

# Rotary Club Of Estes Park Spoke

Mon Aug 13, 2012

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Madison Casey

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Dave Evans

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Annie Slack

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Dana Fritz

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Marsha Yelick

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## Today's Program

### “The Buck Starts Here” with Jon Nicholas

This Spring, the Estes Valley Library introduced our new gathering place, designated “The Buck Starts Here”. With personalized assistance for finding a job, organizing a nonprofit, managing your finances or helping your business grow, this is the place to be.

Business Services Coordinator Jon Nicholas gives an informative overview of the services patrons can look forward to with the implementation of this new area, located on the library’s first floor.

Jon’s presentation focuses on new programming for businesses and job seekers, including creation of the new Estes Park Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Satellite Office, and workshops from the Larimer County Workforce Center—all held in partnership with the Library.

The Buck Starts Here program was made possible by grants from the Larimer County Commissioners, the Friends of the Library and the Mayor’s discretionary fund for the Town of Estes Park.

Jon grew up in Kansas, but his earliest memories are of a summer visit to Loveland and Estes Park. He is a business graduate of Washburn University and The Law School, the University of Chicago. Jon practiced law in Washington, D.C. and Tokyo, Japan. He has lived in Estes Park for five years. His involvement in the project grew from his interest in assisting small businesses and promoting a healthy local economy.



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Estes Park's Shred-a-thon and Electronic Recycle Day is on Oct. 6th from 9am-1pm. Please think about being involved with this great event as Rotary will be sponsoring and working the shred

## Youth Exchange Student to Rotarian

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## Speakers

Aug 16, 2012  
**Carley Bowles**  
Returning Exchange Student

Aug 23, 2012  
**Scott Thompson**  
Ecuador Water Project

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## Club Events

**Fund Development**  
Library/Wasson Room  
Aug 21, 2012 05:00 PM

**Foundation Board**  
Library/Wasson Room  
Aug 27, 2012 05:00 PM

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*If you have any comments or*

Years have a way of slipping by. It was 1970 when a shy and apprehensive young girl boarded a jetliner for an exotic destination half way around the world from Wilmette, Illinois. As a teenager, I never could have imagined the lasting impact those precious months as a Rotary Youth Exchange student would have on my life.

I was a senior in high school when someone mentioned that Rotary International, headquartered in a neighboring Chicago suburb, was sponsoring students for their youth exchange program.

I immediately applied and was accepted. The organization was unfamiliar to me but I came to learn that it was an all male (at that time) service organization composed of community and business leaders. As the daughter of blue collar parents, I was in awe of the opportunity. So, with great excitement, I went off to the Rotary Club of Matsumoto, Japan where I was received with great kindness. I happily attended Arigasaki High School with my new friends and there I amazed both students and teachers with my "mastery" of English! Over the months, I lived with three families and was educated in the Japanese way of life, customs and thinking. I was sushi savvy before sushi was cool and I daresay, the girl who returned home was not the same one who left the year before.

Over the years I married, moved to Colorado, raised a family, built a business and served on several boards. I would hear the name Rotary now and then. There was a debt needing repayment.

Fast forward to a new millennium. My husband Thom, and I moved to Estes Park, Colorado full time in 2011. At a neighborhood gathering I was told that there were not one, but three Rotary Clubs in town. Hmmmm, Rotary. Now there's a name that warms my heart. I jumped at the chance to attend a meeting with Rotarian Jim Austin and reconnect with the organization that changed my young life. The opportunity for repayment had presented itself.

The pride and the rich memories I carry from being a Rotary Youth Exchange student have never dimmed over the years nor has my conviction that the exchange experience changes the lives of all those who are involved. I saw my father's WWII battle-hardened heart soften as he experienced the generosity of the Japanese people through me and I like to believe that my interactions with my Japanese families, friends and townspeople added to understanding and goodwill toward the United States. Now the debt I owe the program has inspired me to serve. Today, I am an active Rotarian, including being co-chair of the joint Youth



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Exchange Committee of the clubs of Estes Park; I learn more about what Rotary is and does and the opportunities to serve every day. Serve, that is another word that warms my heart. It has taken a few years, but this Youth Exchange student has come full circle. I am a Rotarian.

We are looking for Youth Exchange alumni now living in District 5440. If you or someone you know has participated in the program at any time in the past please contact me at [tm@veruscommercial.com](mailto:tm@veruscommercial.com) or 970-586-4707.



