



# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

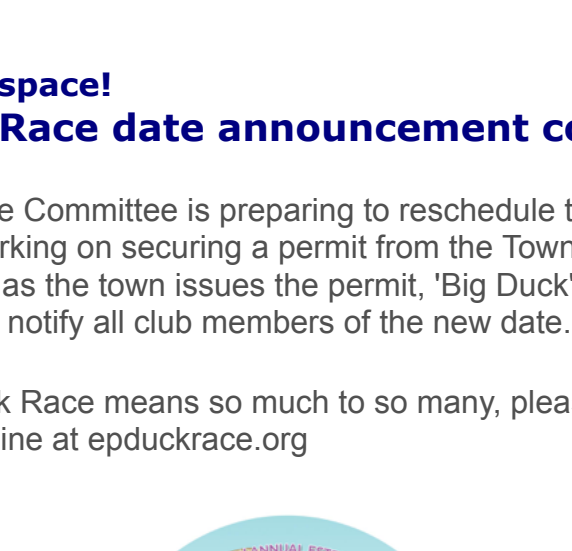
### Welcome to our Club!

We meet Thursdays at 12:00 PM  
Nicky's Steakhouse  
1350 Fall River Rd.  
Estes Park, CO 80517  
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### Happy Easter! Stay Well!

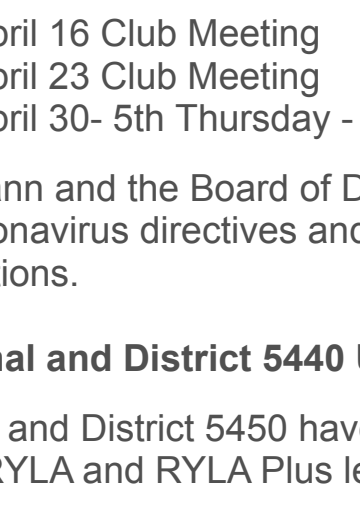


### Watch this space!

#### Duck Race announcement coming

The Duck Race Committee is preparing to reschedule the event and is currently working on securing a permit from the Town of Estes Park. As soon as the town issues the permit, 'Big Duck' Karen Thompson will notify all club members of the new date.

The 2020 Duck Race means so much to so many, please adopt your duck today online at [epduckrace.org](http://epduckrace.org)



### New cancellations aim to to keep all safe

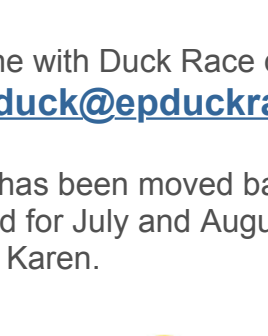
In compliance with state and local guidelines to curb transmission of the Coronavirus, the Club Board of Directors has voted to cancel the following meetings:

- Thursday, April 16 Club Meeting
- Thursday, April 23 Club Meeting
- Thursday, April 30- 5th Thursday - no meeting

President Doug Mann and the Board of Directors will review current Coronavirus directives and inform you of any additional cancellations.

#### Rotary International and District 5440 Updates

- District 5440 and District 5450 have canceled RYLA and Young RYLA and RYLA Plus leadership camps for youth.
- Rotary International has canceled the June 6-10 International Convention in Honolulu.
- District 5440 has canceled the May 29-30 District Conference.
- District 5440 has canceled the May 28 Foundation Dinner.



### Times of trouble don't stop Rotarians

Are you in need of help? President Doug Mann is reaching out to club members who may need assistance during this time of Shelter in Place, Social Distancing, and anxiety about the Coronavirus.

"I would like for anyone who is having difficulties or problems of any kind during this challenging time to call me," he said. Doug's cell # is (815) 519-8833.

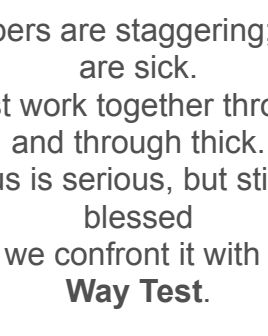
"We will try to help you get through this," Doug added. "Please know you are not alone. Your club can help. Rotarians will be there for you!"

### Duck Race Committee Update

There will be **NO Duck Race Committee meeting on April 16**. Our next committee meeting will be **Thursday, May 14 at 5 p.m.** Location (physical or virtual) to be announced later.

Big Duck asks that anyone with Duck Race questions contact her at **970-590-9942** or [bigduck@epduckrace.org](mailto:bigduck@epduckrace.org).

Duck Central equipment has been moved back into storage until a new location can be found for July and August. Anyone with ideas on a location should contact Karen.



