



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Nicky's or Zoom? The choice is yours!

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 BEFORE 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26.** 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>

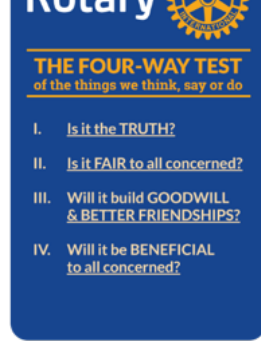
Update from President Bill Solms

Great meeting this week!! I could almost relive the tense moments of October 22d and 23d last year... I forgot to turn off the water to my deck and had to return the morning after the snowstorm from Ft. Collins. I was so thankful I was allowed to take care of this because it was Alberta Falls under my porch until I turned off the water !!

On another note, as Rotarians we need to remember the 4 Way Test at all times, especially during our meetings. Our speakers are admonished in writing by Rick not to present political positions and to stick to facts in their presentations. This also applies to Happy Dollars.... so I am really glad when each of us has something to be happy about, but if it involves a political expression or opinion please respect the possibility that some other attendee might have exactly the opposite feelings. I was proud of this Club for how it handled this situation, so it need not go farther than this reminder to all of us.

On page 14 of this month's *Rotarian*, Frank Bures says: "We found that people were leaving clubs because they were not listened to or were not spoken to appropriately. Talking and listening should be an important part of Rotary. Into this comes an awareness of bias, diversity, and stereotypes." I am thankful our Club is one that listens and speaks to all appropriately.

Quakfully yours,
Bill



This week's meetings: Club Assembly for committee work or video

Be sure to watch your email for important information on when, where and how your committee will meet this week. Our fourth meeting of the each month is set aside for committees to meet, so be prepared. If you haven't signed up for a committee or committees, here they are, with the names of the committee chairs. It's never too late to join a committee!

Club Administration - Karol Rinehart
Community Service - Beth Weisberg
Fund Development - Karen Thompson
International Service - Ron Gordon
Membership - Anne Slack/Dennis Gellhaus
Youth/New Generations - Sue Fereday

While not a formal committee, Rick Taylor welcomes your ideas for future programs.

Bill will also have a video presentation by Jennifer E. Jones, the first woman to be nominated to serve as Rotary International President. Her program for District 5440, Courage for Today, occurred January 21, while we were having our last meeting. Jones, member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, will become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the service organization's 115-year existence.



Jennifer Jones, R.I. President Nominee for 2022-23

Jones is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized for her service with the YMCA Peace Medal, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. Jones holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).

A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She played a lead role in Rotary's rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary's Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication effort.

Posted by Dana Fritz

January 21, 2021 Meeting Notes

President Bill Solms called the January 21, 2021, meeting to order at exactly noon, followed by Presidential announcements.

- President Bill shared prototypes of decorated sponsor ducks. He also announced Nick Molle will be creating a video of the ducks in the lazy river.
- A Foundation meeting will be held today at 1:30.
- A Community Service meeting will be held at 2:30 today.
- Karen Thompson announced two Friendship cards are being distributed to all participating merchants.
- Annie Slack asked all who were approached to submit biographies to the Spoke editor.

Jennifer Comstock gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge. Guests of Rotarians were introduced: Rick Taylor had the most guests this Scribe has ever seen: Dave Price, Terry Ohnstad, Barb Ohnstad, Steve Friesen, Monta Lee Dakin, Jim Horst, Cindy Brady, Vince Brady, Janet Taylor, Kathy Hornbein, Micah Mahoney and Marianne Solms. Scott's joke of the day received a few chuckles.

Happy Money was given by Jennifer, Bill Smith, Milt, Trudy and Beth.

Program
Rick introduced our speaker, Mike Lewelling, Fire Management Officer for Rocky Mountain National Park. Following his program, President Bill presented him with a piece of the Rotary rock.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned with the 4-Way Test.



Posted by Dave Evans

Volunteer needed Foundation Opening

Our Club Foundation Board has a vacancy for a Trustee. The vacancy is for a three-year term that ends on June 30, 2023. Expressions of interest or suggestions for a replacement can be sent to Dave Evans via email (evansds42@gmail.com) or phone (970-290-5783).



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. Among other help, 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."

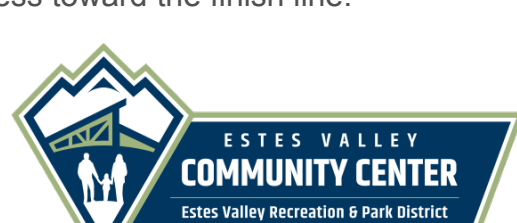
Founded in 1926, The Rotary Club of Estes Park is a service organization open to all. The club currently meets both on Zoom and at Nicky's. Meetings begin at noon, with an optional lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Do you know someone that may be interested in joining? Contact Anne Slack, membership chairperson at anneslack@aol.com.

Posted by Rita DuChateau

Ducks to swim at Community Center 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 in Estes Park 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 stating 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 your Foundation while more frequently

Do you find that you are placing Amazon orders more frequently these days? Don't forget to help your Rotary Club of Estes Park Foundation with every order. As a recipient of funds in the smile.amazon.com, our foundation will receive a portion of the sale. All you need to do is sign up to get the funds flowing. And SHOP!

- Go to: smile.amazon.com.
- Choose the charitable organization by typing in Estes Park Rotary Foundation. Our club and the Longs Peak club will come up in the search. Click on Estes Park Rotary Foundation.
- Create a bookmark so every time you shop Amazon, you will participating in the smile.amazon.com program.



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Jan. 28 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Doug Mann**

Song & Pledge: **Bill Solms**

Guest Intro: **Scott, Karol**

Scribe: **Pete Sumej**

Greeter: **Scott, Karol**

Program Intro: **Bill Solms**

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**

Upcoming Events

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

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Speakers

Jan 28, 2021
Bill Solms
Club Assembly, committee work

Feb 04, 2021
Sheldon Rosenkrance
Learning During the Pandemic

Feb 11, 2021
Carl Robicheaux
Simple Estate Planning

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Barb Bibler
January 27

Join Date

Dave Boon
January 3, 2003
18 years

Matt Comstock
January 3, 2019
2 years

Ward Nelson
January 7, 2010
11 years

Bill Smith
January 8, 1987
34 years

Bruce Brown
January 8, 2004
17 years

Wayne Newsom
January 10, 1980
41 years

Pete Sumej
January 14, 2004
17 years

Jim Scritchfield
January 23, 2020
1 year

Jeff Liddle
January 24, 2013
8 years

Rick Taylor
January 24, 2013
8 years

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