



# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

### Nicky's or Zoom: your choice

Your club is back at Nicky's! You can come to Nicky's for lunch and our meeting, for the meeting only, or participate by clicking on the Zoom link to attend remotely. If you're going to join the group at Nicky's you will need to **R.S.V.P.** Send Karol and email at [kj.rinehart@centurylink.net](mailto:kj.rinehart@centurylink.net) **BEFORE 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2.** Purchase of a meal is not required. Let Karol know if you want lunch (\$15), beverage only (\$5) or beverage and dessert (\$9). Please arrive as close to 11:30 as possible so meals can be served before the meeting begins. Our Zoom Host is Scott Thompson. Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>

### This week's program: Rosenkrance to discuss learning in a pandemic

Imagine for a moment the logistics required to deliver instruction to 1,100 students in elementary, middle and high school during a pandemic. We've invited our Estes Park School District R-3 Superintendent Sheldon Rosenkrance to describe the process, challenges and successes of the past year.

Rosenkrance came to Estes Park as superintendent in August 2014. He is in his seventh school year at the Estes Park School District as Superintendent of Schools.



Sheldon Rosenkrance

Originally from Mackay, Idaho, he attended Idaho State University as well as Washington State University. He was both a teacher and a principal in Idaho and Washington prior to coming to Colorado. Sheldon was a principal for Coupeville Middle/High Schools for eight years on Whidbey Island in Washington when he accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools in Estes Park. This will be his 33rd year in education and he has a great passion for providing the best educational opportunities for students, staff, and community.

Sheldon's wife, Janie, is a math teacher for the Poudre School District. They have four daughters. Their youngest, Carlie is a graduate of Estes Park High School and attending CSU. Cassidi is a recent graduate of Colorado State University. Chelsea lives in Seattle, and Nikki and her family live and work in Greeley. Their family has had a great transition from Washington to Colorado and they truly enjoy being part of such a supportive community. In their free time they enjoy hiking and exploring the many wonders of Estes Park and the surrounding Rocky Mountain National Park.

Superintendent Rosenkrance truly believes that Estes Park is a special place and is appreciative of the opportunity to build on the strengths of the district, as well as the ability to partner with the community to enhance these efforts.

To join the meeting on Zoom, click on the Zoom link before noon, and Scott Thompson, our Zoom host, will welcome you. Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>.

Posted by Dana Fritz

### January 28, 2021 Meeting Notes

President Bill called the meeting to order at noon. He asked if members were interested in listening to a 35-minute speech by incoming RI President, Jennifer Jones. A decision was made to post the link and members could listen when they wished. Doug Mann gave a humorous golf invocation and dedicated it to Ron Gordon. President Bill led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced his guest, Marianne.

#### Announcements

- Our Club is giving \$550 for After-Prom.
- There will be an announcement on 2/6 as to RYLA.
- Michelle Mann will be presenting a program on the summer camps in Albania...date TBD.
- Those that were asked to do bios were encouraged to do so.
- The Foundation Board announced we are giving \$41,000 in scholarships to Estes seniors. We have seven named scholarships and three 4-year scholarships.
- The Salvation Army experienced a shortfall this year. The Community Service committee is looking into possibilities to help them.
- Honorary member Gary Hazelton has finished all his cancer treatments and is now cancer free...go Gary!!!
- The Duck Race software committee will meet next Tuesday.

Scott entertained with his joke of the week.

#### Adjournment

The general meeting was adjourned with committee meetings to follow.

Dana Fritz, scribe



### Two grants will help Latino community

The Rotary Club of Estes Park has a longstanding commitment to address areas of need in the local community and has recently awarded two grants to do just that.

Community Service Committee Director Elizabeth Weisberg recently delivered a \$400 grant check from the club to Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success (EVICS) for purchase of bilingual English/Spanish-language books for EVICS clients. The Estes Park nonprofit, supported entirely through donations and grants, provides family support programs and resources, training and events for childcare providers, and scholarships to families so that they can afford childcare. EVICS' goal is to provide services that will strengthen and support Estes Valley children and families, especially in the early years of life.



