



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Welcome to our Club!



We meet Thursdays at 12:00 PM
The Ridgeline Hotel
101 South St. Vrain Ave.
Estes Park, CO 80517
United States of America



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Will YOU be at Rotary on May 2?

Due to the unavailability of our meeting space at The Ridgeline Hotel, our club will **NOT** meet on Thursday, April 25.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, May 2**. If you plan to attend the **Thursday, May 2** meeting, please **contact Club Administrator Karol Rinehart by 10 a.m. Friday, April 26** to let her know the following:

- You plan to attend and have lunch.
- You plan to attend and have beverage service only.
- You will be bringing a guest(s).



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Posted by Guy Van der Werf

Powering the future, battling climate change

Gordon McAlpine, retired astrophysicist and consultant for the Platte River Power Authority, will speak to the Rotary Club of Estes Park Thursday, April 17, at their regular noon meeting. MacAlpine will be speaking about climate change, electricity generation in Colorado, and the need to transition to renewable energy generation.

April 18 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Dennis Gellhaus**

Song & Pledge: **Pete Sumey & Madison Casey**

Guest Intro: **Longley Parker**

Scribe: **Pete Sumey**

Greeter: **Bill Solms**

Program Intro: **Mike Connolly**

April 25 Duty Roster

Invocation: **No meeting**

Song & Pledge: **No meeting**

Guest Intro: **No meeting**

Scribe: **No meeting**

Greeter: **No Meeting**

Program Intro: **No Meeting**

Speakers

Apr 18, 2019
[Gordon MacAlpine](#)
Climate Change

Apr 25, 2019
[4th Thursday MEETING](#)
[CANCELED](#)
Committee Meetings

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Upcoming Events



Gordon McAlpine

Global temperatures are rising, and they will continue to rise because of the well documented greenhouse effect. Burning fossil fuels has loaded Earth's atmosphere with more carbon dioxide than prior to the Pliocene Epoch, when oceans were roughly 100 feet higher and many animals lived above the Arctic Circle and on the Antarctic continent.

Recent reports from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the United States Fourth National Climate Assessment indicate that humanity has only about a 10-12 year window of opportunity to cut back dramatically on fossil fuel use if we are to head off the most catastrophic climatic events. These climatic events include massive methane releases, which have occurred in the past and were associated with destruction of the biosphere and with global mass extinctions.

Here in Colorado, higher temperatures are causing drought conditions, increased wildfires, pine-beetle infestations, and wildlife stress and losses. In addition, economic impacts related to human health, agricultural productivity, property destruction, and ecosystem services are considerable. Coloradans are paying a huge "hidden tax" for electricity from fossil-fuel power plants.

Fortunately, technology and electric grid advances, along with price reductions such as economies of scale, have produced a situation where carbon-free electricity from renewable sources like solar and wind can be reliable and significantly less expensive compared with electricity derived from burning coal or gas. Detailed analyses suggest that Colorado utilities can make the transition to primarily solar and wind power within 10-12 years, with net savings of billions of dollars.

The municipalities of Estes Park, Fort Collins, Longmont and Loveland, along with the Platte River Power Authority which serves them, have set a goal of achieving 100% carbon-free electricity production by 2030. The state of Colorado has also committed to renewable electricity by 2040. There will be challenges, but these are realistic and necessary goals as we move forward with preserving the state's environment and growing its clean-energy economy.

McAlpine has a BA in Physics from Earlham College and a PhD in Astrophysics from the University of Wisconsin. Following a stint as a member of the Institute for Advanced Study, he joined the Astronomy faculty at the University of Michigan. After retiring from Michigan, he accepted a position at Trinity University in Texas, where he continued to teach Physics and Climate Science. Gordon and his wife, Barbara, moved to Estes Park in 2014. He has been active with the Estes Valley Astronomical Society and has been working with the Platte River Power Authority as they transition to renewable energy generation.

