



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 April 11?

If you plan to attend the **Thursday, April 11** meeting, please **contact Club Administrator Karol Rinehart by 10 a.m. Friday, April 5** 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

This week: Two Sides of the Coin:

The Russians' Point of View

Milt Garrett, owner and CEO of Garrett Group International, will be speaking to the club on Thursday, April 4, at our regular noon meeting. Garrett will share some perspectives and points of view of Russians, from his staff and interpreters, Russian university students, and ambassadorial and news sources.

April 4 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Scott Thompson**

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

Guest Intro: **Bruce Brown**

Scribe: **Madison Casey**

Greeter: **Dennis Gellhaus**

Program Intro: **Jack Overly**

April 11 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Dana Fritz**

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

Guest Intro: **Matt Comstock**

Scribe: **Dana Fritz**

Greeter: **Kevin Mullin**

Program Intro: **Rick Taylor**

Speakers

Apr 04, 2019
[Milt Garrett](#)
Russia

Apr 11, 2019
[David Boon](#)
Rebuilding Schools in Nepal

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



Milt Garrett

Their question to Garrett is, "Why is America mad at us?" Why are Putin and Russians at odds with America, resulting in international conflicts, sanctions, and election meddling? Why is Russia being so aggressive today? While Putin is acting like a bully, the better question is "why?"

What agreements with the Russians have been kept or not kept since perestroika and the fall of the Berlin Wall by the various U.S. administrations? What about placing missiles in Poland, the U.N. Security Council on Libya, Ukraine turning West, Crimea, and the new U.S. guided missile destroyer.

While he professes that he does not have all the answers about Russia, politically or economically, socially or environmentally, he does encourage questions and dialogue.

Dr. Garrett has clients in seven countries, with an overseas focus on Russia's economic recovery. For 41 years as a special consultant helping public and private organizations, he improves their competitive edge and their profits by working on their management systems.

In particular, Garrett has worked across Russia's 11-time zones from the Baltic Sea to the Pacific Ocean, from the Arctic Ocean to the Black Sea and Caspian Sea, with clients in 226 cities. He is a "Deming Disciple," a teacher in the International Quality movement, and a Senior State Quality Awards Examiner. In addition, he is an internationally known consultant and executive coach to CEOs as well as federal, state, and local public officials.

March 28 Meeting Highlights

President Dave Evans called the meeting to order at 12:05. Marsha Yelick greeted club members and guests. Kevin Mullin gave the Invocation on service, strength and wisdom. Pete Sumey led us in singing "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" and the Pledge of Allegiance. Scott Thompson introduced Visiting Rotarian Richard Kimple and Rotarians' Guests: Kevin Morris, Richard Kimple's guest; John Thompson, Trudy Collar's guest; and Carl Robicheaux, who is being sponsored for membership by Trudy. Scott then told a joke featuring Matt Comstock's end-of-life choices.



Apr 25, 2019

4th Thursday

Committee Meetings

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Upcoming Events

Club Board Meeting

Wasson Room, Library

Apr 02, 2019

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Duck Sorting

Quality Inn

Apr 04, 2019

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Duck Sorting

Quality Inn

Apr 11, 2019

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

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

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

Nicky's

May 16, 2019

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM



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

David Tavel
April 25

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

Join Date

Karol Rinehart
March 5, 2015
4 years

Happy Money

- Doug Mann was happy about baseball's Opening Day and the Cubbies. (Editor's Note: Go White Sox!)
- Bill Solms was happy to give Doug \$1.
- Bob Brunson was happy he decided to be happy today. No one can have a bad day when Bob is happy!
- Virgil Holtgrewe shared unhappy news about ground water contamination in flooded areas.
- Richard Kimple was happy that his Kansas house sold.
- Madison Casey was happy that he and Marty enjoyed a Denver getaway.
- Kevin Mullin was happy to be a Rotarian.
- Rick Taylor was glad to be back in Colorado. He thanked program committee members for their support during his absence.
- Jack Overly was happy that Rick was back so they can more easily plan Duck Race entertainment.
- Bill Solms was happy to have his checkbook today so that he can buy his Duck Race tickets for the EPH Foundation from Kevin Mullin. Kevin noted that he has learned that Adoption Forms are not tickets!

