



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Last Scheduled Committee Meeting Day!



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: \$15

Parking: American Legion and the church only.

Announcements:

- Community Service Committee Meeting - no meeting
- Duck Race Committee Meeting - no meeting
- Membership Meeting - no meeting
- International Service Committee Meeting -
 - will meet in person this Thursday.
 - Zoom is available
 - The agenda has been emailed to all committee members.
- Fund Development Meeting - no meeting

Update by President Jim Whiteneck

Announcements:

- Dr. Wiesner gave a wonderful presentation on Thursday. It was informative to hear:
 - how Covid is affecting our pediatric population
 - how Estes Park Health is focusing on preventing it.
- This week will be our final chance for committees to meet during regular club time.
 - Ron Gordon's International Service Committee will meet following our regular activities.

February 24 Duty Roster

Invocation: Ben Van der Werf

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Madison Casey

Greeter: Gail Corrigan

Program Intro: Jim Whiteneck

March 3rd Duty Roster

Invocation: Karol Rinehart

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Pete Sumey

Greeter: Gail Corrigan

Program Intro: Jim Whiteneck

Upcoming Events

Club Board Meeting

Zoom

Mar 01, 2022

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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Speakers

Mar 03, 2022

[Karen Thompson](#)

Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

Mar 10, 2022

[Ruth Miller and Laurie Dale-](#)

- In the future, it will be possible to have Committee Meetings at the Legion following our program if desired.
 - Of course, any other time your Committee would like to meet will be fine.
- We will be incorporating many of the ideas that were brought out during our Visioning process.
 - These are exciting changes and we will continue to need your input!
 - As suggested by many, going forward we will have meaningful creative conversations regarding important Club topics.
 - We will increase transparency between our Club and Foundation Boards.
 - You may be astonished to hear all the Rotary activities we are involved with!
- We are two thirds of the way through this Rotary year and many things have changed.
 - We have a new place to meet (the American Legion)
 - Phil, Tara, Madison, Karol and Gregg presented a whole new and wonderful Holiday Meal/Event that we all thoroughly enjoyed.
 - Covid-19 seems to be slowly improving.
 - Beth is gearing up for a new and exciting Duck Race!
- Have a wonderful week and we will see you on Thursday!"

February 17, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Jim Whiteneck called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.
 Gail Corrigan gave the Invocation.
 President Whiteneck led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 Madison Casey led the song "America The Beautiful".
 Gail Corrigan was the Greeter.
 Barry Hannigan took attendance.

Guests of Rotarians:

Jim Whiteneck introduced Ben Vigil.

Announcements:

- Bill Solms announced that we still need volunteers/nominations
 - for the Secretary and President-Elect positions.
 - for the Treasurer position as Longley Parker is going to retire after many years as Treasurer
 - people can be President more than once, as long as it has been 3 or 4 years.
- Pete Sinnott announced
 - he has note pads left over from the Golf Tournament if anyone wants one for 10 cents apiece
 - later Tara bought all 10 note pads
- Chuck Bonza discussed the "Josh The Otter Program" at the elementary school.

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Mar 17, 2022

[Tom Chapel](#)

The Denali Experience

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Bill Smith

February 1

Rita DuChateau

February 1

Gordon Ulrickson

February 3

Sarah Walsh

February 3

Mike Connolly

February 5

Pete Sumey

February 7

Longley Parker

February 18

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

- Our Club provides funding for Josh The Otter books to help prevent drowning incidents.
- Chuck needs 6 volunteers to read the book to kindergarten children on May 6th at 8:30 – 9:30 am.
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- *Jim & Chuck speaking about Josh The Otter*

- President Whiteneck announced there will be a Foundation Meeting today at 1:30 pm.
- The Board held another Visioning Meeting recently and discussed
 - changing the agenda for the 4th Thursday Meetings
 - possibly having Committee Chairs give updates on their committee activities.

Scott Thompson told his Duck joke and also discussed sponsorships for the Duck Race and invited anyone to be a sponsor.



