



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

A 52 Year Old Dream for a Community Health Center (in the middle of nowhere) leads to Rotary

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.



Billy Jivetti, PhD

Billy Jivetti (PhD) is a native of Kaimosi, Western Kenya. He came to the U.S. to pursue graduate studies and upon completion, he has taught and worked as a researcher in colleges and universities in the U.S. He is an interdisciplinary scholar with a training in biology, environmental science, international studies, and rural development. He has been working as research scientist in population studies at the University of New Mexico's Center for Geospatial Studies. He is an avid runner. He moved to Albuquerque with his family in 2016. Billy is a member of the Rotary Club of Albuquerque.

In 1969, Billy's mother was working as a community nurse and witnessed first hand maternal-child mortality in this remote village. She saw a vision of a health center where American medical doctors and nurses were treating and helping mothers and children in the community. She never told anyone this dream. In 2002, Billy came to the U.S. for further studies. In 2010, he met a benefactor who gave them seed capital for the health center. It was during ground-breaking ceremony

April 21 Duty Roster

Invocation: Gregg Jurgens

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Pete Sumey

Greeter: Karen Thompson

Program Intro: Dennis Gellhaus

April 28 Duty Roster

Invocation: Tara Moenning

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Barry Hannigan

Greeter: Phil Moenning

Program Intro: Dennis Gellhaus

Upcoming Events

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 21, 2022

[Billy Jivetti](#)

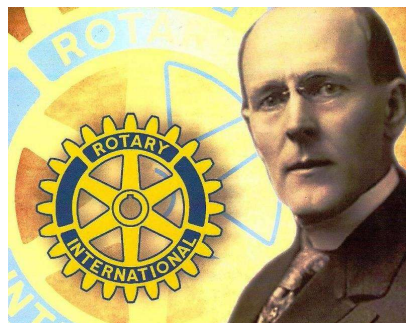
Community Health Center West

when Mama Rose revealed this dream. It has been 10 years of slow but steady construction challenges and opportunities, that led Billy to join Rotary, for connections to support the project and programs that align with Rotary. Immediate or total catchment area/population = 50,000, close to 150000 catchment population. In this presentation, Billy Jivetti will be discussing how the health center will help improve the health and education of the people in the area through Health & education: preventive health, rural medicine, community health education workers, nutrition, reproductive health, communicable/non-communicable diseases, Water Sanitation/health.

Billy, has just returned from a 3-month visit to western Kenya where he hosted a free medical camp that treated over 200 people, distributed school supplies donated by Pine River Valley Rotary Club of Bayfield, Colorado; and is establishing a Rotary club in Kaimosi – his home town.

Happy Birthday to our founder

Paul Harris was born on April 19, 1868 in Racine, Wisconsin. This is the 153 anniversary of the birth of the founder of Rotary. Do something to honor his memory today!



Update by President Jim Whiteneck

Announcements:

- As Polio Eradication Week is upon us, I wanted to give a brief history of the disease.
 - In 1894 the first documented polio outbreak in the United States occurred in Vermont with 18 deaths and 132 cases of permanent paralysis.
 - In 1905 Swedish physician Dr. Wakeman determined that polio is a contagious disease and spread from person to person– even involving people who show no symptoms.
 - In 1979 Rotary international began its fight by immunizing 6 million children in the Philippines.

Kenya

May 05, 2022
[Dr. Milt Garrett](#)

Today's Complexities of the Russian and the Ukrainian War

May 12, 2022
[Carl Robisheaux](#)
 The Rotary Foundation

May 19, 2022
[Lee Varra-Nelson](#)
 District 5440 Governor Visit

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

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

- In 1985 Rotary International launched our Polio Plus Campaign with an initial fundraising target of \$120 million.
- In 1988 the World Health Organization joined Rotary International hoping to eradicate polio. There were an estimated 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries that year.
- By 1994 it was announced that polio was eliminated in the Americas.
- In 1995 165 million children in China and India were vaccinated within one week.
- In 2000, 550 million children receive the polio vaccine.

- In 2011, Rotary further partnered with Bill Gates and Jane Goodall with funding for polio eradication exceeding \$1 billion.
- By 2014 India and Southeast Asia were declared polio free.
- In 2021 Africa was declared polio free.
- Last year, there were six total cases of wild polio virus occurring in Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- So far this year there has only been one case worldwide!
- We are so close to eliminating this disease!
- In the meantime, the surveillance and response costs are approximately \$100 million per year.
- The goal, of course, is to continue monitoring and treating until the disease is conquered.
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- The Rotary International Disaster Response Fund for Ukraine has, at last measure, gathered \$8.8 million in contributions.
 - These contributions are being rapidly deployed in Ukraine as well as neighboring countries to the west of Ukraine assisting with this humanitarian crisis.
 - Our Club has been very supportive of these efforts.
 - Combined efforts are making a worldwide impact.
 - Congratulations on the terrific work!