### Coronavirus and the 4-Way Test

This poem was submitted by Pete Sumey, who received it from former club member Robert Burkhardt. Robert's twin brother, Ross, penned it for his Las Cruces, NM Rotary Club.

#### COVID-19 and THE FOUR-WAY TEST

As Rotarians, we genuinely care about others –  
Our families, our friends, our sisters and brothers.  
We're now in an age of compelled social distance,  
Intended to foster COVID-19 resistance.

The numbers are staggering; too many are sick.  
We must work together through thin and through thick.  
This virus is serious, but still we feel blessed  
Because we confront it with our **Four-Way Test**.

Is it the Truth? Unfortunately, yes.  
The Coronavirus is a huge global mess.  
It's taxing health systems all over the earth;  
We praise first responders and honor their worth.

Is it Fair to All Concerned? My goodness, no.  
It's a pandemic virus, an implacable foe.  
But as we fight back, with vim and with verve,  
We're making some progress in flattening the curve

Will it Build Good Will and Better Friendships? We know that it has, as everyone can see.  
It brings out the best when we share with persistence  
In gestures of kindness, support and assistance.

Rotarians are doing their part every day –  
Stay at home, wash your hands, help the needy – okay?  
How long will it last? Too long, but ask yourself,  
"Isn't our Rotary motto 'Service above Self'?"

Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned? Watching Rotarians in action, I've learned  
That we answer the call, we rise to the task –  
We do what is needed, even wearing a mask.

Do what you can, but at a safe distance.  
Do not endanger another's existence.  
Rotarians will rise to the challenge, I attest,  
Inspired to serve to others through our **Four-Way Test**.

By Ross M. Burkhardt - April 4, 2020

Posted by Jack Boatman

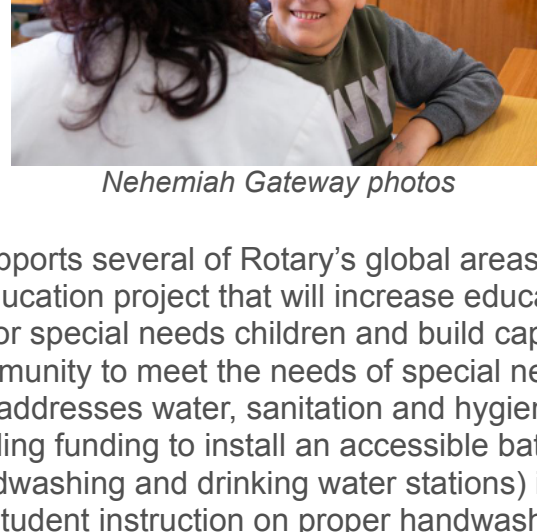
### R.I. approves our club's global grant Cooperative effort will staff children's center

We may be in "stay at home" mode in Estes Park, but our Rotary Club is still active serving others. Our club recently received approval for a global grant from the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International to support a new Children's Learning Center in Pogradec, Albania.

The Rotary Club of Estes Park, The Rotary Club of Estes Park Foundation, the Pogradec Albania Rotary Club, and Nehemiah Gateway are working together on this global grant project.

Pogradec is a city of 37,000 people in southeastern Albania. Albania is one of the poorest countries in Europe, with about 34 percent of the overall population living poverty. In rural areas and among marginalized groups such as people with disabilities, the rate is much higher. The education system in Albania offers very little support for children with special needs; in Pogradec, lack of services means that close to 100 percent of children with special needs are never able to attend school, and reach adulthood with limited options for dignified and independent living.

This project will help more children with disabilities receive the support they need to thrive in school. The nonprofit organization Nehemiah Gateway (NG) has helped thousands of people living in poverty in Albania since 1991, offering medical and social aid to people in need, and education for people for whom the public education system is inaccessible. This includes significant work with children with disabilities. NG has raised funds to add a new Children's Learning Center to its current clinical space, addressing a significant community need that it cannot meet with existing staff and facilities. This Center, consisting of two therapy classrooms connected by a shared waiting room and restroom, will be staffed by a team of nurses and specialists.



Nehemiah Gateway photos

The project supports several of Rotary's global areas of focus. It is primarily an education project that will increase education opportunities for special needs children and build capacity in the Pogradec community to meet the needs of special needs children. Additionally, it addresses water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) goals by including funding to install an accessible bathroom (including handwashing and drinking water stations) in the center, and staff and student instruction on proper handwashing and hygiene.

The cost of the global grant project is \$35,000. The Rotary Club of Estes Park and the Rotary Club of Estes Park Foundation both contributed \$2,500. Nehemiah Gateway provided \$5,000 in matching funds. The 19th global grant project will receive \$10,000 in matching funds from District 5440 and \$15,000 in matching funds from The Rotary Foundation.

