



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Meeting will be on Zoom Only this week

Due to Larimer County's **Safer At Home Level Red** guidelines, our meeting venue, Nicky's Steakhouse, is closed for in-person dining. Our Dec. 10 club meeting meeting will be conducted solely on Zoom. President Bill Solms will lead the meeting from Doug Mann's conference room so that a strong Internet connection will allow us all to participate.

Scott Thompson will be our Zoom Host. Join the program by clicking on the Zoom link before noon:

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

This week's program: Jonathan Shibley on Making a Lasting Impact

Join your club this Thursday on Zoom to hear our program on Global Advance. Our speaker will be Jonathan Shibley, Global Advance President, who will join us on Zoom and be introduced by Doug Mann.

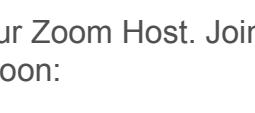


Jonathan Shibley

Since 2000, Shibley has helped shape the organization's growth and international impact. Global Advance has provided leadership training for more than 836,700 pastors, business persons, and women leaders in 104 nations. He founded the Marketplace Missions initiatives of Global Advance, which focus on equipping thousands of Christian entrepreneurs and business professionals around the world with vision and acumen to become catalysts for fulfilling the Great Commission.

According to the organization's website, "Global Advance was founded in 1990 by Dr. David Shibley. In the 1980s, God put a vision and burden in his heart to provide encouragement, resources, and training for frontline pastors in destitute nations of the world."

Jonathan Shibley holds a Business Degree from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He and his wife, Sarah, have three children.



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Feed our hungry Estes neighbors Please drop off donations by Thursday

We are collecting non-perishable food for Crossroads this year in lieu of our usual holiday party. Food drive continues through **December 17**, with a **special request for club members to drop off their donations by Dec. 10 if possible.**

There are two drop box locations:

- Nicky's Lobby. If locked, try side door.
- Key Bank Lobby, M-F 8-4.

Details, including a list of the foods most requested, are contained in an email you received from the club on November 29. Questions? Contact **Beth Weisberg**; cell phone **(301) 787-7327**. Many thanks to everyone!



Posted by Madison Casey

December 3, 2020 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Solms at 12:00. The Invocation was given by Trudy Collar. Bill Solms led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We welcomed our guests-- Carol Holtgrewe, Marianne Solms, Mary Overly, Phil DuChateau. Bill welcomed back members Kathy Groesbeck and Milt Garrett.

Announcements

- Beth Weisberg had many announcements for the Community Services Committee:
 - The Community Service Committee will meet Thursday, December 17 at 2:30.
 - You may donate food at Key Bank or Nicky's. If Nicky's is locked, try the side door.
 - We have received plenty of gift cards for Bright Christmas, but we will accept more if you are so moved.
 - All six fire departments in our region will accept our donation of \$750 each from our Projects Fund that was funded by proceeds from the Friendship Card. This is thanks for their incredible work to save our communities from the wildfires.
 - We will not be coordinating bell ringing for Salvation Army this year, however we are encouraged to use the link to volunteer to ring bells and we are encouraged to donate what we would normally put in the buckets. Mail donations for Estes Park branch to Salvation Army at PO Box 172, Estes Park.
- President Bill is also chairing the Duck Race. He said the Duck Race plans are progressing and thanked everyone for their support. The race will be May 1 regardless--either virtual or real. He will email us on the next meeting date. Don and Lee are working on the software.

Scott Thompson gave a good Joke of the Day this time.

Happy Money

- Karen Thompson was happy to see so many spouses attending today and she is happy that the Friendship cards have been ordered.
- Milt Garrett said this is his first zoom and found it to be easy.
- Jennifer Comstock was happy for Beth Weisberg's philanthropy work for our club in this Holiday Season.
- Karol Rinehart was happy to see so many attending today.

Trivia Challenge

Bill gave his trivia challenge. This one was from our last Spoke. Jack Overly and Carl Robicheaux answered it first.

Recognition Program

We then moved to the recognition and awards normally done last June at our Changing of the Guard meeting.

President Bill recognized current members who are former Rotarian presidents: Dave Evans, Dana Fritz, Ron Gordon, Kathy Groesbeck, Jay Harroff, Thor Homme, Doug Mann, Brad Rosenbaum, Peter Sinnott, Pete Sumey, Scott Thompson and Gladys Van Drie.

Annual Award Presentations were made.

- Spirit Award was presented to Jennifer Comstock; presented by Dennis Gellhaus.
- Distinguished Service award went to Karen Thompson; introduced by Madison Casey.
- Rotarian of the Year was Rita DuChateau, presented by Kathy Groesbeck.
- Living Legacy Award went to Jack Overly and was presented by Ron Gordon.

Our Rotary Foundation trustees for last year 2019-2020 were recognized by President Madison Casey: Trustees: Jack Boatman, Madison Casey, Dave Evans, Dennis Gellhaus, Brad Rosenbaum, Anne Slack, Harriette Woodard; Chair Appointments: Gregg Jurgens, Marsha Yelick.