April 14, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Jim Whiteneck called the meeting to order.
 Madison Casey gave the Invocation
 Jim led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 We sang "Take Me Out to The Duck Race".

Guests of Rotarians:

- Jim Whiteneck introduced his friend Jim Jonell, who he hopes will join.
- Annie Slack introduced her good friend, Linda Bieker, wife of today's speaker.
- Gregg Jurgens introduced Sue Doylen, his friend who is on the board of Upper Thompson that is today's program.
- Bill Smith introduced Dawn Shields who is joining our club.
- Jay Harroff brought his wife Jane.
- Jim welcomed RJ Lara who is joining our club.

Announcements:

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

**Virgil Holtgrewe
 Carol**
 May 8

**Madison Casey
 Marty Yochum**
 May 20

**Dennis Gellhaus
 Robbie**
 May 21

**Pete Sumey
 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

- Jim welcomed our members on zoom.
- Jim reminded us that April 27 is Rotary International Polio Day.
- Rotary Foundation meets today at 1:15 at Quality Inn.
- Tara Moenning said the Scholarship Committee will meet briefly here after this meeting.
- Tara said Town Cleanup Day is Saturday morning April 30.
 - Meet at the east side of the Visitors' Center to get a route to clean and orange trash bags.
 - We can also get a route assignment and bags at our club meeting April 28.
 - Work should take 1-1.5 hours; complete by noon for town to pick up bags on roadsides.
- Ukraine-Rotary Foundation report
 - Ron Gordon said our club has raised \$17,246, unchanged since last week but we are still accepting donations.
 - (We are up to \$17,706 in donations for the Ukraine Disaster Relief Response per Longley Parker 4/15/22)
 - Chuck Bonza gave an impressive, detailed list of RI grants by country and organizations and local clubs involved in relief activities.
 - Jim Jonell brought checks today from Estes Valley Quilters who are selling Ukrainian pot holders and related textile items.
 - Jay Harroff said his bridge group donated to our club fund.
- Bill Solms reported for Nominating Committee that we still need candidates for
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Club Website
 - We may have a President Elect candidate
 - Newer members are welcome to take on these roles.
- Michelle Mann directed us to see the Nehemiah Gateway report to donors on our tables.
 - On page 7 is a good article on our club's Albania project with them.
- Big Duck Beth said
 - buttons will be available next week.
 - Posters are ready and in her car for us all to take and post them.
- Annie Slack said merchant prize solicitation is winding up.
 - We have 274 prizes from 104 businesses.
 - Her goal is 400.
 - We have an ad for this in EP News tomorrow.
 - We can get prize forms from her.
- Jim recognized
 - birthday for Jim Austin
 - Wedding anniversaries for Thompson's and Sinnott's

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

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

Executives & Directors

President
[Jim Whiteneck](#)

President Elect
[Dennis Gellhaus](#)

Treasurer
[Longley Parker](#)

Secretary
[Jennifer Comstock](#)

- o Club anniversaries for Gregg Jurgens (2011) and Carl Robicheaux (2019)

Congratulations and thank you to Mel Rueppel, who received his Paul Harris plus THREE from Annie Slack today!



Mel Rueppel, Anne Slack, Jim Whiteneck

Mel then gave his Sergeant at Arms report.

- He will be gone the next few weeks so we need a person to fill in each week.
- He quizzed us on
 - o Badge
 - o duck ticket purchase
 - o recognized Longley Parker for being Treasurer of Salud Board for 16 years!
 - He put in \$10 for Longley and challenged us to do the same.

Scott told his joke.

Happy Money:

- Carl Robicheaux was happy that Bill Solms was begging instead of him. (referring to officer nominations).
- Doug Mann was happy about the Bangladesh Model Village Presentation.
- Bill Smith reminded us to be prompt to bus our tables after lunch so the workers would not have to wait.
- Jim Austin was happy about the new prospects here today to join our club.
- Bill Solms put in his \$10 to honor Longley.

Program:

Dennis Gellhaus introduced the program. We welcomed Upper Thompson Sanitation District to present the District's function and, issues, and plans on their new facility

- Chris Bieker, District Manager
- Suzanne Jurgens, Assistant District Manager
- Matt Allen, Operations Manager
- Steve Ravel, District Engineer.



