



# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

### Welcome to our Club!



We meet Thursdays at 12:00 PM  
Rodeway Inn  
1701 North Lake Avenue  
Estes Park, CO 80517  
United States



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*Posted by Guy Van der Werf*

### This week's program: Library services for new Americans

Aracely Thomas will speak at the Rotary Club of Estes Park on Thursday, Feb. 8, at their regular noon meeting. Thomas, the Estes Valley Public Library's ELL Outreach Coordinator, will present a program titled "Welcome to the USA: Library Services for New Americans."



Aracely Thomas

The Welcome to the USA program consists of educational resources for new immigrants. The new immigrant experiences fears, hesitation, and doubt. The program seeks to make new immigrants comfortable in their new environment, guide them to local resources, and find the help that they may need. In addition, the Library aids the immigrant in becoming fluent in the English language.

Thomas was born and raised in Mexico. She came to the United States over 10 years ago, when she married her husband. In 2008, she started working at the Estes Valley

### February 8 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Doug Mann**

Song & Pledge: **Dave Evans**

Guest Intro: **Ron Gordon**

Scribe: **Dana Fritz**

Greeter: **Harriette Woodard**

Program Intro: **Tara Moenning**

### February 15 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Karen McClure**

Song & Pledge: **Dave Evans**

Guest Intro: **Thor Homme**

Scribe: **Rita DuChateau**

Greeter: **Thor Homme**

Program Intro: **Roger Thorp**

### Speakers

Feb 08, 2018

[Aracely Thomas](#)

"Welcome to the USA", Library Services to New Americans

Feb 15, 2018

[Al Milano](#)

Estes Park Performing Arts Center

Feb 22, 2018

[4th Thursday](#)

Committee Meetings

Library as a Substitute for the Circulation Department. She has loved working at the Library, for which there is no equivalent concept in Mexico.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are 1.2 million Rotary members in 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary clubs have been serving communities worldwide for more than a century. Rotary clubs around the world initiate projects that address critical issues such as conflict resolution, hunger, poverty, disease and illiteracy.

The Rotary Club of Estes Park meets Thursdays at the Rodeway Inn in Estes Park, located at 1701 North Lake Avenue on Highway 34 just west of Dry Gulch Road. Visitors interested in learning more about Rotary and its programs are welcome to attend. Buffet is served at 11:30 a.m., the Rotary business meeting opens at noon, and the program begins at 12:30 p.m.

## February 1, 2018 meeting highlights

President Kathy welcomed Estes Park Rotary members and called the meeting to order on the dot of 12 p.m. Pete Sumey gave a meaningful invocation. Then Dave Evans led us in three verses of Happy Birthday to celebrate a triple member birthday on Rotary day. This was a big day for Rita Du Chateau, Jeff Liddle and Bill Smith. After the Pledge of Allegiance, there were no visiting Rotarians or guests of Rotarians.

Tara saved the day by reintroducing Evie (Evelyn) Bangs, one of our scholarship winners in 2012. Some five years after high school graduation, she wowed us with the story of her accomplishments since then.



Evie has graduated from CSU with a Bachelor's Degree in chemistry. She is currently working on her Masters Degree (scheduled for 2019) in Computer Science. She aspires to go on to receive a PhD in Atmospheric Research. Toward that end, she is currently doing research as part of a team studying air quality in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Evie graciously thanked us several times for helping her begin this amazing academic path. The scholarship she received from our Rotary club allowed her to begin university and find her life's goals. We are proud of her and our other scholarship recipients and LOVE it when they return for a visit.

### Announcements

- The Board Meeting and Duck Race Meeting will be next week.
- Roger Thorpe thanked the dozen volunteers who have signed up to help at the Friday night Community Café. We can still use cleanup help from 6-8 p.m.

