



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Zoom only this week

This week's meeting will be conducted ONLY on Zoom. Our Zoom Host is Scott Thompson.

Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>

April 8 program: Economically Speaking: the state of Estes

Adam Shake will be our featured speaker on Thursday, April 8. He will present on a topic that affects all of us in many ways: the state of the Estes Park economy. Our meeting will be on Zoom only, so log in before noon with the following link and be welcomed by Scott Thompson, our meeting host: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>



Adam Shake

Shake is the President/CEO of the Estes Park Economic Development Corporation. He served nearly 15 years in the U.S. Army before working in Washington DC for 11 years before moving to Colorado. Since his arrival in Estes Park, he's served on the boards of Visit Estes Park, Estes Valley Partners for Commerce and Flinch Forward as well as volunteering for many other community initiatives.

Posted by Dale Bonza

April 1, 2021 Meeting Notes

President Bill Solms called the meeting to order at noon on Zoom. We're all pretty good at this format by now! Thanks to Scott Thompson for hosting each week.

Bill made the following announcements:

- Our club meetings will continue on Zoom until maybe early May while Nicky's Restaurant is being repaired from the fire.
- The Duck Race practice run will be held April 5 at 1 p.m. at the Estes Valley Community Center. The Trail Gazette will be interviewing Bill Solms, our Big Duck. Bill is ready for it!
- Gregg Jurgens and Bill Solms moved the ducks out of storage to the Quality Inn for sorting. Heavy lifting there – thank you fellas!
- Duck Sorting is today Thursday, April 1, at Quality Inn after the regular club meeting. Should be a lot more fun in the good weather following snow last week. Fourteen volunteers needed.
- Scott and Karen Thompson are celebrating their 39th anniversary. Congratulations!
- Beth Weisberg announced for Tara Moening that our annual Community Service town cleanup project will be on Saturday, April 24 at 9 a.m. Please meet at the East end of the Visitor Center parking lot. Because of Covid-19, please bring your own water and snacks this year.
- Anne Slack announced that we have received over 25 applications for graduating senior scholarships. Volunteers are needed to read through them to assist in selecting the best matches. Anne will let us know where they will be kept – the library may be able to accommodate us so people can easily pop in to read them.
- Anne gave an update on the Overlys. Mary is in rehab, recovering from her stroke. Jack asks that anyone who wants to send a card mail it to them at Good Samaritan in Loveland. The address is 2101 S. Garfield Av, Apt 138, Loveland, CO 80537. Milt Garrett added that both Jack and Mary are exhausted. Mary is only having family visitors. Jack asks that people either wait to call him or make it very short.
- Paul Harris awards are being mailed to recipients since we are not meeting in person. Milt Garrett got missed somehow and Bill Solms is sorting it out. Milt is on Paul Harris plus six!
- The Duck Race will have two masters of ceremony – our own Scott Thompson and Estes Park's renowned thespian Kurtis Kelly, who will be in costume as a historic figure.
- No Duck Squat this year for the Duck Race – which makes Madison Casey happy.
- The "Duck Lake" ballet performance will be videoed in the Dry Gulch area on April 10 or 11. The production will be part of the televised program on Duck Race Day.

Dana Fritz gave the invocation on our Rotary commitment to real service to others. She reminded us that there is joy in caring and sharing. Not really "guests," but we were glad our own Jim Whiteneck called in from Illinois and Marianne Solms greeted us from her home on Zoom. Scott told a joke about a 6th grade teacher that had a moral to it.

Happy Money

- Milt Garrett was happy to be presenting the program today
- Jim Whiteneck pledged \$20 in honor of Rita DuChateau's awesome newspaper articles that create enthusiasm for the Duck Race.
- Bill Solms now owes \$60 for three weeks of trivia question challenges.

Program

Rick Taylor enthusiastically introduced Milt Garrett as today's speaker. Milt talked about the benefit to all concerned in the good relationships Rotary has built with Russia

Adjournment

Bill Solms adjourned the meeting at 12:51 with the recitation of The Four-Way Test.