April 11 Meeting Highlights

President Dave called the meeting to order at noon following an

Foundation Board Meeting

Quality Inn

Apr 18, 2019

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

Duck Race Committee Meeting

Nicky's

Apr 18, 2019 5:00 PM

April 25 MEETING CANCELED

Apr 25, 2019

Town Clean-Up Event

Apr 27, 2019

Golf Tournament Committee

Ridgeline Hotel

May 02, 2019

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

31st Annual Estes Park Rotary

Duck Race Festival

Nicky's Steakhouse, Riverside Plaza

May 04, 2019

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Duck Race Sponsor Luncheon

Ridgeline Hotel

May 09, 2019

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Duck Race Wrap up Meeting

Ridgeline Hotel

May 09, 2019

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Estes Recycle Day

Jun 08, 2019

Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Karen McClure

April 5

Lee Machin

April 11

Jim Austin

April 20

Trudy Collar

April 21

announcement by Bill Smith. Bill shared that Roger Thorp, a longtime and beloved member is now in Hospice. He would love to receive cards and/or phone calls.

The invocation was given by Dana Fritz, followed by a song and the Pledge led by Pete Sumey. Matt Comstock introduced guests, including: Jon Thompson, guest of Trudy Collar; Jennifer Comstock, guest of Karen Thompson; and our exchange student, Laura, brought by Susan Fereday. Scott's joke was actually received with applause.



Happy Money

- Harry Livingston and his wife, Mary, are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary with an open house on April 27th. All are invited, but please RSVP to 586-8376.
- Rita is happy her son proposed to his future wife and now she will have a daughter-in-law.
- Wayne announced that Earl Matson is now at PPLC...he loves company!
- Gregg Jurgens donated to Dave Boon's fundraiser in Ft Collins...resulted in lots of money.
- Bill Solms thanked Rotarians for bringing guests and new members into our Club.
- Bob Brunson was happy, as usual.
- Matt Comstock was happy for his 26 years of marriage.
- Jim Austin and Jean are back in Estes, and we're happy for that!



Announcements

- Chuck Bonza explained Josh the Otter program and announced they have enough readers.
- Karen Thompson said the Friendship Card program is a go!
- Gregg announced all ducks are counted and sorted.
- Our exchange student brought us up to date on her activities.
- There will be a Foundation meeting next week after the club meeting.

David Tavel
April 25

Marsha Yelick
May 1

Mathew Comstock
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 Werf
Leslie
April 5

Karen Thompson
Scott Thompson
April 16

Scott Thompson
Karen
April 16

Peter Sinnott
Stephanie
April 20



Induction

Bill Solms inducted David Boon as an Honorary member of our Club. He holds a membership in the Ft Collins club.



Program

Rick Taylor then introduced our speaker, David Boon.



The meeting was adjourned with the 4-Way Test.

Submitted by Dana Fritz, scribe and Rita DuChateau, photographer



Harry Livingston

Mary

April 23

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

Karen McClure

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

22 years

Mike Connolly

April 3, 2008

11 years

Peter Sinnott

April 5, 2007

12 years

David Tavel

April 10, 2000

19 years

**Amazing Amazon Opportunity -
Give to your Foundation while you shop!**

The Rotary Club of Estes Park Foundation has been registered as a recipient of funds in the smile.amazon.com. Each order you place will send a portion of the sale to our Foundation. As of February 2019, the AmazonSmile program has donated \$124.7 million to charities.

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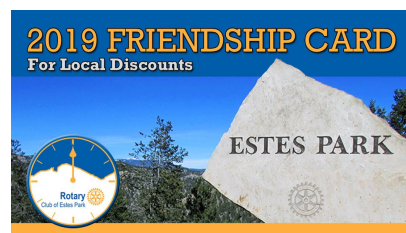
- Go to: smile.amazon.com.
- Choose the charitable organization by typing in Estes Park Rotary Foundation. Our club and the Longs Peak club will come up in the search. Please click on Estes Park Rotary Foundation.
- Create a bookmark so every time you shop Amazon, you will be participating in the smile.amazon.com program.
- Go shopping!!
- Remember to do this each time you shop Amazon.