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## Upcoming Events

### [Club Board Meeting](#)

Estes Valley Public Library,  
Wasson Room  
Feb 06, 2018  
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

### [Duck Race Festival Committee Meeting](#)

Nicky's Reataurant  
Feb 08, 2018  
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

### [Foundation Board Meeting](#)

Quality Inn  
Feb 15, 2018  
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

### [World Peace and Understanding Day](#)

Feb 23, 2018

### [Club Board Meeting](#)

Mar 06, 2018  
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

### [Duck Race Festival Committee Meeting](#)

Nicky's Reataurant  
Mar 08, 2018  
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

### [Duck Race Festival Committee Meeting](#)

Nicky's Reataurant  
Mar 22, 2018  
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

## Birthdays, Anniversaries

### *Member Birthdays*

**Bill Smith**  
February 1

**Jeff Liddle**  
February 1

**Rita DuChateau**  
February 1

**Sarah Walsh**  
February 3

- We are happy Bill Solms is back from Florida. Thanks to Ward Nelson who has filled in as Sergeant-at-Arms in his absence.
- Kathy reminded us that the Rotary District Conference is being held in Estes Park on Duck Race weekend. There is a need for Thursday night dinner hospitality hosts to provide dinner in members' homes to welcome conference attendees.

Happy Money

- Thor Homme is happy that Darlene is doing exceptionally well as she recovers from a partial knee replacement.
- Bill Solms is happy that there is a good response from Duck Race sponsors.

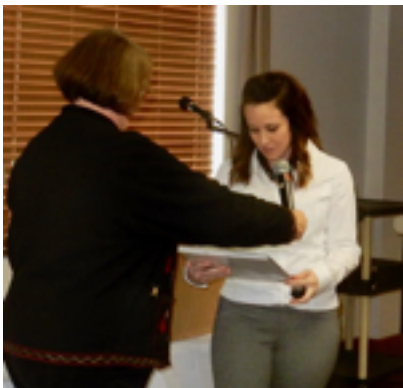


Program

Doug Mann introduced our speaker, Kaycee Headrick, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County.



Kaycee discussed the impact the clubs have on youth throughout Larimer County and specifically in Estes Park. She explained current Boys and Girls Club programs in the valley that run throughout the school year and reported on the goal of bringing a year-round Club to Estes Park to augment the summer program. Local funding and locating a large enough non-rental location are two impediments to putting into effect a year-round program that could accommodate all Estes Park children who wish to participate.



The meeting was adjourned with the 4-Way Test.

Submitted by Dale Bonza, scribe and Rita DuChateau, photographer

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

Dave Evans

March 25

Anne Slack

March 28

Anniversaries

Rita DuChateau

Phil

February 3

Wayne Andersen

Judy

February 6

Gregg Jurgens

Suzanne

February 14

Larry Williams

Linda

February 14

Jay Harroff

Jane

February 17

Bruce Carmichael

Lindi

March 26

Join Date

Jill Zerhan





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## Sign up now for the District Conference! Host a Rotarian for dinner - Estes-style



Planning to attend the Rotary District 5440 District Conference? It will be right here in Estes Park on Duck Race Festival weekend. Here's how to register: <http://rotary5440.org/event/2018-rotary-district-5440-conference/>

Registration for a single attendee: \$135 prior to March 31; \$200 after April 1. Registration includes numerous events, but does not include lodging. (Great, because you live here, right?)

Don't delay!

Would you like to show Estes Park Rotary hospitality to a conference attendee? Sign up to host a dinner on Thursday, May 3. **See Kathy Groesbeck for details.**

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### Rotary Quote of the Week

*"The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace has always been among Rotary's primary goals. It is past time for all of us to recognize the potential of all of our Rotary service to build peace, an approach that service with peacebuilding in mind."*

*- R.I. President Ian H.S. Riseley at Rotary Day at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Nov. 11, 2017*



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February 2, 2012  
6 years

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February 2, 2012  
6 years

**Jim White**  
February 18, 1988  
30 years

**Bruce Carmichael**  
March 5, 2009  
9 years

**Karol Rinehart**  
March 5, 2015  
3 years

**Lee Lasson**  
March 13, 2003  
15 years

**Madison Casey**  
March 16, 2006  
12 years

**Rita DuChateau**  
March 21, 2013  
5 years

**Dave Evans**  
March 22, 2007  
11 years

**Bob Brunson**  
March 27, 2003  
15 years

**Earl Matson**  
March 28, 1996  
22 years

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