Suzanne Jurgens, Chris Bieker, Matt Allen

Sergeant-at-Arms
[Mel Rueppel](#)

Past President
[Bill Solms](#)

Club Administration Director
[Karol Rinehart](#)

Community Service Director & Big Duck
[Beth Weisberg](#)

Fund Development Director
[Philip Moenning](#)

International Service Director
[Ron Gordon](#)

Youth/New Generation Services Director
[Rick Taylor](#)

Membership Director
[Anne Slack](#)

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President

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Secretary

[Tara Moenning](#)

Treasurer

[Gregg Jurgens](#)

Grants

[Jack Boatman, Carl Robicheaux](#)

Scholarships

[Tara Moenning](#)

Ernie Altick Program

[Kathy Groesbeck, Dave Evans](#)

Investments

[Madison Casey](#)

Trustees

[Tom Gardner](#)

[Brad Rosenbaum](#)

[Anne Slack](#)



Steve Ravel

Adjournment:

We concluded with the Four Way Test.

Madison Casey, scribe



[Bill Solms](#)

Welcome To Our New Members



Dawn Shields



RJ Lara

Dawn M. Shields was born in Detroit, MI. She graduated from High School and furthered her education through various classes. She ran her own little cleaning company for 5 years, was an Innkeeper for a 25 room B&B and taught 6 seminars on “How to build a great team” for DISC. DISC is an acronym for Dominance, Influence, Steadiness and Conscientiousness. DISC is an assessment tool based on the 1928 DISC Emotional and Behavioral theory of psychologist William Moulton Marston. The tools are designed to predict job performance. It helps you to understand a person a bit better and what job functions they would be better at. Dawn also worked for an IT startup in California.

She and her husband, Ed, have been married for 26 years. They raised five amazing children, two of whom received Rotary Scholarships in North Carolina. They are: Emily, Oliver, Sarah, Zoe and Lily.

They moved to Estes in 2008 and left again in December 2013 for a job opportunity for her husband. She belonged to the Sunrise Club from 2011 to 2013. She and Ed moved back this past July.

Dawn is active with the American Legion, Fine Arts Guild, Estes Park Friends of the Museum. She has a huge passion for education about sex trafficking and seeing children freed. Dawn now works for Allnutt.

RJ Lara was born in Torrington, Wyoming. He discovered his love for American history and material culture while exploring small-town museums in the Rocky Mountain region. He has worked in public history institutions for nearly a decade, holding positions in the curatorial department at the Laramie Plains Museum, collections department at the University of Wyoming Art Museum, development department at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum, as a research scholar at the Chester County Historical Society in Pennsylvania, and as a graduate fellow at the Winterthur Museum. At each institution, RJ sought to make history and art accessible to the public through inclusive exhibitions and public programs.

RJ received his BA from the University of Wyoming, majoring in Secondary Education and History with a minor in Museum Studies. After graduating from UW and working for a six-horse hitch

harnessmaker, he became deeply committed to studying material culture and American craftsmanship from an earlier period in America's history. RJ formalized this study by pursuing an MA in American Material Culture from Winterthur and the University of Delaware. His studies focused on the material literacy of early American leather objects—mixing his Western background with Winterthur's premier collection of objects made or used in America between the 17th and 19th centuries.

RJ Lara joined The Historic Stanley Home Museum & Education Center as Interim Executive Director in May 2020. He is now its Executive Director. He married Samantha Lara in 2016. He is an active member with the Estes Chamber of Commerce, Estes Park Nonprofit Resource Center, the Larimer County Historical Society, Laramie Plains Museum Association of which he is a Board Member and the Rocky Mountain Tool Collectors.

According to club bylaws, if there are no objections within seven days of publication, Dawn Shields and RJ Lara shall be considered elected to membership.

EVICS Bilingual Story Time Project



Family reading book together

In December 2021 The Rotary Club of Estes Park provided EVICS \$3,600 from a combination of club project funds, district grant matching funds, and donations from individual club members to launch a Bilingual Story Time Project.

Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success (EVICS) started the program in January and to-date has distributed a total of 400 books and craft kits to the children in the Estes Valley. They are distributing about 100 bilingual story time craft kits each month. The kits include a book, craft kit, laminated feeling chart and tips that help the families start the conversations to help support the child. EVICS has also created socio-emotional backpacks with similar materials which can be checked out by the families. The elementary school has 4 backpacks, the library has 1 and 5 are maintained at EVICS. The books, kits and backpacks have been well received and the kids and their families look forward to receiving the kits each month.

