



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Welcome to our Club!

We meet Thursdays at 12:00 PM
Nicky's Steakhouse
1350 Fall River Rd.
Estes Park, CO 80517
United States of America

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Posted by Rita DuChateau

Nicky's or Zoom? The choice is yours!

Your club is back at Nicky's! You can come to Nicky's for lunch and our meeting, or you can participate by clicking on the Zoom link to participate remotely. So, the choice of how to attend is yours.

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

If you're going to join the group at Nicky's you will need to **R.S.V.P.** to Karol at kj.rinehart@centurylink.net **BEFORE 5 p.m. Tuesday (Aug. 18)**. This will be the "drill" going forward, so remember to R.S.V.P. to Karol **before Tuesday at 5 p.m.** every week we meet.

Attendance at Nicky's is limited to 25, food will be served rather than a buffet, price is still \$15. Those attending must have a meal. Please arrive as close to 11:30 as possible so meals can be served before the meeting begins.

Posted by Bill Solms

Update from President Bill Solms

Last Thursday's meeting on the 13th was attended at the same level as our meeting on the 6th; my thanks to all those of you who continue to be faithful in your on line attendance or Club participation during these trying months. I am going to schedule myself to do a dry run early this Thursday to see how to improve the quality of the program for those who are physically present at Nicky's. Those of you at home should have had a good quality presentation without any undue electronic interference. The problems at Nicky's have been the lack of volume for the sound and getting a good projection of the desired person on the enlarged screen. Scott has been a great host on line and Mike, thank you for your help at Nicky's.

I enjoyed hearing from Wendy Rigby the new editor for the Trail Gazette: I apologize for forgetting to award her a "piece of the rock" during the meeting as is our custom. In trying to make up for this, I dropped by the offices of the Gazette (across from where the Doughnut Shop used to be) only to find they are not open to the public due to Covid-19. Wendy's telephone number was one of those listed on their front door, so I am scheduled to drop it off at her home in Carriage Hills on Monday morning; she does a great job for the Gazette from her kitchen table!! I will try to make a short video of the gift delivery so she hopefully feels appropriately honored.

We are expecting a Zoom visit from our District President, Chris Woodruff September 1st at our Board meeting and also during our regular meeting September 3rd. Chris has purchased his duck adoption online, have we done the same??

Our District Assembly will be held October 10th, 9:00 to 11:30am. Holger Knaack will be making a personal appearance at 10:00 that morning from his office in Germany. Please save the date!

This next meeting on the 20th includes a quality speaker, Michael Moon, on the future of our town and Estes Valley. Please make a special effort to attend on line, and we will make an effort to make it worth your while. Read our Rotary monthly magazines if you wish to solve my trivia question and add \$20.00 happy dollars from my pocket! I am ahead from last week, so that means the question should be a little easier this week. Those of you who wish to physically attend please do not forget to call Karol by Tuesday the 18th before 5 pm.

The ambiance, food, and ability to distance are all good at Nicky's, but as I have said previously no one can guarantee Covid-19 will not be in the air at any point in our ventures into the community. Keep your guard up with the usual precautions!!

Hope to see you there or on line!
Bill Solms



Posted by Rita DuChateau

This week's program Michael Moon to define The Paradise Gap

This week's program will be broadcast on Zoom and will feature Michael Moon. His topic: *The Paradise Gap in Estes Park*. Tune in at Nicky's or at home. To join on Zoom, click on this link before the meeting starts at noon: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>. Scott Thompson is our Zoom Host.

Moon is an active retired Estes Valley resident who arrived with his wife, Catherine, in August 2013, just in time for the 2013 flood. He has taken a lead role in researching the business rationale for why we have such a deficiency in birth through age 5 childcare in the Estes Valley. Moon led the EDC's Childcare Services Committee which developed the EDC's Childcare Needs Assessment and was instrumental in the creation of Estes ECE a 501(c)(3) focused on the creation of publicly funded early childhood education capacity within the Estes Valley.



Michael Moon

Moon is Board President of Estes Early Childhood Education, Inc (Estes ECE, Inc.), a member of the Town of Estes Park's Family Advisory Board, active in the Early Childhood Council of Larimer County (ECCLC), and a core member of the Larimer County committee working on creating deliverable action plans for Larimer County's 2019-2023 Strategic Goal 2, Objective 3: Childcare.

He also serves the community as a Sargent in the Estes Park Police Department's Auxiliary, is active with the Estes Valley Model Railroaders and their annual Rails In The Rockies show and is an Elder in the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies.

Moon holds BSEE and MSEE degrees from Georgia Tech and an MBA from the University of Oregon. During his career he worked for Harris Semiconductor, Storage Technology, Intel Corporation and Weyerhaeuser in roles from component and system design to global IT management.

Posted by Pete Sumey

August 13, 2020 Meeting Notes

President Bill Solms rang the bell at 12:00. Virgil Holtgrewe gave the Invocation. Bill Solms led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest Introductions: Visiting Rotarians: Jean Rismiller from Sunrise Rotary; Guests: Speaker Wendy Rigby, Foreign student, Antonia.

