



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Update on the Loop



Greg Muhonen

Greg Muhonen from Town Hall will be giving an update on the Loop.

Our meeting this week will be held in person, but a Zoom link will be provided. Click on the link below to be admitted.

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

Please remember to mute yourself unless you want to speak.

Rotary Weekly Luncheon

Place: American Legion

Time: Lunch served from 11:30 - 12:00

Cost: \$20

Parking: American Legion and the church only.

Bio Brief

Greg Muhonen, PE, is the Public Works Director for the Town of Estes Park and has over 35 years of experience as a Civil Engineer. With an engineering degree from Stanford University and graduate studies in Arctic Engineering at the University of Alaska, Mr. Muhonen's civil engineering work experience spans private land development, land use entitlement review, traffic engineering, municipal policy, and public works capital project design and construction. He has engaged in civil infrastructure projects from all three primary roles: owner/ applicant, designer/consultant, and governmental reviewer/regulator. In 1986 he moved to the governmental regulatory side as the Larimer County Construction Engineer and continued to include municipal transportation project design, development review, and land use policy for the City of Loveland from 1989 to 2001. His public sector work introduced him to grant opportunities that included supervising a team of four professionals in designing and building public roads, bike lanes, sidewalks, and a bridge upgrade for the City of Loveland. Mr. Muhonen has served as the Public Works Director for nearly eight years overseeing the Streets, Parks, Engineering, Facilities, Fleet, and Parking and Transit divisions. He continues to be involved in grants that support important infrastructure projects.

Update by President Dennis Gellhaus

Robbie and I took a hike around Long Lake at Brainard Lake Recreation Area last week. We may have missed the peak season, yet the flowers were still spectacular! The diversity of vegetation, the contour of mountain peaks, and layers of spruce and pine are glorious! And so it is with our lives. The greater the diversity, the richer and more fulfilling experiences that shape us.

Rotary has a way of bringing the diversity of friendship, while looking at the wider world, community, and perspectives that enhance our lives so that we can make everything a little bit better.

Thanks for listening.
Dennis

August 11, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Dennis Gellhaus called the meeting to order.
Scott Robbins gave the Invocation
Dennis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Madison Casey led song "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing".

August 18 Duty Roster

Invocation: Jack Boatman

Song & Pledge: Dennis Gellhaus

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Pete Sumej

Greeter: Pete Sumej

Program Intro: Karen Thompson

August 25 Duty Roster

Invocation: Lee Lasson

Song & Pledge: Dennis Gellhaus

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Barry Hannigan

Greeter: Mel Rueppel

Program Intro: Karen Thompson

Upcoming Events

[Foundation Board Meeting](#)

Quality Inn
Aug 18, 2022
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

[Shred-a-Thon](#)

Aug 27, 2022
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

[John Denver Concert](#)

Sep 03, 2022

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Speakers

Aug 18, 2022
[Greg Muhonen](#)
Loop Update

Aug 25, 2022
[Dennis Gellhaus](#)
Committee Meetings

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Dennis modeled our new Rotary work vests.
Mark Lee asked all speakers to use the mic so our Zoom participants can hear.
He also asked for help to

- set up and tear down our new PA system each meeting (not technical) and
- someone to sit in for him as needed to run Zoom for our meetings (technical, training provided).

Guests of Rotarians:

Scott Thompson introduced guests for the program today:

- Rachel Oppermann and Rebecca Gelsinger from Visit Estes Park
- He thanked them for sponsoring the Duck Race and for their hard work that day.

We welcomed Sarah Pita from Nehemiah Gateway, guest of Michelle Mann.

- She was glad to be back and thanked us for all the good we have done for the kids in Albania.
- She has been our contact for Ron Gordon and Jack Boatman for our work there.
- She is a member of the Rotary Club in Swarthmore, PA.

Scott told his joke.

Announcements:

- Scott Robbins said:
 - Duck Race Committee meeting today is cancelled
 - but the Tech Committee is meeting instead.
 - It is surveying users to see what has worked and what hasn't.
- Bill Smith said we will have a 5th Thursday social at the Historic Stanley Home, Sept 29, 5:00 for 2 hours.
 - \$20 each for apps, beer, wine, margaritas & tour.
 - Shuttle bus from Visitors Center at 5:00.
 - Need 20 people.
- Tom Maher introduced Ruby Bode who is with us again today as a guest this time versus a presenter, and is joining our club.
- Jim Austin reported Pete Sinnott had a hole-in-one yesterday!
- Jim Austin introduced a new club initiative to support Shelter Boxes.
 - The product was started by a Rotarian and grew into its own charitable organization that now receives 40% of its support from Rotary.
 - Jim has volunteered to be our club champion for this program that Rotary International has established.
 - He will be collecting donations from us Rotarians at each meeting, and reporting to us monthly, so it is not funded by our club.
 - Each box cost \$1,000.
- Beth reported EVICS is upgrading the children's portion of its Parents' Room which serves 25 families daily.
 - The room needs specialized Montessori type toys and cabinets.
 - The kids hang out there when parents are being served.
 - They estimate a need of \$729.
 - We already support another one of their programs so she is offering this to us for individual donations.

Meetings:

- Rotary Foundation meets August 18 at 1:30 at Quality Inn.
- The Shred-a-Thon recycle day will be August 27.
- The John Denver Tribute concert by Brad Fitch will be September 3.
 - Tickets are available online at johndenvertributeconcert22estespark
 - at Visitors Center
 - or Macdonald Book.

Ron Gordon is chairing fundraising for the Golf Tournament - September 16th

- He has handouts for us for soliciting donors.
- We need sponsors and merchant gifts.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Dennis said today is Beth Weisberg's birthday.
Club anniversaries are

- Dawn Shields
- Kevin Mullin.