"This is a great way to give to the Foundation without any cost to the member," said Gregg Jurgens, Foundation Treasurer.



Friendship Card invites merchant partners

Help others while helping yourself: that's the purpose of the new Friendship Card. Based on a simplified concept of the former Rocky Card, the new Friendship Card will be sold by the Rotary Club of Estes Park for \$10. It will open the door to discounts at local restaurants and stores for a calendar year. Net proceeds from the sale of the Friendship Card will be used to support our club's many charitable projects,



Karen Thompson is launching the project with her committee members. They are currently asking business owners to become a part of the Friendship Card initiative. In exchange for discounts, merchants will be listed in promotional materials and display a decal advertising their membership in the program.

The Friendship Card will be available for sale at 8-10 area locations, which will be announced when the card launches in May. For more information, send an email to epfriendshipcard@gmail.com. A committee member will promptly follow up.

Gregg Jurgens

April 14, 2011
8 years

Trudy Collar

April 16, 2015
4 years

Chuck Bonza

April 25, 2008
11 years

Dale Bonza

April 25, 2008
11 years

Philip Moenning

April 25, 2008
11 years

Scott Thompson

April 25, 2008
11 years

Tara Moenning

April 25, 2008
11 years

Virgil Yarbrough

April 28, 2016
3 years

Bill Solms

May 1, 1987
32 years

Wayne Andersen

May 25, 2000
19 years

Lee Machin

May 31, 1973
46 years

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2020 Rotary Peace Fellowship seeking applicants

The spike in regional and local conflicts around the globe has boosted the need for peace and development leaders skilled in building positive social change. The fully funded Rotary Peace Fellowship, which covers tuition and living expenses, increases the capacity of existing leaders to prevent and resolve conflict through academic training, field experience and professional networking.

Up to 100 fellows are selected every year in a globally competitive process based on personal, academic and professional achievements. Fellows earn either a master's degree or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies at one of the Rotary Peace Centers, located within seven leading universities around the world. More than 1,200 program alumni are working in over 100 countries as leaders in national governments, NGOs, social enterprises, the military, law enforcement and international organizations such as the United Nations.

The 2020-21 academic term deadline is May 31, 2019. Additional information on Rotary Peace Scholarships, including an application checklist video and a timeline for the application process is available at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships> Interested? Contact Ron Gordon, International Service Director, at rgordon@frii.com.

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MAY 4, 2019
Estes Park, Colorado

FAMILY FUN LIVE MUSIC
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
 9:00 AM Duck Waddle SK
 Estes Park Running Club
 10:00 AM - NOON Festival at George Hix Memorial Plaza and Nicky's Steakhouse on Fall River Road
 Duck Adoption Sales End at NOON
 1:00 PM START LINE - Ducks Drop at Nicky's Steakhouse on Fall River Rd
 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM FINISH LINE - George Hix Memorial Riverside Plaza
 Festival continues with live commentary on the River Musical Entertainment and Family Fun! Winners are posted on the Prize Board at the Wheel Bar

Adopt Ducks and Win Exciting Prizes!
GRAND PRIZE \$5,000 CASH!
 *Three Exciting Trip Prizes to National Parks with Lodging and Expense Voucher included!
 *WIN A VACATION TO A NATIONAL PARK!
 *Old Faithful Cabin at Yellowstone National Park
 *Pine Lodge at Glacier National Park
 *Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite National Park
 Prize winners are responsible for any federal, state, or local income taxes.

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Rotary Quote of the Week

"April is Maternal and Child Health Month in Rotary... Every two minutes, somewhere in the world, a woman dies from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. And babies whose mothers die within the first six weeks of their lives are far more likely to die themselves than babies whose mothers survive. As I've traveled around the world as president of Rotary, I've met families for whom these aren't simply tragic statistics. But I've also met people who are devoting themselves to helping mothers and children — and because of them, I'm hopeful. And because many of those people are Rotarians, I'm also proud."

-Barry Rassin, 2018-19 Rotary International President



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