



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
United States of America

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Coronavirus Guidelines: Cancellations enacted 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 2 Club Meeting
- Tuesday, April 7 Board of Directors Meeting

In addition, the April 2 *Josh the Baby Otter* reading event/book distribution to kindergarten students has been canceled.

[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

- 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.
- At this time July RYLA and YRYLA are still on the calendar. Video interviews for candidates are recommended.



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) 519-8933.

"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!"



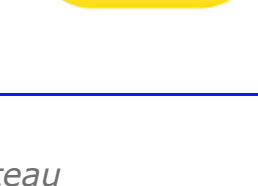
Lucky and President Doug want to help!

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**.

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.



Posted by Rita DuChateau

Board approves membership application

The April 7 Board Meeting may be canceled, but your Board of Directors is still tending to club business. In an electronic vote last week, the Board unanimously approved an application for membership from James Snedeker.

According to club bylaws, if there are no objections within seven days of publication, the applicants shall be considered elected to membership. Here is a brief summary of Jim's application. For more information or to make a comment, contact President Doug Mann or Membership Co-Chairs Bill Solms and Trudy Collar.

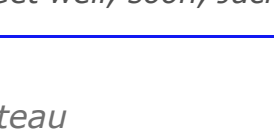
James Snedeker retired from a 37-year career as an air traffic controller with the Federal Aviation Administration. A native of West Virginia and an Air Force veteran, Jim is also a pilot. He moved to Estes from Pueblo in November to be closer to family members, who include Gregg and Suzanne Jurgens. Gregg is Jim's sponsor.



Jim Snedeker

Update on Jack Overly

Mary Overly has asked Anne Slack to inform the club she and Jack are moving to the Good Samaritan in Loveland for the time being. They hope to return to Estes Park when Jack's health permits. Moving date: March 28. 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!



Posted by Rita DuChateau

Duck Race postponed Ducks hope to race in mid-August

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Rotary Club of Estes Park has decided to postpone this year's Duck Race Festival by several months. While it's too early to announce a new date, Duck Race planners hope to stage the event later this summer, if circumstances permit. A mid-August date is under consideration. Duck adoption sales, which began in late February, will continue with paper forms and online purchases at epduckrace.org until Race Day.

"We realize this is a difficult time for everyone, and since we don't know when social distancing restrictions and mandated closures will be lifted, we decided it would be best to postpone the race and all the festivities of the day," said 2020 "Big Duck" Karen Thompson.



Lucky says "Stay well!"

The committee's decision, made March 19 at an online meeting of more than two dozen members of the planning team, underscores the importance of the event to the community. Last year's Duck Race raised \$128,700 for 67 community organizations. Over 6,700 ducks were adopted.

"Because this is such an important fundraiser for so many wonderful organizations in the Estes area, we didn't want to consider canceling it," Thompson explained. "At the same time, we had to keep everyone's safety at the forefront, and the only way to do that was to postpone the race."

The planning team is viewing the postponement as positively as possible under the circumstances, Thompson said. The "glass half full" approach envisions more favorable August weather, more time for participating organizations to sell duck adoptions, and more time to build excitement for a community-wide celebration of a hopeful return to normalcy. In addition, an August date may draw new spectators who have never seen a fundraising duck race.

"We hope that by holding the event when the weather is almost guaranteed to be beautiful, we'll have a great turnout for the day's festivities," Thompson added. "We look forward to running a great race and giving away hundreds of prizes donated by our very generous merchants and sponsors. Most importantly, the participating organizations will be able to raise funds in order to carry on with their good work."

More details on the Estes Park Rotary Duck Race Festival will be shared in upcoming weeks, as the committee finalizes details of the postponed event with the Town of Estes Park, partners and vendors. Thompson wants to emphasize that the decision to delay follows Rotary International's guiding principles: "Is it fair to all concerned?" and "Is it beneficial to all concerned?"

"For all that has happened in the world with COVID-19 these last several months, it was important that the Rotary Club of Estes Park stand by its beliefs and make these necessary changes with the hope that circumstances will support rescheduling," she said.

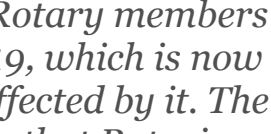
In the past 31 years, the Estes Park Duck Race has returned more than \$2.7 million to Estes Valley organizations that serve residents of all ages.

The Grand Opening of Duck Central has been postponed. Participating Organizations are asked to collect and safeguard cash and checks from duck adoptions until further notice.

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](https://www.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](https://www.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 be 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>



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April 2 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 9 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Stay tuned**

Song & Pledge: **Meeting status**

Guest Intro: **Will be announced**

Scribe: **Stay tuned**

Photographer: **Meeting status**

Greeter: **Will be announced**

Program Intro: **Soon**

Upcoming Events

[Josh the Otter Project at EP Elementary - CANCELED](#)
Apr 02, 2020
8:15 AM - 9:30 AM

[Club Board Meeting CANCELED](#)
Hondius Room
Apr 07, 2020
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

[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

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

Anniversaries

Guy Van der Werf Leslie
April 5

Karen Thompson Scott Thompson
April 16

Scott Thompson Karen
April 16

Peter Sinnott Stephanie
April 20

Harry Livingston Mary
April 23

Jon Thompson Tina
April 25

Join Date

Karol Rinehart
March 5, 2015
5 years

Lee Lasso
March 13, 2003
17 years

Madison Casey
March 16, 2006
14 years

Rita DuChateau
March 21, 2013
7 years

Dave Evans
March 22, 2007
13 years

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

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

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