Announcements

- Karen Thompson said the Friendship Card Facebook Page has launched, thanks to Matt Comstock. She asked us all to LIKE the page so the word spreads. <https://www.facebook.com/EP-Friendship-Card-1051958028346765/>
- Marsha Yelick gave us a tip on using the Estes Park Rotary Foundation as a QCD (Qualified Charitable Donation) for those of us who are looking for a way to send our MRD (Minimum Required Distribution) from our IRAs to a good cause in 2019 without tax consequences. Stock donations are welcome, too. See Marsha for more details.
- Gregg Jurgens announced the beginning of a three-week project to sort and account for over 6,000 ducks. He encouraged club members to meet at the Duck Shed after today's meeting. Work continues on April 4 and 11 at Quality Inn.
- Jack Boatman reminded us that March 31 is the deadline for applying for a matching donation to your favorite Estes Valley

nonprofit. Let him know your check is in the mail.

- Bill Smith told us that a Memorial Service for Ken Cole has been scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, June 29 at Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies.



Lee Lason

March 13, 2003
16 years

Madison Casey

March 16, 2006
13 years

Rita DuChateau

March 21, 2013
6 years

Dave Evans

March 22, 2007
12 years

Bob Brunson

March 27, 2003
16 years

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

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

Program

Dave invited club members and guests to choose and contribute to one of four committees meeting in today's Club Assembly: Fund Development, International Service, Awards, and Membership.

Submitted by Rita DuChateau, scribe and photographer



Posted by Rita DuChateau

Mayor proclaims May 4 Duck Race Day

As the big day approaches, another milestone has been reached in the 2019 Duck Race. Mayor Todd Jirsa came to the March 28 Duck Race Committee meeting to buy the first Duck Adoption from Lucky Duck and to proclaim May 4 as Duck Race Day in Estes Park. See the official proclamation proudly displayed at Duck Central. Watch Mayor Jirsa read the Proclamation on our Duck Race Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/EPDuckRace/videos/553802741808799/>





Posted by Rita DuChateau

Duck Race is a month away!

Your fellow Rotarians are working hard to make this year's Duck Race a success - and to raise \$135,000 for our Participating Organizations. Have you joined the effort? It's not too late. Here are some areas of need:

1. Buy a Duck Adoption at epduckrace.org
2. Come to Quality Inn after our meetings on April 4 and April 11 to help organize the ducks for the race. Questions? Contact Gregg Jurgens. (gregg@qualityinnestespark.com)
3. Buy a Duck Adoption at Thursday's meeting or at Duck Central on Friday, April 5.
4. Pick up an Adoption Form at the Trail-Gazette office, Estes Park News, Town Hall or Quality Inn. Adopt a duck for a friend.
5. Contact Eugene Oja (gene@eeojadds.com) to volunteer for Duck Security on Race Day.
6. Be a member of Kathy Groesbeck's Prize Patrol. You'll walk an easy route and meet merchants to discuss their prizes. (mrskathyjg@yahoo.com)
7. Sign on as a volunteer at Duck Central. Contact Sandy Lasson. (slasson@me.com) Free jelly beans for all volunteers.
8. Help pick up trash on April 27 and get the town spiffy for Race Day. Contact Tara Moenning. (tara@aspenbrookinvestments.com)
9. Volunteer to sell Duck Merchandise at Nicky's and George Hix

Scott Thompson

April 25, 2008

11 years

Tara Moenning

April 25, 2008

11 years

Virgil Yarbrough

April 28, 2016

3 years

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[Rick Taylor](#)

Foundation Officers

President

Memorial Plaza on Race Day. Contact Brad Rosenbaum.
(brad@designestres.com)

10. Talk to Karen Thompson (Little Duck) or Kathy Groesbeck (Big Duck) for more ways to help!



Volunteering makes you HAPPY! Just ask these Duck Sorters who enjoyed a sunny sorting day March 28.

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.



2020 Rotary Peace Fellowship seeking applicants

The spike in regional and local conflicts around the globe has boosted the

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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.

31st ANNUAL ROTARY DUCK RACE FESTIVAL
MAY 4, 2019
Estes Park, Colorado

FAMILY FUN LIVE MUSIC
www.epduckrace.org

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
9:00 AM Duck Waddle 5K
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!
We thank Delaware North Parks & Resorts, Inc. for their generous donation of lodging that includes entertainment, some meals, and amenities with these premium trips to their venues at these three National Parks. Each trip includes a \$1,000 voucher from the Estes Park Duck Race.
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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