



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 Guy Van der Werf

Thursday's Program

Bringing a school to tsunami-stricken village

Anna Weddle, Youth and Children's Director at the Rocky Mountain Church, will be speaking to the Rotary Club of Estes Park on Thursday, Dec. 5, at the regular noon meeting. She will be discussing the Estes Park Partnership's efforts of establishing the Good Shepherd School in the village of Marakanam, Tamil Nadu, India.



Anna Weddle

Marakanam was one of many villages devastated by the Indian Ocean tsunami on December 24, 2004. Coincidentally, at the time of

December 5 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Virgil Holtgrewe**

Song & Pledge: **Madison Casey**

Guest Intro: **Mike Connolly**

Scribe: **Madison Casey**

Photographer: **Jon Thompson**

Greeter: **Gregg Jurgens**

Program Intro: **Doug Mann**

December 12 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Dana Fritz**

Song & Pledge: **Madison Casey**

Guest Intro: **Longley Parker**

Scribe: **Dana Fritz**

Photographer: **Jon Thompson**

Greeter: **Jennifer Comstock**

Program Intro: **Rick Taylor**

Speakers

Dec 05, 2019

[Anna Weddle](#)

Estes Park Partnership with India

the disaster, there was a group of Christians in Estes Park seeking to become involved in freeing the “outcasts” in Indian culture from a life of oppression and slavery. Education was deemed to be the key to helping them gain their freedom.

In 2006, Estes Park was offered the opportunity to partner with a startup Good Shepherd School in the village of Marakanam by the Dalit Freedom Network (now Dignity Freedom Network). Since that time, four teams from Estes Park have visited Marakanam and over \$350,000 has been invested in the physical plant. In addition, 300 students from Lower Kindergarten through Grade 5 have been sponsored by Estes Park churches and individuals. The Marakanam Good Shepherd School is one of 104 Good Shepherd Schools across India with 25,000 students.

The current goal for the Estes Park Partnership is to extend the school through Grade 10 and to increase the school student population to 1,000 students. To achieve this goal will require \$108,000 per year for three years. The cost of a student sponsorship at the Marakanam Good Shepherd School is \$33/month, which covers all educational costs.

After completing high school in Kansas, Weddle lived for five months in North India, before completing her bachelors degree in both Psychology and Bible. In 2015, she joined the Rocky Mountain Church as their Youth and Children’s Director. Her family has been vacationing at the YMCA of the Rockies for three generations.

Posted by Chuck Bonza

Nov. 21 meeting notes

President Doug Mann called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to our annual Thanksgiving dinner together and thanked John Thomason, member and owner of Nicky’s for the very tasty and correct Thanksgiving meal. Invocation about the service of Rotarians by Shawn Bird was presented by Jack Boatman and song "My Country Tis’ of Thee" by Madison Casey. Madison Casey led the Pledge of Allegiance. Greeter today was Jon Thompson.

Larry Williams facilitated guest introductions: Jean Rissmiller from Sunrise Rotary with Antonia Troncoso (foreign exchange student from Chile co-sponsored by our two clubs); Mark Lee, potential new member and past speaker to our club; Bill Fritz (Dana); Pat Newsom (Wayne); Jean Austin (Jim); Carol Holtgrewe (Virgil); Robbie Gellhaus (Dennis); Michelle Mann (Doug); Linda Williams (Larry); Aime Robicheaux; Don & Sylvia Adams, potential new members (Bob Benight); Arden Thompson (Jon); Jane Harroff (Jay); Marianne Solms (Bill); and Lois Sumey (Pete).

Guests of Honor for today’s program on Rotary Youth Leadership Award RYLA led by Sue Fereday: Gabriela Acedo, Naomi McDonald (& her parents Tamlin and Stephi McDonald), Arden Thompson, and Kyra MacGregor.