The current Foundation Board Trustees: Madison Casey, President; Carl Robicheaux, Vice President; Dave Evans, Secretary; Anne Slack, Scholarships Chair; Tom Gardner, Trustee; Brad Rosenbaum, Trustee. Chair Appointments: Gregg Jurgens, Asst. Treasurer; Jack Boatman, Grants Chair; Kathy Groesbeck, Ernie Altick Program Chair.

President Bill recognized last year's Club Board: President- Doug Mann; Secretary -- Rita DuChateau; Treasurer -- Longley Parker; Sergeant-at-Arms -- Dennis Gellhaus; Past President/Foundation Liaison -- Dave Evans; Club Administration Director -- Karol Rinehart; Community Service Co-Chair -- Pete Sinnott, Jack Overly; Fund Development Director -- Karen Thompson; International Service Director -- Ron Gordon; Membership Director -- Trudy Collar; Program Committee Director -- Rick Taylor; Youth/Vocational Service Director -- Sue Fereday.

President Bill Recognized the outgoing President, Doug Mann, and awarded him our club points to give him his first Paul Harris Fellowship Award .

President Bill introduced the current year's Board of Directors and awarded them pins: President: Bill Solms; President Elect -- Jim Whitenek; Secretary -- Jennifer Comstock; Treasurer -- Longley Parker; Sergeant-at-Arms -- John Thomason; Past President -- Dave Evans; Club Administration Director -- Karol Rinehart; Community Service Director -- Beth Weisberg; Fund Development Director -- Karen Thompson; International Service Director -- Ron Gordon; Membership Director -- Anne Slack; Program Committee Director -- Rick Taylor; Youth/Vocational Services Director -- Sue Fereday.

Adjournment

We adjourned with the Four Way Test.

Madison Casey, scribe



Member Spotlight: Bruce Brown

Each week our Spoke is profiling a member of our Club in order to get to know them better and stay connected through these socially distant times.



Marlene and Bruce Brown, with Lucy

I was born and raised in Chicago and was a hopeless fan of the White Sox, who almost always lost to the Yankees. I attended Miami University, majoring in Math. I then went to the University of Illinois and finished my PhD in Physics in 1972. Along the way I married Marlene, my high school sweetheart, and 53 years later it's still working wonderfully. Upon graduation I had to choose between my one job offer and went to Argonne National Lab, a basic research government lab near Chicago. Over my 30-year career at Argonne I worked my way up slowly and for 14 years was director of a large neutron scattering facility.

Upon retirement, we moved almost immediately to the Estes area for the simple reasons that we wanted to hike in the summer and ski in the winter, which we are still doing although slower. I had been coming to Rocky for many years, beginning with my family in the 50's. We built our house in The Retreat and, especially now during the pandemic, enjoy the quiet, openness and numerous hiking opportunities nearby. Our daughter, Rebecca, and family (Sabina is 12 and a riot with Papa) live in Chicago and we visit frequently. Every summer (except for 2020) we go to Michigan for ~2 months to enjoy our family home on the shore of Lake Michigan. I have many fond memories of growing up there with my 2 siblings, and a few not so good memories of sun burn. Tennis and picking blueberries with Sabina are now highlights.

I joined Rotary in 2004 under the sponsorship of Steve Little and immediately joined the Scholarship Committee. I was chair for 6 years before handing it over to Tara. I especially enjoy the socialization of our Rotary meetings and have missed this recently. I have always tried to give back to the community and led a High School Board of Education for 6 years, and since retiring have been active with the Library Trustees, the Salud Foundation, and Homeowners Board in addition to Rotary.

Is Zoom a challenge? Anne Slack has the answers!

For anyone new to the workings of Zoom, it can be a confusing experience. Our Membership Chair Anne Slack took on the challenge of creating a step-by-step tutorial on navigating Zoom.

The document is posted on our club website's home page, under Home Page Download Files (left hand side of the page) for your future reference. Click on this link to be taken to our club's home page to read all about the world of Zoom, and think about printing it out for a friend. <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/524d>

Thanks, Anne for your efforts to keep all of our members engaged until we can meet again!



Grant will deliver holiday cheer

The 2020 Friendship Card has made a new friend! The Estes Park Police Department Auxiliary's Blue Santa program has received a \$300 grant from our club. The grant was made possible by proceeds from sales of the 2020 Friendship Card, which provides discounts at area businesses.

The Community Service Committee, led by Beth Weisberg, generated the grant request, which was approved by the Board of Directors.

The popular Blue Santa program delivers food, gifts and hygiene products to the disabled, shut-in and elderly in the Estes community.

"The Blue Santa program reaches many Estes Park residents whose need might otherwise have gone unnoticed," said Weisberg.

"The Noon Rotary Club is happy to support Blue Santa in bringing comfort and cheer to these members of our community."



Police Auxiliary Commander Bill Bradford with Karen Thompson.

The 2021 Friendship Card goes on sale at several locations in December. For a \$10 investment, Friendship Card owners unlock discounts at 73 local merchants. See <https://www.facebook.com/EPFriendshipCard> for details.

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 its sign up to get the funds flowing. And SHOP!

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