

Rotary Club Of Estes Park Spoke

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Program

Posted by Brad Rosenbaum

This Week's Program

" **Managing the Chaos of a Forest Fire** " with Fire Chief Scott Dorman



Forest fires come in all sizes and severities. This program will address how forest fires are managed starting from a local response of an initial attack through the transition to other agencies. We will discuss how and when the responsibility and authority are delegated to another agency, the Incident Command System, who is in charge, when and why resources are ordered, and some basic firefighting strategies and tactics. We will also discuss our local capabilities and available resources

Fire Chief Scott Dorman has been a member of the Estes Park Volunteer Fire Department and the Estes Valley Fire Protection District for 30 years.

Scott started out as a volunteer firefighter holding positions as training officer, safety officer, EMT rescue diver, assistant chief, and fire chief. In 1999, Scott was hired as the first career fire chief for the Town of Estes Park and was transferred with the other fire department employees to the new fire district in 2010. Scott has an Associate's Degree in Fire Science Technology from Aims CC, and will be completing a bachelor's degree in Fire and Emergency Services Administration from Colorado State University this spring. Scott is also a state of Colorado certified Fire Officer III and state certified Fire Instructor. During his career with the local fire department Scott has been involved in numerous major wild

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Feb 25, 2013 05:00 PM

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Feb 28, 2013 05:30 PM

land fires in and around our area, including the Bobcat Fire, Big Elk Fire, Four Mile Fire, Woodland Heights Fire, and the Fern Lake Fire.

Scott is a 47 year resident of Estes Park. His lovely wife Dorothy is the CEO of the Harmony Foundation, Inc., a substance abuse treatment center. Together they have 6 children and 12 grandchildren.

Duck Distribution Night Feb. 25th

Posted by Douglas Fox

63 Charities and Non-profit organizations to pick up duck adoption packets

Sixty-three organizations can start selling duck adoption forms on February 26th after picking up packets of adoption forms and getting last minute instructions on how the annual Estes Park Duck Race works to benefit those organizations.

Duck adoption distribution night is February 25th in the Hondius Room of the Estes Valley Library at 5:00pm. Each participating organization is strongly encouraged to send a representative.

"It's important for them to show up," stresses Duck Committee member Don Widrig, "because if they don't show up and are late in getting their packet of adoption forms, then they're running behind the power curve on selling to people. They're going to go out and start knocking on doors and discover the adoption forms have already been sold. They're in competition with each other."

The annual Estes Park Duck Race begins at Nicky's Resort on Highway 34 around 11:30 a.m. on May 4th. Thousands of little yellow rubber ducks will drop into Fall River and float about two-miles to Riverside Plaza downtown where they are fished out of the river outside the Wheel Bar. Those who adopt one of those ducks have roughly a one-in-nine chance of winning a prize. And this year, some of those prizes are very special.



"Because this is our silver anniversary, we'll have ten special Silver Eagle Coins given away as special prizes scattered throughout race day May 4th," said Marcia "Big Duck" Logan, chair of the Duck Race Committee this year. "These are U.S government issued

real silver dollars that rise and fall with the price of silver. Currently,

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they're worth about \$79 each. And we're giving away ten of them in addition to the other prizes."

For every duck adopted for \$20, \$19 goes back to the organization checked off on the adoption form. The other \$1 is retained by the Rotary Club of Estes Park as seed money for the next year's race.

"We really don't make any money off the race," explained Logan. "Our local Rotary Foundation is one of the 63 organizations taking part, but the club itself doesn't get any income except for the one-dollar that is plowed right back into the budget for next year's race."

On May 4th, the Estes Park Duck Race hopes to have raised more than \$2-million for local charities and non-profits over its long history.

"We're shooting for more than 4,500 adoptions in order to reach that significant \$2-million benchmark, but we really want to see a lot more adoptions than that," said Logan. "Six years ago we had over 7,000 ducks adopted and the participating organizations are the ones who made that possible. It would be nice to top that figure this year."

Even if someone is living in Leipzig, Germany, they can still adopt a duck.

"Absolutely could. The power of the Internet," said Widrig. He said the duck adoption website, www.epduckrace.org, will be up and running the day after distribution night.

"There are several clubs that go out and hit the streets the next morning, so they are really on the ball with this thing," said Widrig. "The online sales are primarily built to service people who are not local. So any participating organization which has friends, family, relatives, or other parts of their organization that are not local, they really should take advantage of the online system."

It all begins Feb. 25th with duck adoption distribution night at the library.

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[Singing for Scholarships or How I Spend My Retirement](#)

Posted by Douglas Fox

A musical variety show to raise money for scholarships



Estes Valley residents are in for a real musical treat March 1st and 2nd when the Rotary Club of Estes Park stages its third annual musical variety show "It's Showtime!"

No less than 19 acts will perform in a program designed to showcase local musical talent in order to raise money for the Rotary Club Foundation's Scholarship Fund.

"Our goal is to clear \$10,000 for scholarships," says club president and show chairman Pete Sumey. "This is an opportunity for anyone to come and see on one stage, at one time, some of the best musical talent in the Estes Valley. And trust me – we have a lot of it."

The show is Friday, March 1st from 7:00pm to 9:00pm with a repeat on Saturday, March 2nd from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies, 1700 Brodie Ave. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Children and students are free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Macdonald Book Shop, Estes Park Visitor's Center, MedX of Estes, and at the Thursday Noon Rotary meetings.