Dale Bonza, scribe



Duck Waddle set for Duck Race Day

While the Rotary Duck Race will be conducted without the traditional riverside crowds this year, there is a big way for everyone to get Race Day off to a healthy and fun start. Sign up for the Duck Waddle 5K and get your feet moving at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 1.



The event is sponsored by the Estes Park Running Club, and after having to cancel the 2020 Duck Waddle, planners are more than excited to offer it this year. Safety precautions will be in place, so it's best to plan ahead for the Duck Waddle. The race begins and ends in Bond Park and the route includes a scenic trek along MacGregor Ave., Big Thompson Ave., and Fall River Rd. Here's what you can do to ensure a place in the starting line:

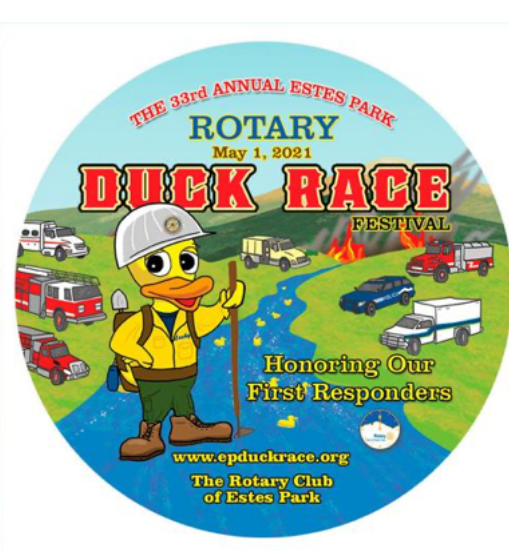
- Go to <https://estesparkrunning.org/our-races/duck-waddle-5k/> and register. Late registration is April 26 - May 1, with a \$7 increase to the entry fee. In-person registration available, 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on Race Day
- Adult registration is \$30 and includes a Duck Adoption (value \$20) and "Firefighter Duck" shirt (\$5 added).
- Seniors (60 and up) registration is \$25 and includes a Duck Adoption (value \$20) and "Firefighter Duck" shirt (\$5 added).
- Youth 14 and under will be charged \$25.
- Pick up your packet between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on April 30 at Med-X of Estes Park, 158 First St. OR in Bond Park on Race Day beginning at 8 a.m.
- All participants must observe social distancing guidelines and wear a mask at all times, except while running.

"We want to have a safe and fun race for everyone!" said Belle Morris, Estes Park Running Club President and Race Director. "Join us by following our Social Contract agreement for COVID-19 precautions. All participants are asked to wear a face mask at all times, with exception while running or walking during race. Social distancing at the start line and at the separate finish line is expected. A time-trial interval start, of 3-second spacing, will allow participants adequate spacing."

A special commemorative race shirt will be available to the public for purchase on Race Day for \$20, Morris added.

Following the Duck Waddle 5K, top finishers will receive awards and prizes. These include 1st and 2nd place male and female overall. Additional awards will be presented to 1st and 2nd place, male and female, in the following categories: 13 and under; 14-16; 17-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70-79; and over 80.

"The Estes Park Running Club provides their unique and challenging schedule to all of our runners," said Big Duck 21" Bill Solms. "Their participation in our Duck Race Festival in this unusual year shows their individual caring and dedication to our cause of raising support and directing attention towards all of our non-profits in the Estes Valley!! Please join them in their special Duck Waddle this year by running in the race and/or by adopting one of their racing ducks."



Cards welcome

If you would like to send get well wishes to Mary Overly, please use this address:

Mary Overly
Good Samaritan Society - Loveland Village
2101 S. Garfield Ave., Apt 138
Loveland, CO 80537-4000



Is Zoom a challenge? Anne Slack has the answers!

