



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



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Program: Nehemiah-Gateway's mission, projects, collaboration with our club

Nehemiah-Gateway focuses on helping others to help themselves and to foster and create sustainable structures. Started in 1991, Nehemiah has implemented many projects in Albania, such as first-aid clinics, repair shops, soup kitchens, day care centers, and educational institutions from kindergarten to university. Since then, this work has spread to other parts of the world.

Sarah Pita, Development Director for Nehemiah-Gateway USA, will speak at the Rotary Club of Estes Park on Thursday, Aug. 2, at their regular noon meeting. Pita will discuss Nehemiah Gateway's well-established humanitarian and educational work in Albania. In addition, she will talk about the summer camp for Roma youth that Estes Park Rotary is sponsoring this year as well as other upcoming Nehemiah-Gateway collaborations.



Sarah Pita

Albania is a southern European country with a unique language and culture, in a spectacular natural setting. Recently, Pita had the opportunity to learn first-hand about Nehemiah-Gateway's work in Albania.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Russian Language and Literature from Swarthmore College, Pita went on to receive her Master of Arts

Aug. 2 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Virgil Yarbrough**

Song & Pledge: **Pete Sumey**

Guest Intro: **Dana Fritz**

Scribe: **Dale Bonza**

Greeter: **Anne Slack**

Program Intro: **Doug Mann**

Aug. 9 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Guy Van der Werf**

Song & Pledge: **Pete Sumey**

Guest Intro: **Dennis Gellhaus**

Scribe: **Rita DuChateau**

Greeter: **Pete Sumey**

Program Intro: **Rick Taylor**

Speakers

Aug 02, 2018 12:30 PM

[Sarah Pita](#)

Nehemiah-Gateway USA and our club

Aug 09, 2018 12:30 PM

[Rene Moquin](#)

Being a Global Volunteer in China

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Upcoming Events

in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University. Since then, she has lived all over the world, including Europe, Asia, and the United States.

For the last 12 years, Pita has lived with her husband and two children in the Estes Valley. Over that time, she has helped many nonprofit organizations in the Estes Valley to grow their programs and capacity through her expertise in grant writing and fundraising. A lifelong writer, she is passionate about using her skills to help organizations that are making a positive difference in the world.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are 1.2 million Rotary members in 35,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary clubs have been serving communities worldwide for more than a century, initiating projects that address critical issues such as conflict resolution, disease, clean water, hunger, illiteracy, and poverty.

The Rotary Club of Estes Park has moved to its new location, meeting Thursdays in the Timberline Conference Room at the Ridgeline Hotel in Estes Park, located at 101 South Saint Vrain Ave. Visitors interested in learning more about Rotary and its programs are welcome to attend. Buffet is served at 11:30 a.m., the Rotary business meeting opens at noon, and the program begins at 12:30 p.m.

Will YOU be at Rotary on August 9th?

Members planning to attend the **Thursday, August 9** meeting need to contact Club Administrator Karol Rinehart by **10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 3** to let her know the following:

1. You plan to attend and have lunch
2. You plan to attend and have beverage service only
3. You will be there and will be bringing a guest.

New place (Ridgeline Hotel) new rules. Let's all get into the habit of contacting Karol. **Remember, you can also let her know at this week's meeting.**



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Great program, too! Come and hear about Rene Moquin's work in China with Global Volunteers.

July 26, 2018 Meeting Highlights

[Club Board Meeting](#)
Wasson Room, Library
Aug 07, 2018 5:06 PM

Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Harriette Woodard

July 1

Tom Maher

July 2

Virgil Yarbrough

July 2

Philip Moenning

July 3

Lee Lasson

July 5

Randy Skeie

July 11

Gregg Jurgens

July 13

Bill Solms

July 16

Jim White

July 21

Chip Sproul

July 22

Don Widrig

July 24

Dana Fritz

August 8

Kris Hazelton

August 10

Jay Harroff

August 19

Anniversaries

Marsha Yelick

Bruce Nickels

July 3

President Elect Doug Mann presided in President Dave Evans' absence. Tom Maher offered the prayer of invocation. Pete Sumey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Connelly led introductions but there were none. Bill Solms offered the joke of the day in Scott's absence. It was mercifully short.



Spirit Award

The CLUB SPIRIT AWARD was presented to HARRIETTE WOODARD. CONGRATULATIONS!



Happy Money

Happy Money was given by Bill Solms, Tom Maher, Pete Sumey, Madison Casey, Doug Mann.

Distinguished Duck Award

Brad Rosenbaum presented the DISTINGUISHED DUCK AWARD to KATHY GROESBECK. CONGRATULATIONS!

Rick Taylor

Janet

July 7

Dmitri Galcovski

Yuliya

July 10

Doug Mann

Michelle

July 28

Gene Oja

Theresa

August 5

Thor Homme

Darlene Homme

August 8

Wayne Newsom

Pat

August 10

Ken Cole

Barbara

August 16

Ward Nelson

Patricia

August 23

Join Date

Karen McClure

July 1, 1993

25 years

Sandy Lasson

July 1, 2007

11 years

Guy Van der Werf

July 7, 1994

24 years

Roger Thorp

July 8, 1976

42 years

Randy Skeie

July 9, 1998

20 years

Virgil Holtgrewe

July 10, 2014

4 years



Program

We then adjourned to meet in committees as we do on the fourth Thursday.

Submitted by Madison Casey, scribe, and photographers Brad Rosenbaum, Bill Solms and Rita DuChateau



Thanks!

At our last meeting, Tom Maher recognized Wayne Newsom for rounding up volunteers to offer the invocation and introduce our guests! We all appreciate your efforts!



Rotary Quote of the Week

RI President-elect Barry Rassin's theme for 2018-19, Be the Inspiration, asks Rotarians to inspire change in the world and in each other. "I ask all of you to Be the Inspiration to help Rotary move from reaction to action — to take a hard look at the environmental issues that affect health and welfare around the world and do what we can to help."



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