Nehemiah Gateway has raised the funds needed to build the two therapy classrooms. The Rotary funds will primarily be used to support teacher training and personnel costs for the first year of operation. After that, Nehemiah Gateway will cover all ongoing operational costs.

The global grant project continues our club's connection with Nehemiah Gateway and the Pogradec, Albania area. Our club donations, along with district matching funds, financially supported a summer camp in this area of Albania in 2018 and 2019 and will be again in the summer of 2020. The camp provides a safe place for low income children to learn and grow during a time when school is out, and when many children are forced into begging and trash collecting.

### Club donates to COVID-19 emergency fund

The Rotary Club of Estes Park Board of Directors has voted to make a \$1,000 contribution to Estes Park Health Foundation's special fund to support the COVID-19 response at Estes Park Health. This fund was recently established to help with the hospital's work to obtain additional personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff, care for the uninsured, acquire equipment, upgrade facilities, and other needs that may arise.

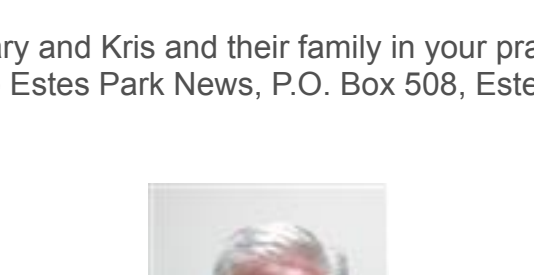
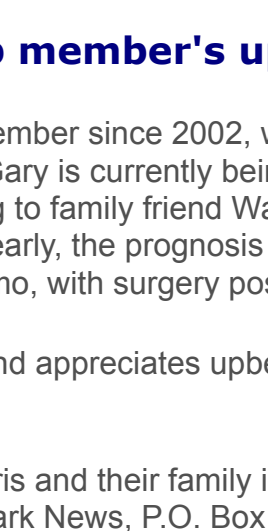
The most pressing need is to outfit four patient rooms with negative pressure systems. Negative pressure will prevent air from the room of an infected patient from escaping out into the building to infect other patients or staff. This project will cost \$45,000 to complete.

"This pandemic has impacted us all, through illness of friends and family in other areas, social restrictions that limit our interactions and travel, increased anxiety, unemployment, and economic fears," said Kevin Mullin, executive director of the Estes Park Health Foundation. "Our town is preparing for the threat caused by COVID-19, and our hospital foundation is pleased to support this preparedness."

A generous Rotarian has agreed to match the club's \$1,000 contribution to the COVID-19 fund. Additionally, this Rotarian also will match club members' contributions up to a maximum of \$5,000.

"The Rotary Club of Estes Park's history of supporting local needs is a hallmark of this group. The Estes Park Health Foundation very much appreciates this grant," Mullin said. "The additional pledge of a club member to match donations will multiply the club's generosity and help the foundation to reach its goal."

For more information or to make a contribution, visit [givesupport.org/covid19](http://givesupport.org/covid19). Contact Kevin Mullin with questions, at [kmullin@eph.org](mailto:kmullin@eph.org) or 970-387-8252.

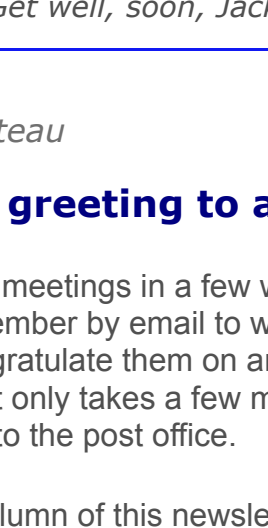


### News of a club member's upcoming battle

Gary Hazelton, a club member since 2002, was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Gary is currently being treated with chemotherapy. According to family friend Ward Nelson, because the tumor was detected early, the prognosis is the best it can be. Radiation will follow chemo, with surgery possible in the future.

"Gary is in good spirits and appreciates upbeat support," Ward added.

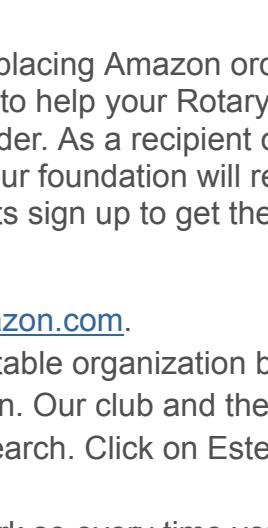
Please keep Gary and Kris and their family in your prayers. Cards may be sent c/o Estes Park News, P.O. Box 508, Estes Park, CO, 80517.



