




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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This Week's Program:

Vanessa Solesbee, Parking & Transit Manager for the Town of Estes Park, will be speaking to the Rotary Club of Estes Park on Thursday, February 20, at their regular noon meeting. She will be discussing the parking and transit program in Estes Park.



Solesbee manages on- and off-street parking, permitting, technology, and the seasonal parking staff. In addition, she manages Estes Transit, a free seasonal shuttle system that serves 55 stops over 79 days of summer service and 12 special events.

February 20 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Pete Sinnott**

Song & Pledge: **Madison Casey**

Guest Intro: **Bruce Brown**

Scribe: **Madison Casey**

Photographer: **Jon Thompson**

Greeter: **Rita DuChateau**

Program Intro: **Sue Fereday**

Speakers

Feb 20, 2020

[Vanessa Solesbee](#)

Parking and Transit in Estes Park

Feb 27, 2020

[Doug Mann](#)

Club Assembly

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Upcoming Events

[Foundation Board Meeting](#)

Quality Inn

Feb 20, 2020

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

[Duck Race Committee Meeting](#)

Prior to joining the Town staff, Vanessa was President of The Solesbee Group, LLC, a management consultancy specializing in parking strategic planning for municipalities and universities. In her role as a consultant Vanessa worked with communities all over the US and Canada, as well as many mountain west clients including the cities of Boulder, CO, Fort Collins, CO, Jackson Hole, WY, Casper, WY, Cheyene, WY, Denver, CO, Parker, CO, Castle Rock, CO, Longmont, CO, Provo, UT, Missoula, MT, Billings, MT and Aurora, CO.

Solesbee has served on numerous Parking Expert Advisory Panels across the country, and gave a keynote address on innovations in public participation at the 2016 Parking Australia Conference & Expo in Perth, Australia. In addition to serving as the Parking Matters Committee Co-Chair from 2015-2019, Solesbee serves on IPMI's Conference Program Committee. Also, she has been a member of the Pacific Intermountain Parking and Transportation Association's (PIPTA's) Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Solesbee lives in Estes Park with her husband and two young daughters.

Posted by Dana Fritz

Feb. 13 meeting notes

President Doug rang the bell at 12:00. He announced birthdays: Longley Parker, and anniversaries: Carl and Amy, Brad and Suzanne, and Larry and Linda. Madison

Nicky's
Feb 20, 2020
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[Duck Race Committee Meeting](#)
Nicky's
Mar 19, 2020
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Bill Smith
February 1

Jeff Liddle
February 1

Rita DuChateau
February 1

Gordon Ulrickson
February 3

Sarah Walsh
February 3

Ward Nelson
February 4

Mike Connolly
February 5

Pete Sumey
February 7

Longley Parker
February 18

Claudine Perrault
February 20

Bob Benight
February 26

Bruce Brown
March 15

led us in a song and the Pledge of Allegiance.

An invocation was given by Dale Bonza.

The following guests were introduced: Mark Lee, guest of Dana Fritz, Michelle Mann, guest of Ron Gordon, Beth Weisberg, guest of Annie Slack.

Pitch hitting for Scott, Bill Smith had a joke for the day.



Dave Evans

March 25

Anne Slack

March 28

Anniversaries

Rita DuChateau

Phil

February 3

Wayne Andersen

Judy

February 6

Carl Robicheaux

Aime

February 14

Gregg Jurgens

Suzanne

February 14

Larry Williams

Linda

February 14

Jay Harroff

Jane

February 17

Join Date

Sarah Walsh

February 2, 2012

8 years

Dennis Gellhaus

February 22, 2018

2 years

Karol Rinehart

March 5, 2015

5 years

Lee Lasson

March 13, 2003

17 years

Madison Casey



Announcements

- Dale presented an update on Rotary's participation at the grade school's Josh the Baby Otter program.
- Dale also shared a letter from Rita DuChateau thanking the following Rotary Angels who have pitched in to help with care of her mother: Carl Robicheaux, Guy Van Der Werf, Gene Oja among many others.
- Larry Williams announced a Duck Race meeting will be 2/27 at Nicky's. The committee will also meet today.
- The Rotary Foundation will meet today. Madison announced an anonymous donation of \$25,000 to our foundation in memory of Bob Brunson and Roger Thorpe.
- Jean from Sunrise Rotary brought our exchange student, Antio, who announced she has raised all necessary funds for her 6/5 exchange trip. She thanked everyone for their support.