For anyone new to the workings of Zoom, it can be a confusing experience. Our Membership Chair, Anne Slack, took on the challenge of creating a step-by-step tutorial on navigating Zoom.

The document is posted on our club website's home page, under Home Page Download Files (left hand side of the page) for your future reference. Click on this link to be taken to our club's home page to read all about the world of Zoom, and think about printing it out for a friend. <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5241>

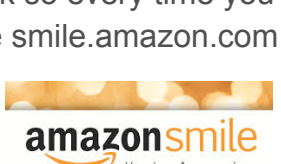
Thanks, Anne for your efforts to keep all of our members engaged until we can meet again!



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2020-21 Rotary International Theme



Rotary Opens Opportunities

April 8 Duty Roster

Invocation: [Bill Smith](#)

Song & Pledge: [Bill Solms](#)

Guest Intro: [Scott Thompson](#)

Scribe: [Madison Casey](#)

Greeter: [Scott Thompson](#)

Program Intro: [Scott Thompson](#)

April 15 Duty Roster

Invocation: [Lee Lasson](#)

Song & Pledge: [Bill Solms](#)

Guest Intro: [Scott Thompson](#)

Scribe: [Dana Fritz](#)

Greeter: [Scott Thompson](#)

Program Intro: [Annie Slack](#)

Upcoming Events

[Duck Race Trial Run](#)
Community Center Lazy River
Apr 05, 2021

[Club Board Meeting](#)
Zoom
Apr 06, 2021
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

[Foundation Board Meeting](#)
Zoom
Apr 15, 2021
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

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Speakers

Apr 08, 2021
[Adam Shake](#)
The State of the Estes Valley Economy

Apr 15, 2021
[Cory Workman](#)
Ears and Hearing

Apr 22, 2021
[Bill Solms](#)
Club Assembly

Apr 29, 2021
[Fifth Thursday](#)
No Meeting

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

[Karen McClure](#)
April 5

[Lee Machin](#)
April 11

[Jim Austin](#)
April 20

[Trudy Collar](#)
April 21

[Matt Comstock](#)
May 2

[Tara Moening](#)
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

[Harry Livingston](#)
[Mary](#)
April 23

[Virgil Holtgrewe](#)
[Carol](#)
May 8

[Madison Casey](#)
[Marty Yochum](#)
May 20

[Dennis Gellhaus](#)
[Robbie](#)
May 21

[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
24 years

[Mike Connolly](#)
April 3, 2008
13 years

[Peter Sinnott](#)
April 5, 2007
14 years

[Gregg Jurgens](#)
April 14, 2011
10 years

[Trudy Collar](#)
April 16, 2015
6 years

[Carl Robicheaux](#)
April 18, 2019
2 years

[Bill Solms](#)
April 21, 2016
5 years

[Chuck Bonza](#)
April 25, 2008
13 years

[Dale Bonza](#)
April 25, 2008
13 years

[Philip Moening](#)
April 25, 2008
13 years

[Scott Thompson](#)
April 25, 2008
13 years

[Tara Moening](#)
April 25, 2008
13 years

[Wayne Andersen](#)
May 25, 2000
21 years

[Lee Machin](#)
May 31, 1973
48 years

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[Bill Solms](#)

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[Jim Whiteneck](#)

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[Longley Parker](#)

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[John Thomason](#)

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[Ron Gordon](#)

Youth/New Generation Services Director
[Sue Fereday](#)

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[Anne Slack](#)

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[Jack Boatmen](#), [Carl Robicheaux](#)

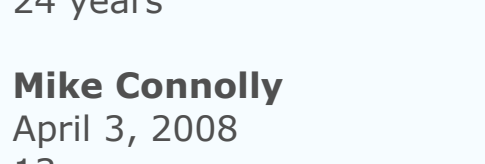
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[Anne Slack](#)

Ernie Altick Program
[Kathy Groesbeck](#), [Dave Evans](#)

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