Happy Money:

Member Birthdays

John Thomason

August 3

Tom Gardner

August 4

Kris Hazelton

August 10

Beth Weisberg

August 11

Jay Harroff

August 19

Mark Lee

August 20

Milt Garrett

August 23

Karol Rinehart

September 5

Mel Rueppel

September 18

Virgil Holtgrewe

September 22

Guy Van der Werf

September 25

Ron Gordon

September 30

Anniversaries

RJ Lara

Samantha Lara

August 6

Thor Homme

Darlene

August 8

Jim Whiteneck

Carol Whiteneck

August 10

Wayne Newsom

Pat

August 10

Dawn Shields

Ed Shields

August 12

Tom Gardner

Linda

August 21

Jack Boatman

Jan Boatman

August 25

Mel Rueppel

Gray Rueppel

August 30

Mike Connolly

- Tom Maher is happy Ruby Bode is here today.
- He noted that our speaker Scott Webermeier has a long history in Estes Park service
 - as a charter member of Sunrise Rotary,
 - his father was school board president, on which Scott also served,
 - he thanked him for his community service.
- Karen Thompson said it is her parents Wayne and Pat Newsom's 70th wedding anniversary.
 - Wayne gave her \$100 to put in for his 70 years and
 - to pay it forward for someone who is celebrating more than 30!
 - She and Scott took them to Silverton, CO where her parents had spent their honeymoon.
- Jim Whiteneck donated \$48 for his anniversary yesterday.
- Mel Rueppel is happy that he had a normal EKG test yesterday and his atrial flutter is fixed.
- Ron Gordon was happy for Jim's Shelter Box effort and suggested he is now part of his Rotary International Committee.

Awards:

Karen Thompson brought up our guest Speaker Scott Webermeier, wife Katie and long-time employee Estella Conejo.

- Karen presented Scott with a Certificate of Appreciation for his Country Market's support of the Friendship Card.
 - They sell the most cards of our outlets by far-- totaling \$18,000 of the total 30,000 we have earned in the four years of the program.
 - Estella at the store pushes sales hard and reminds people to use the discount.
 - Karen also gave them a bag of swag – Rotary license plate frame, Rotary necklace & earrings.



- *Estella Conejo, Katie & Scott Webermeier, Karen Thompson*
- Then Karen brought up Annie Slack who inducted Estella Conejo as an honorary member of Rotary
- for her many years of service selling the Friendship card now,
- and previously serving us during our many years of meeting at the Park Theater in the Other Side.



- *Scott, Katie, Estella, Karen, Annie*

Program:

Karen introduced our program-Scott Webermeier. He presented the new lodging "pillow tax" that will be on the local marketing district ballot at the next election.

This is newly allowed by the state so that towns can choose to set up to fund their workforce housing and childcare needs, if their voters approve.



Scott Webermeier Rachel Oppermann and Rebecca Gelsing from Visit Estes Park

Adjournment:

We concluded with the Four Way Test.

Madison Casey, scribe



2022 Labor Day Arts & Crafts Fundraiser - Rotary Volunteers Needed

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It takes volunteers like you to help ensure a successful Estes Park Labor Day Arts & Crafts Show. Please consider [volunteering](#) for a few hours over the 3 day Labor Day weekend (Sept 3-5). This show alone raises approximately \$35K net to fund grants to area nonprofits and scholarships for graduates of local high schools.

Carole Ann
September 10

Philip Moenning
Tara
September 14

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Philip
September 14

Brad Rosenbaum
Jennifer
September 26

Jim Jonell
Joanie Jonell
September 30

Join Date

Kevin Mullin
August 16, 2018
4 years

Milt Garrett
August 28, 1998
24 years

Larry Williams
September 21, 2006
16 years

Michelle Mann
September 21, 2020
2 years

Tom Maher
September 29, 1977
45 years

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You can go to:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Npkex_9Pp3XZlUvYA8gGMIC2jyEJufv78GFA8Zek1KQ/edit#gid=476438604 and sign up online using a Google sheet. Be sure to use the tabs at the bottom of the Google sheet to see the different volunteer opportunities. Just click on each tab and find the job where you think you can help the most.

- Set up Rotary Tents (Thursday)
- Chalk Vendor Booth Locations (Friday morning)
- Vendor Load In assistance (Friday)
- Rotary Admin/Headquarters Tent (Fri-Mon)
- Rotary Operations (Fri-Mon)
- Rotary Ambassadors (Sat-Mon)
- Kids Arts & Crafts Area (Sat-Mon)
- Polio Iron Lung Display (Sat-Mon)
- Vendor Load Out assistance (Mon 3-6pm)
- Tear Down Rotary Tents (Mon 3-6pm)

We appreciate any time you can give.

Thank you,

Jean
Jean Rissmiller, Chair
Estes Park Labor Day Arts & Crafts Show
Estes Valley Sunrise Rotary Club, PE
jean.rissmiller@gmail.com
214.497.8015

Thank You From Tara

Thank you for all of volunteers for the Shred-a-Thon. They will be contacted by Kathy Long regarding time of arrival, where to park, and assignments. It will be the inauguration for our new vests.

John Denver Tribute Concert September 3, 2022 YMCA of the Rockies Ruesch Auditorium



Brad Fitch

John Denver Tribute Concert still needs the following volunteers:

- Water and ice setup: This will require someone who can do some heavy lifting. Phil and I will help, but a Lions Club member looked at us and says we will still someone who can help lift.
- Two people who help label seats from 1-2 pm.
- An additional two people who are able to climb stairs to usher, 4-6 pm.
- Clean up people 8:30 pm until finished.

Tara

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