



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Galapagos Adventure

Our program 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>

Rotary Weekly Luncheon

Place: American Legion

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

Cost: \$20

Parking: American Legion and the church only



Lee Kennicke

My name is Lee Kennicke. I am a retired high school teacher and assistant athletic director from the Chicago suburban area, where I worked for 34 years. I came to Colorado every summer from 1977 until I retired in 2002. At that time I started living full time in Estes Park and cannot believe I have been here for over 20 years. I wouldn't trade that time for anything. I have always loved the mountains and all the activities that surround mountain life.

One of my passions is photography, primarily landscape and wildlife. I am by no means a professional photographer but I do enjoy showing others the world through my photography lens. In retirement I have had the opportunity to do a great deal of traveling and my camera is always packed.

Update by President Dennis Gellhaus

As we slide into these days before Christmas and New Year's, we tend to be consumed by the busyness of this time. The holidays are always busy with commitments of time for family, special get togethers, gift buying, and serving others. Be sure to take the time to slow down and enjoy each moment. Life is too short not to appreciate each day.

Our meeting on the 15th will be a sing-along time led by Madison followed by a time to socialize and enjoy each others company before we break for the holidays.

December 8 Duty Roster

Invocation: Lee Lasson

Song & Pledge: Gellhaus/Casey

Guest Intro: Members to introduce

Scribe: Madison Casey

Greeter: Dawn Shields

Program Intro: Karen Thompson

Meeting Set-up: Mike Connelly

December 15 Duty Roster

Invocation: Carl Robicheaux

Song & Pledge: Gellhaus/Casey

Guest Intro: Member to introduce

Scribe: Pete Sumey

Greeter: Jim Austin

Program Intro: Karen Thompson

Meeting Set-up: Mark Lee

Upcoming Events

Winter Fundraising Dinner

Twin Owls Restaurant

Dec 06, 2022

Club Board Meeting

Wasson Room, Library

Dec 13, 2022

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Enjoy your time with family and friends!

Also, looking forward to our scholarship dinner on Tuesday!
Hope you can make it!

Thanks for listening.
Dennis

December 1, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Dennis Gellhaus rang the bell at 12:03 PM.
Bill Solms delivered the Invocation.
President Dennis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Madison Casey led the singing of Jingle Bells.

Guest of Rotarians:

There were no guests of members.

Announcements:

- The club board meeting will be held on December 13th.
- Annie Slack is interested in determining if members would be interested in attending the Candlelight Dinner Theatre for our Social scheduled for the fifth Thursday of the month in December. Only two hands were raised. It is a busy time.

Duty Roster:

Pete Sumey is Scribe

Rotary Moment:

Beth Weisberg joined our club as her first Rotary experience. In the time since, she has amassed an incredible array of accomplishments as Big Duck, Community Services Director, and special projects in the community. Beth is a great example of a person who says "What needs doing, let's get to work".

Happy Money:

- Bill Solms is glad
 - that everyone in his family went home after Thanksgiving.
 - he has a Duck Race committee meeting on December 8
 - and thanked Lee Lasson for all of his efforts to reorganize the Duck Race software.
- Jim Austin is happy
 - to see everyone
 - he is thinking about members who cannot attend meetings in person because of illness or other reasons.

President Dennis delivered several bad !! puns.

Program:

Tara Moenning introduced speakers Katherine Stinson and Matt Veenker, who spoke to the group about financial planning and investments.

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Speakers

Dec 08, 2022

[Lee Kennicke](#)

Galapagos Adventure

Dec 15, 2022

[Gellhaus/Casey](#)

Christmas Lunch and Sing Along

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Barry Hannigan

January 11

Dale Bonza

December 1

Gary Hazelton

December 3

Chuck Bonza

December 13

Jennifer Comstock

December 16

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](#)



Matt Veenker

Adjournment:

President Dennis closed the club meeting with the 4 way test.

