

# Rotary Club Of Estes Park Spoke

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## Program

Posted by Brad Rosenbaum

# This Week's Program

" Club Discussion" with Pete Sinnott



Last week President Pete provided an update on the current status of the club's planning process. One of the points he focused on was our club meeting structure and what beneficial changes we can undertake to enhance participation. Several of us deliberated this topic and offer the following ideas for your consideration.

1. Replace one regular meeting each month with a Service Day benefiting our community.

The opportunity to make a difference through club service projects was clearly a priority in our last survey.

Projects might include additional road cleanup, assisting at Crossroads, or the Housing Authority, removing slash and mitigating fire hazards at the homes of those unable to perform this work. There is also a social side to this kind of service ~~ when was the last time you shared a six pack on the hood of a pickup at the end of the day.

2. Take a one month vacation from our regular annual schedule.

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**Club Events**

**Youth Exchange Committee Meeting**

Optical Perspectives  
 Feb 28, 2013 05:30 PM

**It's Showtime!**

Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies  
 Mar 01, 2013 07:00 PM - Mar 02, 2013 09:00 PM

**Golf Committee Meeting**

The Bighorn Restaurant  
 Mar 05, 2013 08:00 AM

*If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor.*

We all have busy schedules and a hiatus from a routine with subtle pressure to abide by might be somewhat welcome and we just might return with a renewed vigor for service. This break from regular meetings should not interrupt ongoing committee activity.

3. Forgo taking attendance at regular meetings.

Currently attendance is taken only to comply with Rotary standards. We don't act on those not meeting the prescribed model and seemingly it has no correlation with participation in the goals of our club.

Alternatively we can focus on recognizing and thanking those in our club that contribute on an ongoing basis. Let's think about folks like Mal, Randy and Bob who arrive an hour early each week to set up our room.

At this week's meeting you will be asked to fill out a brief survey to provide your insight into the forgoing thoughts.

Pete Sinnott

**It's Showtime!**  
 Posted by Brad Rosenbaum

# It's Showtime!

A mix of music and ages on tap for It's Showtime!

From Bob Dylan and Bonnie Raitt to Brahms, Broadway, and de Beriot – there's an extraordinary mix of music and talent that will take the stage Friday, March 1st and Saturday March 2nd for the third annual musical variety show "It's Showtime!"

The Friday show on March 1st is at 7:00pm. The Saturday show, March 2nd, is a matinee at 2:00pm. Both performances are at Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies, 1700 Brodie Ave, in Estes Park. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door for adults. Students and children free because all the money raised goes to the scholarship fund of the Rotary Club of Estes Park Foundation.

"We have a fabulous lineup of some of the best musical talent in the Estes Valley," says show director and Estes Park Rotary Club President Pete Sumej. "I guarantee you, you won't be disappointed. We'll have some familiar faces on stage and several new ones that you may not have seen before – at least in this kind of a setting."

One of those new faces is 28-year old Colleen Buckert, a bartender at Lonigans Bar & Grill.

"I love singing and I want to give to the community," she says. "It's for scholarships, for the young kids." Buckert has lived in



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Estes Park since she was ten and is an Estes Park High School graduate.

"I run karaoke on Friday nights at Lonigans and on the other nights that we do karaoke I also sing. I sing at weddings and funerals -- whatever people want."

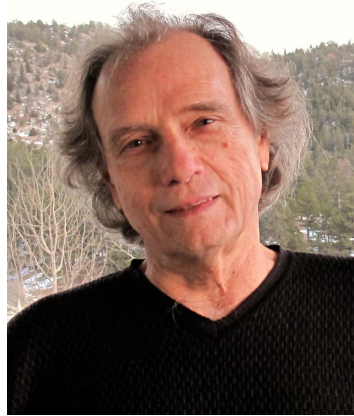
Two years ago she sang for the judges of the TV show American Idol.

"I made it through the Hollywood Round where I sang for the celebrity judges," says Buckert. "I sang for them at Aspen and then went on to Hollywood and sang for them a second time. They didn't show my audition on TV, but that is an experience I will never forget. It was extremely exciting. I was shocked I made it that far. I honestly didn't think that was going to happen. I was pleasantly surprised."

For "It's Showtime!" Buckert will sing the Bonnie Raitt hit "I Can't Make You Love Me."

On the other end of the show's age spectrum for new faces is 70-year old Steve Smersh. When he was a student years ago at Colorado State University, he sang in a group called Northanna Singers, which sang Civil War ballads. "We tried to look like the Kingston Trio. We'd run out on the stage with those vertically striped shirts. We had a standup bass, a banjo, and two guitars. We had a lot of fun. We were pretty popular. We sang on campus and did a couple of high school assemblies, that kind of thing."

He spent some years singing in what he calls "Gringolandia" around San Carlos, Sonora Mexico, but then came back to Colorado last year.



"I moved back to Estes Park last June and the first thing I did was put together the Silent Film Comedy Show at the Park Theater, a three-day thing that was a lot of fun," says Smersh. Rotarian Susan Day, he says, "knew that I had a little CD put together. She listened to it and loved it. She took it to Madison Casey (one of Showtime's music coordinators). He went online and listened to a few things I've got up on YouTube. So he told Sue, 'Yeah, he'd be great. Get this guy to do these Dylan things.' I said, 'Yeah, I'll do Dylan. I'll do what you want me to. I'll do a Civil War ballad if you want me to.'"