One of the 19 acts in the show has been performing in Estes Park for around 20-years. It's Elk Hollow.

"When I first came to Estes Park in the early 1990's, we were at church one day and I heard this song *Colorado* that the church group was doing," says Jack Overly. "I told them, 'I've got to have that music. It's so pretty.' I was asked to join their group and that's where I met Gary Reeves and we started the group Elk Hollow."

"Gary has sung and played guitar his whole life," says Overly. "I mean he's really the consummate professional. He's done leads in all the musical plays around here with the Fine Arts Guild." Reeves had leading roles in such musicals as "The King and I," "Bye, Bye Birdie," "Oklahoma," "South Pacific," and others.

On the other hand, Overly didn't start learning guitar until he was 55.

"I was thinking about retiring and I wanted something to diddle around with in retirement and I thought it would be fun to record some three chord sing-along songs, things like "This Land is Your Land," he says. "So, I started taking some music lessons."

His teacher was Marty Stewart, a professional guitarist who had played in bands in Las Vegas for Sammy Davis, Jr., Frankie Laine, and many other name performers.

"He's played with all those people and for some reason he ended up in Yakima, Washington teaching guitar. We hit it off and he was quite a professional. He was a great guitarist. Within about six months we entertained a little bit around Yakima. We even formed a small group with some teenagers called 'The Generation Gap.' I never was that great but we had good times."

Now, Overly is teamed with Gary Reeves and violinist Dmitri Galcovski.

"About two years ago we were putting together a fundraiser at the Stanley Concert Hall to sponsor the high school concert choir's trip to Carnegie Hall in New York. Nancy Stevens in our club said, 'I'd really like you to meet this young man. He's working at the Stanley and his name is Dmitri Galcovski.'"

Galcovski is a classically trained violinist from Moldova. He's a graduate of the Chisinau Music Academy of Moldova and studied violin with Lidia Dollnaskala at the Rachmaninov Music Lyceum in Chisinau. During his school years, Dmitri participated in numerous competitions and concerts. He graduated from the Academy of Music and Arts in 2007. While studying he had a master class with Professor Neeman of the Royal Academy of Music, United Kingdom, and won the gold medal at the Luxembourg Festival of Young Musicians.

"He's a concert violinist and very, very talented. He's probably as good a violinist as there is in these parts," says Overly. He joined Elk Hollow even though he'd never played folk music before. "We try to have him do a solo interlude in the songs we do and he's just a really sweet violinist. Dmitri is like family."

Overly and Reeves also classify as "singer/songwriters." Since retiring, Overly has composed over three dozen songs. Reeves also has composed a number of tunes. Many of those songs are on Elk Hollow's CD "Home In Colorado." They will be performing one of them, "My Prayer," in this year's show.

Joining Elk Hollow for "It's Showtime!" will be the Estes Park High School Jazz Band, Major 13 Jazz Choir from EPHS, Valerie Dascoli and Scott Anderson in a duet of "Somos Novios." Christy Florence sings "Vanilla Ice Cream" from the show "She Loves Me." Colleen Buckert does the Bonnie Raitt tune "I Can't Make You Love Me." Lori Burnham sings "Lascia ch'io pianga" (Let Me in Weeping) by George Handel. Ruby Bode sings a medley of songs about peace and change. Emcee and show director Betsy Skinner sings "The Alto's Lament." Larry Pierce sings "I'm Reviewing the Situation" from *Oliver*. Randy Boyd sings "Ama Credi e

Vai" (Because We Believe"). Vic Anderson will yodel several western songs. Roger Thorp sings "Bring Him Home" from *Les Misérables*. Steve Smersh does a couple of Bob Dylan songs: "Forever Young" and "Girl from the North Country." Margaret Patterson will perform a piano solo. Young violinist Ted Dumont will perform the first movement from Concerto No. 9 in A Minor by deBeriot. Bob Brunson offers the humorous talk "I Wish I Were 18 Again." The OLM Trio made up of Gary Reeves, Michaelle Gergen-Wisner, and Brenda Brown will do "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley." And Elk Hollow (Jack Overly, Gary Reeves, and Dmitri Galcovski) will perform the Irish folk song "Sonny's Dream" and an original song called "My Prayer."

To Jack Overly, buying a ticket to "It's Showtime!" is a no-brainer.

"It's certainly a benefit to the community. We're raising money for scholarships for kids here," he says. "In these economic times I think this is a very important function for Rotary to support youth. That's really one of our missions. The other thing is there's just some superb talent that's involved in this show. Estes Park has abundance of wonderful talent and this show is setup with a variety of talents – from classical to folk and some comedy routines in there. You name it. This show has an outstanding variety. So if people don't like one thing, they'll find something else they do like."

Overly, Reeves, and Galcovski also get a lot of personal satisfaction out of performing for a good cause. "I think we just have fun with our music," says Overly. "I've said many times when it ceases being fun I probably won't do it anymore."

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2012 Incoming Exchange Student Faustine Delebarre

Posted by Brad Rosenbaum

Faustine News!

Recently Faustine was able to go on a hike from Bear Lake to Sprague Lake in RMNP with Rotary member Mark Richards and her host mother Sue Fereday. Here are some pictures from their trip.