## Anniversaries!

*Celebrated on the 3rd Thursday of August*

*"Here's looking at you kid"*

*-Humphrey Bogart*

**John & Jo Hazlitt** 1st!  
**Gene & Theresa Oja** on the 5th!  
**Thor & Darlene Homme** on the 8th!  
**Wayne & Pat Newsom** on the 10th!  
**Ken & Barbara Cole** on the 16th!  
**Randy & Becky Davis** on the 20th!  
**Tom & Linda Gardner** 21st!  
**Suzy & Eric Blackhurst** on the 21st!  
**Ken & Audrey TeSelle** on the 21st!  
**Ward & Pat Nelson** on the 23rd!  
**Clark & Nancy Lupton** on the 25th!

## Birthdays!

*Celebrated on the 1st Thursday of August*

*"Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind it doesn't matter."*  
*-Mark Twain*

**Tom Gardner** on the 4th!  
**Dana Fritz** on the 8th!  
**Bill Lodge** on the 9th!  
**Kris Hazelton** on the 10th!  
**Nancy Stevens** on the 12th!  
**Jack Dinsmoor** on the 16th!  
**Jay Harroff** on the 19th!

**TeresaMaria Widawski** on the 19th!  
**Nick Molle** on the 20th!

## Meeting Notes

Meeting was called to order by President Pete at 12:01. Invocation, one written by deceased member **Al Wasson**, was delivered by **Rob Ludlum**. Song and pledge were handled by **Dick Broman** with introductions handled by **Lloyd Scott**.

**J.R.** announced that **Wayne Anderson** was the winner of \$256 of the baseball pool.

Fund Development Director **Don Widrig** announced that 91 case of Peaches had been pre-sold and that the committee had ordered 100, most of the extra nine were sold at this mornings Farmer's Market.

Parking Chair **Karen McClure** announced that this morning's parking duty was handled by **Dave Evans**, Sojourner **Frank Haines** and Former member **Jim Cope**.

Club Service Director **Dana Fritz** announced that our 5th Thursday Social would be at the home of **Jim & Jane Harroff** from 5 – 7. Each attendee is asked to bring a beverage and an appetizer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fund Development Committee's next meeting is at 5:00 P.M. on the 21st and the Foundation Board will meet at 9:00 A.M. on the 27th. Both meetings will be held in the Wasson Room at the Library.

HAPPY MONEY: **Claudine Perrault** contributed a double shot, one business – Library's Annual Book Sale was this coming weekend and one personal – she rode her bike to the Park's Visitor Center the previous weekend. **Madison Casey** announced that the Music Festival's Summer Concert Series had been very successful. Sojourner **Frank Haines** confessed that he had inadvertently used the 'Happy Money' cup for his ices tea. **Tom Gardner** threw \$10 in the cup as he announced that 10 family members were in town to help him celebrate his birthday. **Jay Harroff** announced that he would be attending an upcoming Rockies game and that **Daffney** would be performing in this weekend's Fine Arts Guild show. **Dana Fritz** announced that former Youth Exchange student **Genny** had just completed her PHD at Michigan State and was their house guest this past weekend. President **Pete Sumey** that his Idaho granddaughter just turned 13 while her 16 year old brother had his first job working as a 'Divot Replacement' person at the local golf course. Upon receiving his first paycheck he got so excited he hopped into the nearest golf cart, then ran it into a wall and ended up breaking his arm. Wait until he gets his driver's license.

**Doug Fox** introduced our Speaker, former member **Randy Repola** provided a

most interesting program on Nation Building for Beginners. Following his presentation Randy signed the book 'Liberty' for the Children's Library.

President Pete adjourned the meeting with the 4 Way Test at 1:05 P.M.

## Next Week

**Prayer:** [Kerrie Hill](#)

**Song And Pledge:** [Marsha Yelick](#)

**Guest Intro:** [Phil Moenning](#)

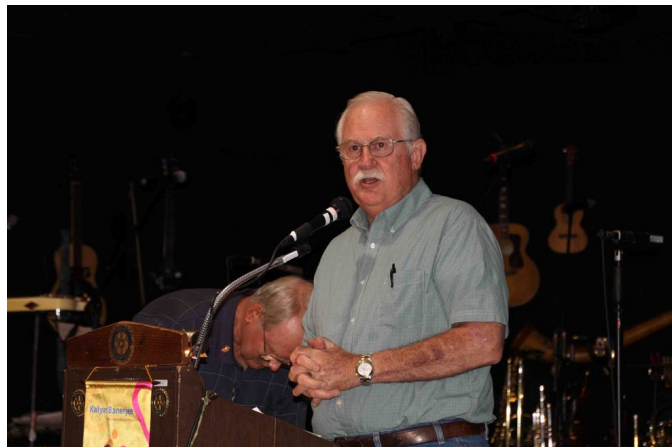
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## Meeting Pictures



Doug Fox Introduces Speaker Randy Repola.



J. R. Reports on the Baseball Raffle.



Karen McClure Reports on Farmers Market.