The testimony from one family is provided below:

"The socio-emotional development kits supplied by EVICS, for us as a family, is something very important, we work through it together, we share anecdotes and experiences, but above all, each member of our family contributes their opinion on the issues addressed in each kit. One of our favorite topics was "Grateful" because as parents we were able to learn how our oldest daughter understands how to be grateful and what her concept of gratitude is. With this tool we have been able to help her understand that the simple things in life, friends, family, and everything that God has blessed us with is a reason to be thankful and has helped us as parents and as people to be thankful every day, everything we have: the love of our Father God, our daughters, our relatives, our jobs, friends, and co-workers, all those who bless us and that we can also bless and our people at EVICS who accompany us in learning and growth of our daughters".

EVICS is grateful to the Rotary Club of Estes Park for all the support.

Help Wanted at Duck Central

Announcement:

- We have moved Duck Central computers to the Lake Estes Room at Ridgeline.
- The goal is to erase duck race data from a dozen computers.
- Then to prepare displays, keyboards, mice, laser printers for gifting to any Estes Park area organization that can put them to use.
- What can't be reused will need to be recycled.
- To allow for this work and help from volunteers, Lee and Sandy Lasson will be maintaining Duck Central Hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM.
- Duck Central can be used for any in-person meetings to support the Duck Race including staging Race Day supplies or other activities.
- To volunteer, call Duck Central 970-235-1721.

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.

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

Announcement:

- Save the date. Just donate an hour and a half to make our roads/trails/ etc. look so much better.
 - Tara will bring routes and bags to the meeting on April 28th so people can pick them up there if they prefer.
 - If you wait until Saturday 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.
 - You may contact Tara Moenning at tara@aspenbrookinvestments.com if you have questions.
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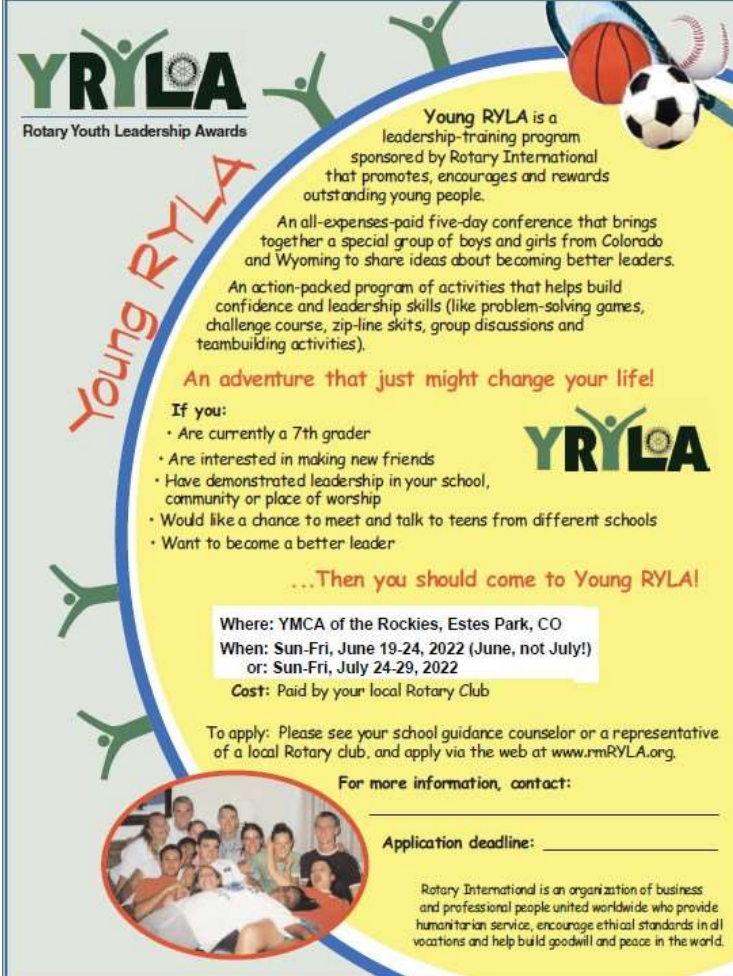
Scholarship Recognition

We are working on scholarship evaluations right now
the Awards Ceremony is May 11th and the entire Club is invited
to attend.

Greeter Sign Up Schedule

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

Do You Know Anyone for RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Awards



RYLA
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Young RYLA

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.

For more information, contact: _____

Application deadline: _____

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

An adventure that just might change your life!

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

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

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