Joke of the Day – Scott Thompson gave the background of Thanksgiving whereby Abraham Lincoln declared it a National

Dec 12, 2019
[Jenna Williams](#)
Mountain Echos Choir

Dec 19, 2019
[Karol Rinehart](#)
Holiday Luncheon

Dec 26, 2019
[No Meeting](#)

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Upcoming Events

[Club Board Meeting](#)
Wasson Room, Library
Dec 03, 2019
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[Foundation Board Meeting](#)
Quality Inn
Dec 19, 2019
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

[Duck Race Committee Meeting](#)
Nicky's
Jan 16, 2020
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Barb Bibler
January 27

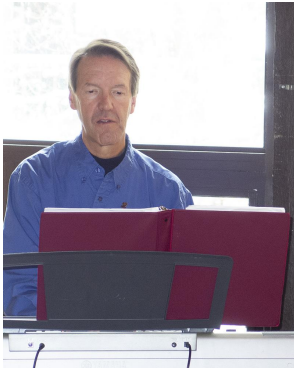
Dale Bonza
December 1

Gary Hazelton
December 3

Chuck Bonza
December 13

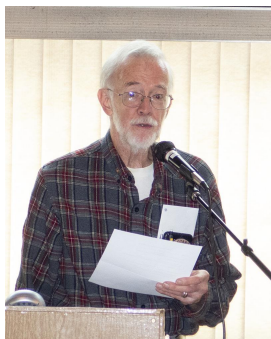
Jennifer Comstock
December 16

holiday and a series of turkey jokes including what do turkeys eat for dessert? Peach Gobbler!



Announcements

- Foundation meeting to be held after this meeting
- Dave Evans reminded us of Community Café on Jan 31st
- Scott Thompson announced a Duck Race meeting today
- Jack Boatman reminded us of the matching donation program and forms
- Bill Solms announced that the Duck Race sponsorship program will be looked after by Scott Thompson while Bill Solms is away until January.



Happy Money

- Sue Fereday for her new baby granddaughter
- Virgil Holtgrewe for Wayne selling his home and
- Wayne Newsom for selling Virgil's home,
- Bill Solms for winning \$1 at Matt's poker game.

Harry Livingston

December 18

Anniversaries

Chuck Bonza Dale

December 26

Dale Bonza Chuck

December 26

Gary Hazelton Kris

December 31

Kris Hazelton Gary

December 31

Join Date

Dave Boon

January 3, 2003
17 years

Matt Comstock

January 3, 2019
1 year

Ward Nelson

January 7, 2010
10 years

Bill Smith

January 8, 1987
33 years

Bruce Brown

January 8, 2004
16 years

Wayne Newsom

January 10, 1980
40 years

Pete Sumey

January 14, 2004
16 years



Jeff Liddle

January 24, 2013

7 years

Rick Taylor

January 24, 2013

7 years

Doug Mann

December 1, 2016

3 years

Jim Austin

December 11, 2008

11 years

Gary Hazelton

December 12, 2002

17 years

Kris Hazelton

December 12, 2002

17 years

Heidi Cooper

December 13, 2018

1 year

Gordon Ulrickson

December 20, 2018

1 year

John Thomason

December 20, 2018

1 year

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Exchange Student Update

Jean Rissmiller, morning Rotary, and Antonia, foreign exchange student, described the fund-raising efforts of \$3,500 needed for Antonia to participate in the trip to the West with 19 other exchange students. Her creative efforts include selling smoked salmon and pork each Tuesday with order forms available, Bingo with a silent auction on January 26 and a Chilean dinner on February 16 with a raffle; all ways to help support our foreign exchange student's trip costs to experience the US.