March 16, 2006
14 years

Rita DuChateau
March 21, 2013
7 years

Dave Evans
March 22, 2007
13 years

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[Bill Solms](#)

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[Longley Parker](#)

Secretary
[Rita DuChateau](#)

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Happy Money

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Program

Annie Slack introduced Milt Garrett, our speaker for the day. He presented an excellent program on Russia and Crimea: 2 sides of the ruble.

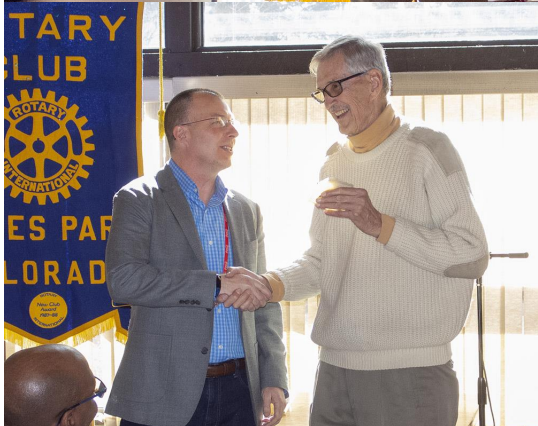
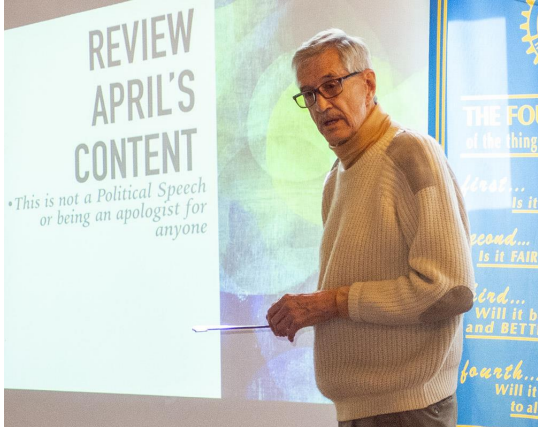


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Adjournment

President Doug adjourned the meeting with the 4 way test.

Dana Fritz, scribe, and Jon Thompson, photographer.

Rotary Clubs unite to support La Puente

Volunteers from the Estes Valley have long supported a nonprofit in the San Luis Valley that provides shelter, childcare, nutrition and various other critical services to over 16,000 residents of this impoverished area. **La Puente** draws local volunteers to work groups in Alamosa twice a year. Among those volunteers are members of the three Estes Park Rotary clubs.

The shelter's few professional staff members are supported by volunteers, like those who comprise the work groups from Estes Park. The Estes Park work group trips were started in 2002 by Estes Park Rotarians. One of them made his 40th trip in October 2019. The work trips now occur in June and October, with 15-20 workers on each trip. This group is made up of many Estes residents from Estes Rotary clubs, members of the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church, Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, as well as other Estes residents. Several volunteers make additional trips to deliver donated food to food pantries. Donated clothing and household furnishings are either given directly to families or are placed in one of the thrift shops where local residents are able to find clothes and household furnishings at reasonable prices. All funds are used in support of the **La Puente** programs.

The Estes Park Rotary clubs have joined forces to encourage participation in a fundraising event, ***Simple Suppers for Kids in Distress (SSKIDS) to benefit La Puente***. The event will be held at **6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1800 21st Avenue, Greeley**. There is no fee to attend the supper, but generous donations are encouraged.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church hosts the annual SSKIDS fundraiser to support projects all over the world. Each year the SSKIDS Board selects an organization as the beneficiary of the soup supper. **La Puente** has been chosen as this year's beneficiary, specifically the PALS program, an after-school and summer daycare program for kids ages 5-9.

One of La Puente's programs, ***Positive Activities Lead to Success (PALS)***, is an after-school and summer daycare program for at-risk kids ages 5-9. The program provides traumatized children the experience of safety, stability and other services so they can have fun while growing up to be strong, healthy and productive. As a collaboration between **La Puente Services**, Alamosa Department of Human Services (DHS) and Alamosa Schools, **PALS** is uniquely designed to serve children who evidence severe social behavior challenges and home safety risks.

