



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>

Silence is not Golden, it's Lonely: Hearing and Technology Update

Our program on Thursday, April 15, will feature Audiologist Cory Workman, former president of the Colorado Academy of Audiology.



Dr. Cory Workman

Dr. Workman "Dr. Cory" comes to Estes Park by way of Idaho. He received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Idaho State University in his hometown of Pocatello, Idaho in 2006. He received his doctorate in Audiology in 2013, also from Idaho State University. He completed a clinical residency with Colorado West Otolaryngologists Ear, Nose, & Throat physician's clinic in Grand Junction, CO. He spent three years in Grand Junction specializing in hearing loss and balance disorders. He also coordinated the implantable hearing device program while there. Most recently, Dr. Cory has worked in Boise, Idaho with Southwest Idaho ENT as a clinical audiologist. Dr. Cory specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of hearing loss, balance and dizziness disorders, hearing aids, repairs, wax removal, hearing protection and assistive devices. He brings a personalized, straightforward approach to his patients and enjoys improving the lives of those he serves.

Dr. Cory has served on the national Student Academy of Audiology board of directors from 2011 to 2013 and as president of the Colorado Academy of Audiology from 2014 to 2015. He carries board certification from the American Board of Audiology and is very active nationally for the professional of audiology.

Dr. Cory and his wife, Melinda, have two daughters and share a love of music, the arts and the great outdoors. They can be found around town looking for the best live music or in the outdoors biking and skiing. They are excited to be a part of the Estes Park community and look forward to many years ahead.

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Update from President Bill Solms

Nicky's hopes to reopen in early May, so May 6th could be our first regular/Zoom meeting at the restaurant.

Duck Race is on track for May 1st: \$20k in adoptions as of 4/9 and climbing. Merchant prize solicitations went out; Beth needs help with follow-ups to our merchant prize solicitation letters... please offer to give Little Duck a hand!

A big thanks again to Gregg Jergens and all the race duck sorters!! The race ducks are ready!!

Be ready on race day when Lucky Duck may need a rescue.... to be continued...

Race Day breakfast starting at 7am to 9am at The Egg of Estes; come & go as you can, but please RSVP to BigDuck@epduckrace.org.

Quackfully,
Prez/Big Duck Bill



Posted by Madison Casey

April 8, 2021 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Solms at 12:00.

- President Bill said Nicky's is still under construction so we will continue Zoom-only meetings. They think perhaps early May we can return.
- We did our duck sorting April 1.
- Duck Race Committee meets today at 5:00.
- Duck Race posters and pins are in and we discussed how to distribute. We have Duck Race Staff sweatshirts this year.

Announcements

- Beth Weisberg desperately needs volunteers to call or visit businesses for duck race prizes. As usual many businesses (392 of 420) have not responded and we just need to contact them & fill out the forms for them. Many folks today took 10 each but we still need more volunteers to do this.
- Annie Slack need volunteers to evaluate our scholarship applicants by April 22. The Library is allowing us to return and review them in the file there. Contact Annie.

Jim Whitehead offered the invocation. Bill led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our guest was our First Lady Marianne Solms. Scott Thompson delivered the Joke of the Day. Bill recognized birthdays and anniversaries. Milt Garrett gave a couple corrections and clarifications on his presentation on Russia last week.

Program

Scott Thompson introduced our guest speaker, Adam Shake, President and CEO of Estes Park Economic Development Corporation. Adam gave us a detailed description on the EDC's purpose and function to facilitate economic development and aid our businesses and he updated us on the state of our economy and business sectors now.

Adjournment

Bill Solms closed the meeting with the Four Way Test.

Madison Casey, scribe



Member Spotlight: Carl Robicheaux

The Spoke is occasionally profiling a member of our Club in order to get to know them better and stay connected through these socially distant times.



Carl Robicheaux

Carl was born and raised in South Louisiana. Carl is proud of his Cajun heritage. He has been happily married to his wife Aime for 20 years. Carl has one daughter and two grandchildren who all live in South Louisiana. The Robicheaux household is blessed with three dogs - two Rhodesian Ridgebacks and a Shiba Inu. In 1987 Carl received his Juris Doctorate (J.D.) degree from Loyola University of the South in New Orleans. Although a litigator for over 30 years, Carl now focuses his law practice in Estes Park to Estate Planning, Probate, Real Estate, Small Business advice and general civil law.

Carl enjoys fly fishing, hiking with Aime and chasing the small, dimpled ball on a golf course. In addition, Carl enjoys cooking. In fact, Carl would be happy to cook you a gumbo, etouffee, jambalaya or other authentic Cajun meal - except Chaudin (pronounced Show-Dan).

Living their entire lives in hot, humid, muggy, and mosquito-infested South Louisiana, Carl and Aime's decided to retire in the mountains. In 2009 they came to Estes Park for vacation and left with a contract on a small condo (thanks to Rotarian Jay Haroff). Through a series of fortunate events, Carl and Aime moved to Colorado in 2017, a full ten years earlier than planned.

Why Rotary- Carl's parents devoted their spare time to helping those individuals who were less fortunate than themselves. Carl's lame excuse to not following their valuable lesson was, "I'm too busy." That is no longer an excuse. Carl believes Rotary's motto of "service over self" perfectly fits his parents lesson to serve others. He is proud to be a Rotarian.

Rotarians show up!

Karen Thompson sent this photo of the Duck Sorters who gathered at Quality Inn April 1 to get the ducks ready for the May 1 Duck Race. It's not too late to adopt a duck or a flock at epduckrace.org.



Duck sorting at Quality Inn

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:

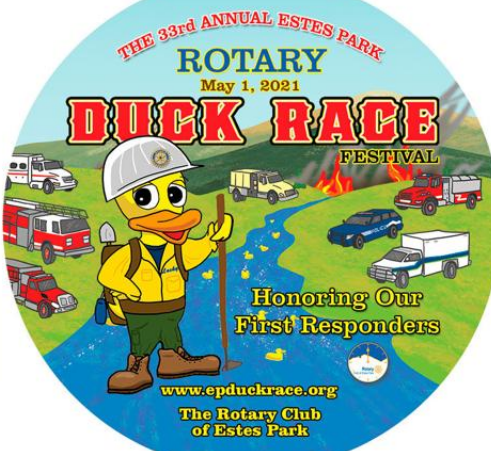
- Go to <https://estesparkrunning.org/our-races/duck-waddle-5k/> and register. Late registration is April 26 - May 1, with a \$7 increase to the entry fee. In-person registration available, 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on Race Day
- Adult registration is \$30 and includes a Duck Adoption (value \$20) and "Firefighter 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; 70-70; 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."



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