Pete Sumey, scribe



Please join us for
**SPIRITS
 SPARKLES
 STUDENTS
 SCHOLARSHIPS**

A ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER
DECEMBER 6th, 2022 5 pm to 8 pm

TWIN OWLS STEAKHOUSE AT THE
 TAHARAA MOUNTAIN LODGE

SOCIAL HOUR 5pm
 DINNER 6 pm
 ENTERTAINMENT 6:45pm
 THE ESTES VALLEY CHAMBER SINGERS
 DIRECTED BY RICHARD DIXON
 DESSERT: 7:15 pm
\$150 PER PERSON
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For More Info or to reserve a table contact
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The dinner is this Tuesday night. We still have openings and would welcome any Rotarians and friends of Rotarians to join us. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the season and raise money for our scholarship students at the same time.

Dave Boon

January 3, 2003
 20 years

Bill Smith

January 8, 1987
 36 years

Wayne Newsom

January 10, 1980
 43 years

Pete Sumey

January 14, 2004
 19 years

Doug Mann

December 1, 2016
 6 years

Jim Austin

December 11, 2008
 14 years

Gary Hazelton

December 12, 2002
 20 years

Kris Hazelton

December 12, 2002
 20 years

John Thomason

December 20, 2018
 4 years

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Beth Weisberg's Rotary Moment



Beth Weisberg

I had never known anyone in Rotary until I came here. When I was planning to retire and move to Estes Park, looking for houses with Scott Thompson we were talking about community service projects I had done in Bethesda, Maryland and community service that Scott had done in Estes Park, and Scott said I should join the noon Rotary club. He described to me what Rotary here does and I said that sounded great. The next time I was back in Estes looking at houses with Scott a few months later (when I did buy my house), Scott again mentioned that I should join Rotary and again I said, "Sounds great." And once I moved to Estes, I did join the club, with Scott as my sponsor.

At that point, Karen Thompson was Big Duck for the Duck Race, and I told her I would help her with that. (Karen and Scott were so sweet when I moved into my house and my own furniture hadn't arrived with the movers yet – they brought over lamps and chairs and set up an air mattress for me. So I wanted to help Karen in return.) Karen explained what the Duck Race was and how it worked, and I did work on it a lot with her on that. And I joined the Community Service committee as well. Jim Whiteneck was Chair of the Community Service Committee at that time.

After I had been in Rotary for maybe 4 months or so, Jim called me and said he had become President Elect, which was a Board position; and that Community Service Chair was also a Board position, and one person couldn't hold two Board positions at the same time. So he asked if I would be willing to chair the Community Service Committee. I told him I was so new that I didn't even know what the projects were that the CSC did every year, but if he would walk me through and tell me what needed to be done and when, I would be happy to be Chair. He promised he would, and he did that, and so I became head of the Community Service Committee. Also, that May (2020) after Karen's Duck Race, Bill Solms became Big Duck and I was asked to be Little Duck for the 2021 Duck Race. I said sure, since I was glad to help and I figured I would have a chance to learn more about how the Duck Race works. What nobody told me was that Little Duck automatically becomes Big Duck the following year – nobody mentioned that small detail at all. So in May 2021, after Bill's Duck Race, I became Big Duck, having never seen a live Duck Race ever, since it turned out due to Covid that both Karen's and Bill's races were virtual. Anyway, I had a lot of help and we got through it with a great Duck Race, live and back in the river, in 2022.

What I have learned about Rotary, and our Club specifically, is it is a wonderful chance to make a difference and to help a lot of people and local charities and non-profits, with money and people behind

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you to do good things in the community and internationally. I love this club and everyone in it; you are wonderful people. We all share a love of service and doing good. And I have also learned that with this club, if you show an interest in doing something, you are probably going to find yourself in charge, not just "helping," sooner than you think – so be careful!
And that's my Rotary minute.



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Duck Race Committee Meeting Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 5 PM

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