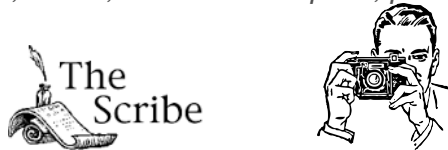
Program

Doug Mann introduced Sue Fereday to facilitate the RYLA program which included:

- Arden Thompson – current RYLA president describing her experience with teamwork, leadership, and outdoor events which helped her learn everything has a purpose and reinforce her leadership. She is looking at becoming a counselor next year.
- Kyra Macgregor learned what it is like not to just be in charge but team with others. The talent show was her “RYLA moment” at understanding the principles she learned to use in her future leadership positions.
- Naomi McDonald recounted her transformation to be confident with being a leader.
- Gabriela Acedo recounted the strengthening of her inner self and inspiration to be a leader.



Chuck Bonza, scribe, and Jon Thompson, photographer



Dec. 12 deadline approaching! **Your Foundation will double your gift**

It's time to apply for a matching grant for your favorite local charity through our club's Foundation. Your charitable donation has the potential to be a double gift to a local non-profits.



The maximum matching donation amount is **\$200** per member and the minimum donation amount is \$50. Rotary Club of Estes Park members will be able to apply for matching donations from the Foundation **until December 12**. The Foundation will be providing matching donations to qualified 501(c)(3) organizations serving Estes Valley residents and in good standing with the Colorado Secretary of State.

The application form which provides detailed instructions is available on the club website and will be available at the weekly club meetings. If you have any questions, please contact or email Jack Boatman (email: jack.boatman7@gmail.com / Telephone: 832-623-5647) - Grants Manager.

Don't delay! Complete an application and write your check today!

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Congratulations, 2019 scholars

CAMDYN ARNOLD
Bronx Central Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Major: Biology
School attending: UNC
"My lifelong dream was to become a nurse and help people in need. I was inspired by my mother, who is a nurse, and I want to follow in her footsteps. I am grateful for the opportunity to study at UNC and for the support of my family and friends."

ARMANDO AVITIA
Bronx Central Memorial Scholarship \$1,125
Major: Biochemistry/Pre-Med
School attending: UNC
"My aspiration is to become a physician and help people in need. I am grateful for the opportunity to study at UNC and for the support of my family and friends."

ANNALISE BASCH
Kappa Beta Psi Scholarship \$1,000
Major: Biology
School attending: UNC
"My aspiration is to become a physician and help people in need. I am grateful for the opportunity to study at UNC and for the support of my family and friends."

FAZAEEL BHARTI
Rotary Scholarship \$1,000
Major: Biology
School attending: UNC
"My aspiration is to become a physician and help people in need. I am grateful for the opportunity to study at UNC and for the support of my family and friends."

CHLOE BURKE
Rotary Scholarship \$1,000
Major: Psychology
School attending: UNC
"My aspiration is to become a psychologist and help people in need. I am grateful for the opportunity to study at UNC and for the support of my family and friends."

SOPHIE GREENWAY
Brian Schickel Art Scholarship \$1,000
Major: Art
School attending: UNC
"My aspiration is to become an artist and help people in need. I am grateful for the opportunity to study at UNC and for the support of my family and friends."

SUSANNA HARRISON
Coffman Business Scholarship \$1,000
Major: Business
School attending: UNC
"My aspiration is to become a business leader and help people in need. I am grateful for the opportunity to study at UNC and for the support of my family and friends."

MEGAN MILLER
Coffman Business Scholarship \$1,000
Major: Business
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MOLLY MORGAN
Rotary Scholarship \$1,000
Major: Psychology
School attending: UNC
"My aspiration is to become a psychologist and help people in need. I am grateful for the opportunity to study at UNC and for the support of my family and friends."

ANNA ROHWEDDER
Coffman Business Scholarship \$1,000
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NATHAN ZURBFLUN
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Rotary Quote of the Week

"Paul Harris and his wife, Jean, never had children. They saw Rotary as their extended family; he spoke of each nation as having a place in 'the world's family.' Since 1905, Rotarians have carried that message all over the globe, starting in their own homes."

-The Rotarian Magazine, December 2019, "A grand (and great-grand) tradition"

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