Announcements

- President Bill announced birthdays and anniversaries for August.
- Anne Slack and Community Director, Jim Whiteneck announced plans for a social activity involving a bridge painting project on the 9 hole golf course followed by a box lunch with members of Sunrise Rotary on September 22.
- Jean Rismiller announced an open house for Antonia this Saturday at her home for Sunrise members and our members. Antonia leaves to go home on Wednesday. A West coast trip for all students was cancelled and replaced for Antonia with a trip to Glenwood Springs and Moab with a Rotary family. Antonia thanked everyone for giving her a good year under difficult circumstances, especially for the Happy Money collected for her trip.

Program
Jennifer Comstock introduced speaker Wendy Rigby, editor of the Trail Gazette.

Happy Money

- President Bill is happy nobody answered the trivia question.
- Karen Thompson is grateful for the many Rotarians who helped correct errors on the Friendship Card Brochure before it went to the printer.
- President Bill adjourned the meeting with the 4-Way Test.

Pete Sumey, scribe



Posted by Rita DuChateau

Have you adopted your flock yet? Duck Race is only 5 weeks away

Wondering what happened to May, June and July? Time FLEW!



And now it's time to focus our attention and energy on the 32nd Estes Park Rotary Duck Race.



Everything's happening online this year due to the global pandemic. But, never fear, Big Duck Karen Thompson and her flock are working hard to turn this challenging situation into a victory for our 67 Participating Organizations. You can be a part of the waterless Duck Race in so many ways.

Go to <https://www.epduckrace.org/adopt-ducks/> and show your Rotary spirit by adopting your own duck - or better yet - a Quack Pack (Adopt 5 for your favorite organization and get one free)

Donate to the Merchant Prize Campaign so your club can show some Duck Love to our loyal merchants. Reach out to Karen Thompson at bigduck@epduckrace.org and tell her you want to fund some Duck Bucks.

Tell your friends about this year's incredible cash and travel prizes. Here's a link to the prize list: <https://www.epduckrace.org/prizes/>

Send an email to your family and friends, post something on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. Help spread the word. Our 67 Participating Organizations depend on you.

Remember, \$19 of every Duck Adoption goes to your favorite Participating Organization. You can help your club by selecting the #1 Organization. Estes Park Rotary Foundation.

Offer to help the Duck Race Committee plan for the virtual race. Lots of help needed!

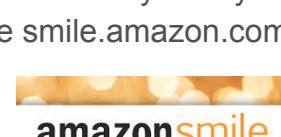
Meet our 2020 Scholars

- Gaetano DuMont**, Academic Scholarship
Biology/Chemistry/Pre-Med, St. Olaf College
- Meghan Frey**, Academic Scholarship
Nursing, University of Wyoming
- Sage Shumate**, Academic Scholarship
Criminology, Boston University
- Paulina Tapia Bernal**, Stanley Hotel Scholarship
Human Nutrition & Food Science, Colorado State University
- Esabella Burkhardt**, Carver Family Scholarship
Psychology/Liberal Arts, Front Range Community College
- Jennifer Johnson**, Lynn Coffman Scholarship
Business, University of Colorado - Boulder
- Noel Villanueva**, Brunson/Thorp Scholarship
Business Administration Management, University of Wyoming
- Aubrey Kinley**, Ron L. Kuhns Scholarship
Agricultural Business, Texas A*M University College Station
- Matthew Turner**, Brian Archibald Scholarship
Associate Degree in Art, Alameda Community College

Give to our Foundation while you shop!

Do you find that you are placing Amazon orders more frequently these days? Don't forget to help your Rotary Club of Estes Park Foundation with every order. As a recipient of funds in the smile.amazon.com, our foundation will receive a portion of the sale. All you need to do is sign up to get the funds flowing. And SHOP!

- Go to: smile.amazon.com
- Choose the charitable organization by typing in Estes Park Rotary Foundation. Our club and the Longs Peak club will come up in the search. Click on Estes Park Rotary Foundation.
- Create a bookmark so every time you shop Amazon, you will participating in the smile.amazon.com program.



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Aug. 20 Duty Roster

Invocation: [Anne Slack](#)

Song & Pledge: [Bill Solms](#)

Guest Intro: [TBD](#)

Scribe: [Rita DuChateau](#)

Greeter: [TBD](#)

Program Intro: [Rick Taylor](#)

August 27 Duty Roster

Invocation: [TBD](#)

Song & Pledge: [Bill Solms](#)

Guest Intro: [TBD](#)

Scribe: [Madison Casey](#)

Greeter: [TBD](#)

Program Intro: [Bill Solms](#)

Upcoming Events

[Estes Park Rotary Duck Race](#)

Sep 19, 2020
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Speakers

Aug 20, 2020
[Michael Moon](#)
The Paradise Gap in Estes Park

Aug 27, 2020
[Bill Solms](#)
Club Assembly

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

John Thomason
August 3

Tom Gardner
August 4

Dana Fritz
August 8

Kris Hazelton
August 10

Beth Weisberg
August 11

Jay Harroff
August 19

Mark Lee
August 20

Milt Garrett
August 23

Anniversaries

Thor Homme Darlene
August 8

Jim Whiteneck Carol Whiteneck
August 10

Wayne Newsom Pat
August 10

Tom Gardner Linda
August 21

Ward Nelson Patricia
August 23

Jack Boatman Jan Boatman
August 25

Join Date

Kevin Mullin
August 16, 2018
2 years

Milt Garrett
August 28, 1998
22 years

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