"I always enjoy doing benefits especially when it helps kids," says Smersh. "I'll blow my harmonicas and do a couple of old Bob Dylan songs. He's still active. He's about my age and he's still going strong. I've always loved his music and his poetry. I've done a lot of his songs over the years and these are two of my favorites that I'm going to do for the show: "Forever Young" and "Girl from the North Country."

Joining Smersh and Buckert on stage 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. Lori Burnham sings "Lascia ch'io pianga" (Let Me in Weeping") by George Handle. 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. Margaret Patterson will perform a Brahms 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, Michelle 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.”



Old or young, new or familiar, the 18 acts you see at “It’s Showtime! will send you away whistling or humming a song or two. Tickets for the show are available in advance at Macdonald Book Shop, the Estes Park Visitor’s Center, MedX of Estes, and at the Thursday Noon Rotary meetings.

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**Social Ducky**  
Posted by Brad Rosenbaum



**R**otarian's all over the globe have begun using Social Media to communicate and collaborate to further our causes. Your Estes Park club is no different, and

you should be proud. To promote the Duck Race our club started a facebook page and gained hundreds of fans and drew people all over the country. Over the last couple years we have also started a page for the club itself to target the billion people on this media. Now in 2013, we have decided to take it to the next level with the help from Neanderthal Social Media. Adam Shake(Owner) is a local business owner who has offered his services as a social media consultant to help make our facebook and twitter pages really soar. Just this week we have added a new app on our facebook page that allows folks to purchase ducks directly from our facebook page. An option that will be sure to attract the younger generations in support of our organizations.

“You can buy attention (advertising). You can beg for attention from the media (PR). You can bug people one at a time to get attention (sales). Or you can earn attention by creating something interesting and valuable and then publishing it online for free.” **–David Meerman Scott, Best-Selling Author & Speaker.** Harnessing the power of social media can be the most effective way for us to promote not only our sponsors but also our organizations. The buzz we can create on a single thank you to a sponsor or a shout out to an organization can bring interest to them instantly.

We appreciate all of our members and invite you to get online and join this community. Were not asking you to check out your neighbors breakfast but to promote Rotary. Social Media is what you make it. You filter what you want, all we ask is keep us in the loop.

#### [Video Of The Major 13 Performance](#)

Posted by Brad Rosenbaum

Major 13 courtesy of Scott Thompson

#### [2012 Incoming Exchange Student Faustine Delebarre](#)

Posted by Brad Rosenbaum

## Faustine News!

Mike Connolly on the 5th  
Pete Sumeay on the 7th  
Rosemary Donahue on the 13th  
Carol Grasso on the 13th  
Longley Parker on the 18th  
Claudine Perrault on the 20th  
Ken TeSelle on the 27th  
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## Meeting Pictures

## Meeting Notes

Meeting Highlights  
February 21, 2013

Meeting was called to order by President **Pete** on the dot at 12:00 noon. **Carol Grasso** provided the invocation. In recognition of President's (US note Rotary) Day **Chuck Bonza** led the group in the singing of 'God Bless America.' **Wayne Anderson** handled guest introductions: **Scott Thompson's** guest was **Adam Shake** while **Pat Barnett's** guest was **Ilan Levy**, who as it turned out was really a visiting Rotarian from the Foothills Rotary Club in Fort Collins.

President Pete announced that the Memorial Service for former member **Al Persons** was at 2:00 P.M. that afternoon and also reminded us that Al had been the author of our 'Welcome Song' way back in 1995. He also announced that there would be a public viewing for **Judy Wallace**, wife of former member **Gary Wallace**, at the Allnutt Funeral Home from 4:00 – 6:30 this afternoon.

New Member **Jeff Little** was the winner of \$28 when his number 253 was

picked from the weekly pool. The club was reminded that our Club Fundraiser, Showtime, was coming up at 7:00 P.M. on March 1st with a 2:00 P.M. Matinee the following day. Performances will be held at the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies.

President Pete inducted **Andy Morgan**, owner of the Dunraven Inn, as our newest member who was jointly sponsored by **Jay Harroff** and **Jon Sypher**.

There was NO winner in the Anniversary Drawing!

Happy Money: **Madison Casey** announced that his wife **Marty** was one of the local artists to be recognized at the Art Center Open House on the following day; **Chuck Bonza** thanked us for helping with the purchase of Space Heaters greatly needed by the victims of Hurricane Sandy; **Marcia Logan** asked members to go to the Senior Center or Museum websites and participate in the survey being taken by the Town regarding their future needs; **Bert Bergland** reported that the previous week he had visited his former club in Colorado Springs and indicated that while their location was nicer than ours WE had the better food; **Rob Ludlum** commented that it was great to see **Jon Sypher** back; **Jeff Little** said he was happy to have won the pool drawing!

**Jack Overly** introduced **Dr. Alan Denney** and 'Major 13,' Estes Park High School's vocal Jazz ensemble. Following their program President **Pete** had **Dr. Denny** to sign the book titled 'What Animals Really Love' for the Children's Library.

We were adjourned at 12:35 P.M. following the recitation of the 4 Way Test!