PALS children are either homeless or referrals of Alamosa DHS. They have academic, social and emotional deficits due to physical

and/or emotional abuse, neglect and poverty. The PALS curriculum focuses on the child's academic success and emotional and behavioral growth. Providing academic tutoring, life and social skills coaching, community service, artistic expression, and field and experimental opportunities with community partners, **PALS** empowers each child to cultivate confidence, self-efficacy and positive peer and adult relationships to help them become rooted in healthy living habits in the larger community. **PALS'** aim is to empower children as agents of change for themselves and the community, to reduce the child maltreatment rate in Alamosa County, which ranks third among Colorado's 64 counties.

To accomplish these goals, the **PALS** program activities include cooking lessons, children's library visits, art expression, dance instruction, homework-tutoring assistance, outdoor adventures, health and first aid classes, field trips and building relationships with big buddies.

Children are picked up and dropped off for the daily school programs unless otherwise arranged. The transportation is provided with small buses, which are also used for some activities.

The **PALS** program requested a SSKIDS grant to fund several needs:

- For the children's safety, back-up cameras for the buses used for transport.
- A washer and dryer so **PALS** kids that often come to school in soiled clothes can have clean clothes.
- A drinking fountain in the **PALS** building for students to hydrate as needed.
- Smart cell phones to provide communication between bus drivers, parents and **PALS** staff members, and to access and use the database information for the children in the PALS program.

The **SSKIDS February 25 event** will serve up a variety of soups donated by Greeley restaurants as well as desserts provided by community members. Those unable to attend the supper are invited to **send donations to SSKIDS, c/o Greeley Center for**

Independence, Attention Serita Reddy, 2780 28th Ave., Greeley, CO 80634. Make checks payable to SSKIDS with La Puente on the memo line. SSKIDS is a 501(c)(3) charity.



Recognizing that the Rotarians of The Rotary Club of Estes Park support various local non-profits, the Rotary Club of Estes Park Foundation recently conducted a Matching Charitable Donation program. Eligible local non-profit organizations must be a qualified 501(c)(3) and the donations must be used for programs serving Estes Valley residents. The Rotary Club of Estes Park Foundation provided a total of \$7,445 in matching donations to the organizations listed below based on donations from Rotary Club of Estes Park members.

The recipients of the second round of matching grants are: Angels Above Foundation, Bright Christmas, Crossroads Ministry, Estes Park Health Foundation, Estes Park Learning Place, Estes Park Salud Foundation, Estes Park Museum and Friends Foundation, Estes Valley Crisis Advocates, Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success, Estes Valley Library Friends and Foundation, Estes Valley Land Trust, Estes Valley Watershed Coalition, Healing Waters Foundation, Historic Stanley Home Foundation, Nehemiah Gateway USA, Pet Association of Estes Park, Rocky Mountain Conservancy, Salvation Army (Estes Park Unit), Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church (Community Cafe) and Summit Church.



Friendship Card will save you \$\$\$\$

Estes Park's \$10 local discount card is now available for purchase at the following locations: Estes Park Visitor Center, MacDonald Book Shop, Nicky's Steak and Seafood House, Quality Inn, Safeway (Guest Services), Rocky Mountain Gateway and The Village Store at National Park Village. Or, buy your Friendship Card at the next Rotary meeting when you check in.

The Friendship Card will be valid at more than 70 local businesses, who offer discounts on food and drink, shopping, entertainment, and services. Friendship Card holders will need to show their card at the business to receive the discount. Certain restrictions may apply. Participating merchants will be listed on the Friendship Card's Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/EPFriendshipCard/>. Printed brochures will be available at locations selling the card, and participating merchants will display the Friendship Card window decal. The 2020 card will be valid through December 31, 2020.

The Friendship Card is brought to you by our Rotary Club. Net proceeds from the sale of the card are used to support the club's many charitable projects, including but not limited to scholarships and community grants. The Rotary Club of Estes Park would like to thank the many participating merchants, as this fundraising project would not be possible without each one of them. Questions? Contact Karen Thompson at epfriendshipcard@gmail.com.



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Rotary Quote of the Week

"In the 115 years since Rotary was founded, seemingly everything has changed, except Rotary values. We began, and remain, committed to fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership. While our Service About Self motto dates to 1911, the ethos behind those words ha already been ingrained by Rotary's founders"

*Mark Daniel Maloney, RI President's message, February 2020
Rotarian Magazine*



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