Gary Hazelton

### Update on Jack Overly

Mary Overly has asked Anne Slack to inform the club she and Jack have moved to the Good Samaritan in Loveland for the time being. They hope to return to Estes Park when Jack's health permits. Contact Anne Slack for more information.



Get well, soon, Jack!

Posted by Rita DuChateau

### Send an email greeting to a club member!

Because we haven't had meetings in a few weeks, please think about reaching out to a club member by email to wish them a happy birthday or to congratulate them on an anniversary or membership milestone. It only takes a few minutes and doesn't require a stamp or a trip to the post office.

Look at the right-hand column of this newsletter to see the list of March and April celebrations. Make someone's day with a message of cheer!



### Give to our Foundation while you shop!

Do you find that you are placing Amazon orders more frequently these days? Don't forget to help your Rotary Club of Estes Park Foundation with every order. As a recipient of funds in the [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), our foundation will receive a portion of the sale. All you need to do is sign up to get the funds flowing. And SHOP!

- Go to: [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).
- Choose the charitable organization by typing in Estes Park Rotary Foundation. Our club and the Longs Peak club will come up in the search. Click on Estes Park Rotary Foundation.
- Create a bookmark so every time you shop Amazon, you will participating in the smile.amazon.com program.



### Rotary Quote of the Week

"As people of action, Rotary members want to find ways to respond to COVID-19, which is now a global pandemic, and to help people affected by it. The Rotary Foundation offers several options that Rotarians can use to help care for and protect people in their own communities and others around the world."

See the R.I. website for details: <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-monitors-coronavirus-outbreak>



### Rotary Club of Estes Park Welcomes You!

Learn more at [www.clubrunner.ca/estespark](http://www.clubrunner.ca/estespark)  
Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/estesparkrotary](https://www.facebook.com/estesparkrotary)

### April 16 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Meeting Canceled**

Song & Pledge: **No Meeting**

Guest Intro: **Meeting Canceled**

Scribe: **Meeting Canceled**

Photographer: **No Meeting**

Greeter: **Meeting Canceled**

Program Intro: **No Meeting**

### April 23 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Meeting Canceled**

Song & Pledge: **No Meeting**

Guest Intro: **Meeting Canceled**

Scribe: **No Meeting**

Photographer: **No Meeting**

Greeter: **Meeting Canceled**

Program Intro: **No Meeting**

### Upcoming Events

[Duck Race Committee Meeting- CANCELED](#)  
Nicky's  
Apr 16, 2020  
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[Estes Park Duck Race Festival - POSTPONED](#)  
May 02, 2020  
9:00 AM – 4:14 PM

[Duck Race Committee Meeting](#)  
To be determined  
May 14, 2020  
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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### Birthdays, Anniversaries

#### Member Birthdays

**Karen McClure**  
April 5

**Lee Machin**  
April 11

**Jim Austin**  
April 20

**Trudy Collar**  
April 21

**Marsha Yelick**  
May 1

**Matt Stockton**  
May 2

**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

**Guy Van der Wef**  
**Leslie**  
April 5

**Karen Thompson**  
**Scott Thompson**  
April 16

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**Karen**  
April 16

**Peter Sinnott**  
**Stephanie**  
April 20

**Harry Livingston**  
**Mary**  
April 23

**Jon Thompson**  
**Tina**  
April 25

**Virgil Holtgrewe**  
**Carol**  
May 8

**Madison Casey**  
**Marty Yochum**  
May 20

**Jeff Liddle**  
**Nannette Chisholm**  
May 21

**Pete Sumey**  
**Lois**  
May 23

**Dave Evans**  
**Karen McClure**  
May 27

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**David Evans**  
May 27

**Dana Fritz**  
**Bill**  
May 28

**Kathy Groesbeck**  
**Alan Groesbeck**  
May 28

**Tom Anderson**  
**Kathleen**  
May 28

#### Join Date

**Gladys Van Drie**  
April 3, 1997  
23 years

**Mike Connolly**  
April 3, 2008  
12 years

**Peter Sinnott**  
April 5, 2007  
13 years

**Gregg Jurgens**  
April 14, 2011  
9 years

**Trudy Collar**  
April 16, 2015  
5 years

**Carl Robicheaux**  
April 18, 2019  
1 year

**William Solms**  
April 21, 2016  
4 years

**Chuck Bonza**  
April 25, 2008  
12 years

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

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

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

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

**Virgil Yarbrough**  
April 28, 2016  
4 years

**Bill Solms**  
May 1, 1987  
33 years

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

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

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