philip Moenning**  
April 25, 2008  
14 years

**Scott Thompson**  
April 25, 2008  
14 years

**Tara Moenning**  
April 25, 2008  
14 years

**Wayne Andersen**  
May 25, 2000  
22 years

**Lee Machin**  
May 31, 1973  
49 years

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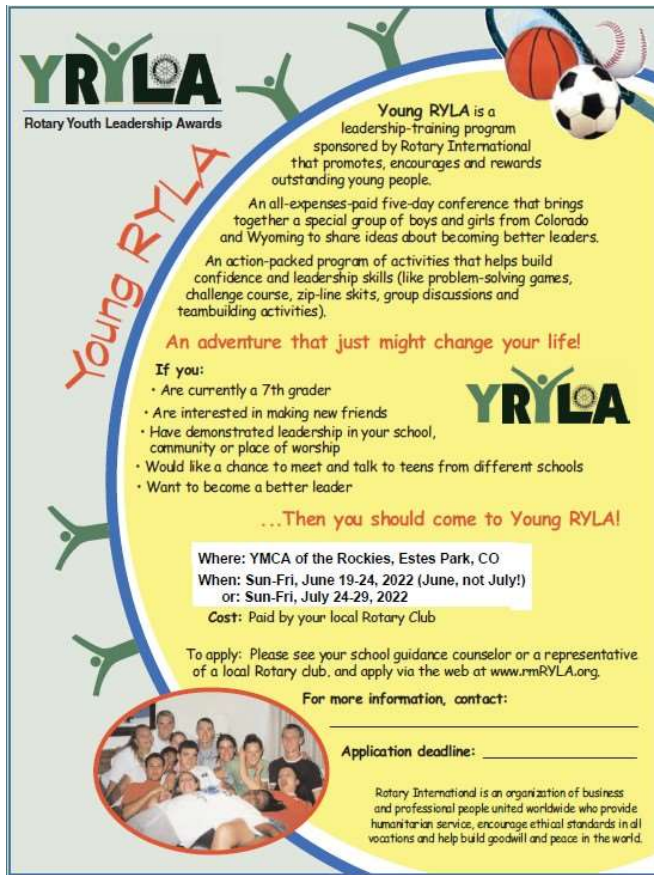
Membership Director  
[Anne Slack](#)

## Foundation Officers/Directors

President



## Rotary Youth Leadership Awards



**YRYLA**  
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

**Young RYLA** is a leadership-training program sponsored by Rotary International that promotes, encourages and rewards outstanding young people.

An all-expenses-paid five-day conference that brings together a special group of boys and girls from Colorado and Wyoming to share ideas about becoming better leaders.

An action-packed program of activities that helps build confidence and leadership skills (like problem-solving games, challenge course, zip-line skits, group discussions and teambuilding activities).

**An adventure that just might change your life!**

**If you:**

- Are currently a 7th grader
- Are interested in making new friends
- Have demonstrated leadership in your school, community or place of worship
- Would like a chance to meet and talk to teens from different schools
- Want to become a better leader

**...Then you should come to Young RYLA!**

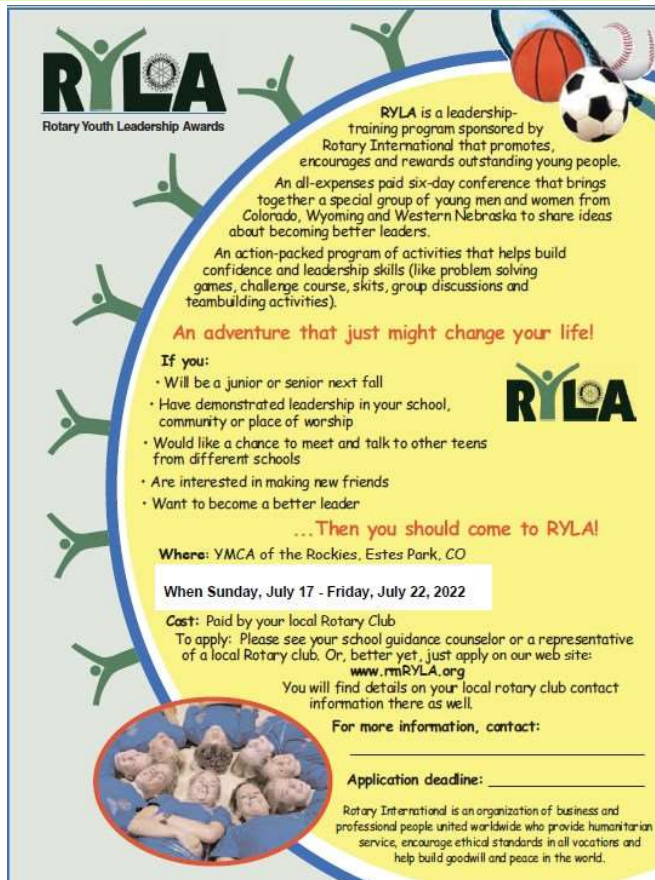
**Where:** YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO  
**When:** Sun-Fri, June 19-24, 2022 (June, not July!)  
 or: Sun-Fri, July 24-29, 2022  
**Cost:** Paid by your local Rotary Club

To apply: Please see your school guidance counselor or a representative of a local Rotary club, and apply via the web at [www.rmRYLA.org](http://www.rmRYLA.org).

**For more information, contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application deadline:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**If you:**

- Will be a junior or senior next fall
- Have demonstrated leadership in your school, community or place of worship
- Would like a chance to meet and talk to other teens from different schools
- Are interested in making new friends
- Want to become a better leader

**...Then you should come to RYLA!**

**Where:** YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO

**When** Sunday, July 17 - Friday, July 22, 2022

**Cost:** Paid by your local Rotary Club

To apply: Please see your school guidance counselor or a representative of a local Rotary club. Or, better yet, just apply on our web site: [www.rmRYLA.org](http://www.rmRYLA.org)

You will find details on your local rotary club contact information there as well.

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