Estes Park's Crossroads Ministry was the recipient of an \$1,100 second grant, earmarked for a Mountain Home Café program that provides free meals offered to needy community members. The club donated \$500, and an anonymous Rotary club member added an additional \$600 for the total grant of \$1,100. Crossroads is a Christian service agency helping Estes Valley residents in need. Crossroads provides short-term financial, food and other assistance to the temporarily unemployed, working poor and individuals with low fixed incomes.



"When it is safe to have closer physical contact again, our Rotary members are looking forward to working on more in-person projects with EVICS and Crossroads," said Weisberg. "Until then, we are delighted to be able to help support the Latino community in Estes Park with these grants."

Posted by Rita DuChateau

### Ducks to swim in Lazy River May 1

It's official! Thousands of little yellow ducks will swim again in 2021. After taking a year off for a virtual race in a television studio 2020, the ducks will again hit the water on Saturday, May 1 at the 33rd annual Rotary Duck Race Festival.

The Duck Race will be modified due to COVID safety guidelines, but it is guaranteed to bring a much-needed morning of joy and fundraising. Details are still being "feathered out" but what we know is that the race will take place at the Estes Valley Community Center and utilize the Lazy River for the little yellow paddlers. Because no one can predict what state and county guidelines will be in place on May 1, the Rotary Duck Race Festival will be live-streamed and available on several platforms so that families can safely gather at home in front of their TV or computer screens to celebrate the annual progress toward the finish line.



The 33rd Estes Park Rotary Duck Race Festival will benefit 64 Participating Organizations. They will begin to sell Duck Adoptions in early March. The organizations are busy plotting online sales strategy, as all Duck Adoptions will be handled online.

"Sixty-four local Participating Organization are ready and excited to launch the adoption season staling in early March," said Larry Williams, Rotary Duck Race Festival organizations committee chairman. "This is a great way to support your favorite nonprofit and have fun watching the ducks in the Lazy River on May 1."

By holding the event indoors without crowds and eliminating paper adoption sales and handling, the volunteers who power the race will be kept as safe as possible, according to Big Duck '21 Bill Solms. Fewer Rotarians and town employees and will be needed to support the race this year, so that health and safety can be enhanced until the full scope of activities can return, hopefully in 2022.

### 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/5241>

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



### Give to our Foundation while you shop!

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### Bulletin Editor

Rita DuChateau

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### 2020-21 Rotary International Theme



### Feb. 4 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Dennis Gellhaus**

Song & Pledge: **Bill Solms**

Guest Intro: **Scott, Karol**

Scribe: **Madison Casey**

Greeter: **Scott, Karol**

Program Intro: **Rita DuChateau**

### Feb. 11 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Karol Rinehart**

Song & Pledge: **Bill Solms**

Guest Intro: **Scott, Karol**

Scribe: **Pete Sumey**

Greeter: **Scott, Karol**

Program Intro: **Rick Taylor**

### Upcoming Events

**Club Board Meeting**

Feb 02, 2021  
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**Duck Race Software Committee**

Bill Solms Zoom Link  
Feb 04, 2021  
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

**Duck Race Committee**

Scott Thompson Zoom Link  
Feb 11, 2021  
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**Foundation Board Meeting**

Feb 18, 2021  
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

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### Speakers

Feb 04, 2021  
**Sheldon Rosenkrance**  
Learning During the Pandemic

Feb 11, 2021  
**Carl Robicheaux**  
Simple Estate Planning

Feb 18, 2021  
**Milt Garrett**  
Two Great Nations Once Held Hands

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### Birthdays, Anniversaries

#### Member Birthdays

**Barb Bibler**  
January 27

**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

#### 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

**Dave Boon**  
January 3, 2003  
19 years

**Matt Comstock**  
January 3, 2019  
3 years

**Ward Nelson**  
January 7, 2010  
12 years

**Bill Smith**  
January 8, 1987  
35 years

**Bruce Brown**  
January 8, 2004  
18 years

**Wayne Newsom**  
January 10, 1980  
42 years

**Pete Sumey**  
January 14, 2004  
18 years

**Jim Scritchfield**  
January 23, 2020  
2 years

**Jeff Liddle**  
January 24, 2013  
9 years

**Rick Taylor**  
January 24, 2013  
9 years

**Sarah Walsh**  
February 2, 2012  
9 years

**Dennis Gellhaus**  
February 22, 2018  
3 years

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