



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.**

HOWEVER, if you're going to join the group at Nicky's you will need to **R.S.V.P.** Send Karol and email at **kj.rinehart@centurylink.net BEFORE 5 p.m. Tuesday (Aug. 4)**. This will be the "drill" going forward, so mark your calendars so you remember to R.S.V.P. to Karol **before Tuesday at 5 p.m.** every week we meet.

Details for Nicky's from Karol: Attendance limited to 25, food will be served rather than a buffet, price is still \$15. Those attending must have a meal, as there is a restriction on the number that can attend. Please arrive as close to 11:30 as possible so meals can be served before the meeting begins.

Zoom details from Scott Thompson, our ZoomHost:

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

Meeting ID: 798 570 7369

Scott is available to help anyone with Zoom.

Posted by Rita DuChateau

This week's program- Meet Donna Carlson, Chamber Director

This week's program will be broadcast on Zoom and will highlight the Estes Chamber of Commerce. Tune in at Nicky's or at home to meet Donna Carlson, Chamber Executive Director, and learn about this new organization on the Estes scene.



Donna Carlson

Donna Carlson joined the Chamber in March of 2020, right at the beginning of the COVID crisis. After 25 years of high-tech PR experience, Donna moved into the non-profit world and shifted her focus onto leadership development. After five years at Compassion International, she moved to The Center for Creative Leadership and then formed her own consultancy providing women's leadership development with 360 Life Strategies.

She was focused on small business strategies when the role with the Estes Chamber materialized.

"This is the perfect place to apply the combination of PR, marketing, networking and business development expertise," Donna says. "I also get to help a town I've loved for 25 years recover from a paradigm-changing global pandemic. It's an honor to be here."

Donna has been traveling to Estes Park as a visitor for 25 years. Her husband Jeff helps seniors save money on Medicare and her three daughters -- 23, 19 and 17 -- are big supporters of the ice cream business in town.

Posted by Rita DuChateau

Duck Race 2020 will be virtual Adopt your ducks at epduckrace.org

With a mixture of regret and excitement, the Estes Park Duck Race Festival Committee has decided to host a virtual experience on Saturday, Sept. 19 instead of an in-person event.

"We surely feel regret because the global pandemic forces us to find a new way to move forward safely with the 32nd Annual Estes Park Duck Race," said 'Big Duck' Karen Thompson. "But as soon as we decided to have a virtual Duck Race, we started to see so many new and thrilling possibilities that we are now very excited!"

Details are being developed that will ensure the race is accessible online, entertaining for those who tune into the livestream, and rewarding for the 67 Participating Organizations that are busy selling Duck Adoptions.

The virtual event will feature a live Tail Spin Drawing of the major prizes and hundreds of Duck Buck certificates for local merchants. The Major Prizes include:

- Cash Prize: \$2,000
- Cash Prize: \$1,000
- Travel Prize: 3-night stay for two at the Pine Lodge on Whitefish River near Glacier National Park
- Travel Prize: 3-night stay for two at the Explorer Cabins at Yellowstone National Park
- Travel Prize: 3-night stay for two at Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite National Park

All travel prizes include extras, which vary between the resorts. Travel prizes have been provided by Delaware North, the lodging and concession corporation that includes the Ridgeline Hotel in Estes Park.



"Delaware North has graciously extended the expiration dates for the travel prizes to 2022, which means the winners will have extra time to plan a safe trip," Thompson said.

Duck adopters will have the chance to win hundreds of prizes valued at \$20 and up. The difference is that this year the merchants don't have to donate prizes. Most of the prizes, called Duck Bucks, will be provided by the Duck Race Committee and generous donors and can be redeemed at local businesses.

"We think it's time to help our merchants, too," Thompson said. "These are different times, to be sure, but this situation has given us the chance to 'think outside the nest' and do some things differently. The Duck Race volunteers will do everything we can to make this the very best Duck Race ever!"

Posted by Rita DuChateau

Duck Bucks campaign seeks donors' dollars

Have you been looking for a way to support Estes Park businesses as they recover from recent COVID-19 closures while also spreading some Duck Race love?

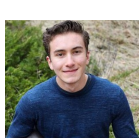
It's as easy as calling or emailing 'Big Duck 2020' Karen Thompson to make a donation to the Duck Bucks Campaign. Instead of simply asking local merchants to donate prizes for the 2020 Estes Park Rotary Duck Race, the planning committee has hatched a fundraising effort to give back to the merchants. Race fans will still win hundreds of prizes at the Estes Park Rotary Duck Race on Saturday, Sept. 19, but funds for many of the prizes will come from a combination of event budget reallocations and donations from sponsors and Estes Valley residents.

The 2020 Estes Park Rotary Duck Race is supporting local merchants who donated prizes in 2017, 2018 and 2019 by purchasing gift cards (Duck Bucks) that winners can redeem at the businesses.

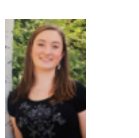
To donate, or for more information, contact Thompson at bigduck@epduckrace.org or by phone at 970-590-9942.



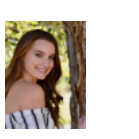
Meet our 2020 Scholars



Galileo 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



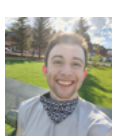
Paulina Tapia Bernal, Stanley Hotel Scholarship
Human Nutrition & Food Science, Colorado State University



Esabella Burkhardt, Carver Family Scholarship
Psychology/Liberal Arts, Front Range Community College



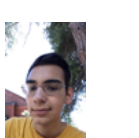
Jennifer Johnson, Lynn Coffman Scholarship
Business, University of Colorado - Boulder



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, Aims Community College

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Aug. 6 Duty Roster

Invocation: **TBD**

Song & Pledge: **Bill Solms**

Guest Intro: **TBD**

Scribe: **Dana Fritz**

Greeter: **TBD**

Program Intro: **Rick Taylor**

August 13 Duty Roster

Invocation: **TBD**

Song & Pledge: **Bill Solms**

Guest Intro: **TBD**

Scribe: **Pete Sumey**

Greeter: **TBD**

Program Intro: **Jennifer Comstock**

Upcoming Events

[Club Board Meeting](#)

Nicky's Steakhouse
Aug 04, 2020
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[Duck Race Committee Meeting](#)

Aug 13, 2020
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[Estes Park Rotary Duck Race](#)

Sep 19, 2020
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Speakers

Aug 06, 2020
[Donna Carlson](#)
EP Chamber of Commerce

Aug 13, 2020
[Wendy Rigby](#)
New Managing Editor of EP Trail Gazette

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

Executives & Directors

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[Jim Whiteneck](#)

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[Longley Parker](#)

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[Jennifer Comstock](#)

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[John Thomason](#)

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[Dave Evans](#)

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[Karol Rinehart](#)

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[Jim Whiteneck](#)

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[Karen Thompson](#)

International Service
[Ron Gordon](#)

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

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[Anne Slack](#)

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[Jack Boatman, Carl Robicheaux](#)

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[Anne Slack](#)

Ernie Altick Program

[Kathy Groesbeck, Dave Evans](#)

Investments

[Madison Casey](#)

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