Lucky with Big Duck, Beth Weisberg

Happy Money:

- Barry Hannigan was happy for joining Rotary.
- Ben Vigil was happy to be present.
- Wayne Newsom was happy for Longley's birthday, but he did not sing.
- Bill Solms was happy for those members who he knows will step up to be new Club Officers.

Program:

Kevin Mullin introduced the program speaker, Dr. Mark Wiesner, Pediatrician, Estes Park Health. Dr. Wiesner presented statistics on childhood Covid illness, hospitalizations, and vaccine effectiveness. He also noted that approximately 10% of children today do not have all their childhood vaccinations including mumps, measles and rubella, etc., which is a big concern.



Dr. Wiesner



Dr. Wiesner receiving the Rock from President Jim

Adjournment:

President Whiteneck adjourned the meeting at 12:55 pm with the 4-Way Test.

Gail Corrigan, scribe

February 14

Jay Harroff

Jane

February 17

Join Date

Sarah Walsh

February 2, 2012

10 years

Dennis Gellhaus

February 22, 2018

4 years

Karol Rinehart

March 5, 2015

7 years

Lee Lasson

March 13, 2003

19 years

Beth Weisberg

March 16, 2020

2 years

Madison Casey

March 16, 2006

16 years

Mark Lee

March 16, 2020

2 years

Rita DuChateau

March 21, 2013

9 years

Dave Evans

March 22, 2007

15 years

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More Volunteers Needed

We need someone to volunteer to be Membership Chair and help with the Spoke.

If you are interested please contact Anne Slack at anneslack@aol.com.

Duck Race Kickoff Night

Announcement:

- **Duck Race Kickoff Night is set for March 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**
 - Mayor Koenig will issue a Proclamation declaring May 7, 2022 to be Estes Park Rotary Duck Race Day
 - She will adopt the first duck
 - The Tech team will explain to our 66 Organizations
 - how to use our new online duck adoption platform
 - how to promote duck adoptions
 - Organizations will also be asked to submit the name and contact information of their required volunteers on or before Kickoff Night
 - **Kickoff Night will be Zoom only**
 - The Zoom link to attend is www.EPDuckRace.org/Zoom.
 - Immediately following the Kickoff Night meeting, the online duck adoption link on our website (www.epduckrace.org) will be activated and duck adoptions can begin.
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Mark Your Calendar! We have been invited to a Concert by our new member Barry Hannigan and his wife Mary

Saturday, March 26, at 2 pm. It's at Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, 200 Ptarmigan Trail
Donations instead of Tickets
Vaccinated and Masked

Don't Miss Rotary's 2022 International Convention in Houston, Texas June 4 - 8, 2022

If you have never been to an International Convention of Rotary, you need to go to Houston in June. It is so amazing and it is often not

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this close to us. My husband and I attended the International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia in 2017. There were 70,000 people there from all over the world. It was so thrilling to learn of all the projects Rotary was performing worldwide, helping people improve their lives with better water supplies, better education so they could earn a living, better sanitary situations to reduce disease, on and on. Go to Rotary.org to learn more.

Save the Date!!
September 3rd, 2022 John Denver Concert at
the YMCA Rauch Auditorium
Featuring Cowboy Brad



Brad Fitch

Rotary in Russia

Announcement:

- Consider signing up for the next citizen diplomacy trip back to Russia.
- This US-Russia effort has been going on since 1983, formalized in 1995 with State Department monies; Milt Garrett's involvement began in 1998.
- This invitation for us is to come to Russia as citizen ambassadors for 15 days next June 5-20, 2022.
- Rotary has a history of international interaction as 49 Rotarians were part of crafting the United Nations charter. Rotary has grown in Russia to 50 clubs since it began there in 1983.
- You will need to fund yourself and the cost is \$3,000-5,000 depending on what level of flight and lodging you want.
- If interested contact Milt at gmilt3@gmail.com and write in the subject line: "Citizen Diplomacy Mission to Russia."

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