



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Welcome to the New Year!



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.



Jackie Williamson

Our Speaker this week is Jackie Williamson who began her career in 2002 with the Town of Estes Park in the Planning Division of Community Development. She became Deputy Clerk in October 2004 and, following Vickie O'Connor's retirement, became Town Clerk on August 5, 2005, making her the 7th Town Clerk in Estes Park's history. In May 2011 she became the Director of Administrative Services, acting as both the Human Resources Director and Town Clerk. Since becoming Town Clerk, Jackie has run 14 elections for the Town of Estes Park; throughout her career she has worked with 5 Town Administrators, 4 Mayors, 2 Judges, and 2 Attorneys.

Update by President Jim Whiteneck

Welcome to the new year of 2022! We have an exciting and challenging year in store. Wishing you and your families the very BEST!

January 6 Duty Roster

Invocation: Jack Boatman

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Pete Sumeay

Greeter: Scott Robbins

Program Intro: Dennis Gellhaus

January 13 Duty Roster

Invocation: Bill Solms

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Pete Sumeay

Greeter: Karol Rinehart

Program Intro: Dennis Gellhaus

Upcoming Events

Club Board Meeting

Jan 04, 2022

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Duck Race Committee Meeting

Zoom using Scott Thompson Link

Jan 06, 2022

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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Speakers

Jan 06, 2022

[Jackie Williams](#)

County Clerk

Jan 13, 2022

December 16, 2021 Meeting Notes

President Jim Whiteneck rang the bell at 12:00.
The Invocation was given by Michelle Mann.
President Jim Whiteneck led the Pledge.

Visiting Rotarian:

Pat Vorreiter with husband John.

Guests of Rotarians:

- Dennis Gellhaus brought wife Robbie
- Ron Gordon brought wife Vivian
- Rick Taylor brought wife Janet
- Gordon Ulrichson brought wife Lisa
- Ben Van der Werf brought wife Valerie
- Guy Van der Werf brought wife Leslie
- President Jim brought wife Carol.

Announcements:

- President Jim introduced our hosts at the American Legion and thanked them for their good work. Jim also suggested tips as a way of showing our appreciation.
- The district has requested Rotarian signatures in support of a program to provide Rotary license plates.
- The Foundation Board will meet at the conclusion of the club meeting. (Canceled)

Happy Money:

I was not able to make out any of the Happy Money announcements.

Santa Claus: Gordon Ulrichson, our resident Santa, led the group in the Christmas Story, and a sing-along.



Santa Claus & Rotarians



Jim Whiteneck & Santa

Dennis Gellhaus introduced the entertainment featuring guitarist and singer, Skip Nielson.



Skip Nielson

President Jim closed the club meeting with the 4 way test.

Pete Sumey, scribe



[Catherine Wheatley](#)

Head Librarian

Jan 20, 2022

[Dean Belka](#)

Junior Achievement

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Bill Smith

February 1

Rita DuChateau

February 1

Gordon Ulrichson

February 3

Sarah Walsh

February 3

Mike Connolly

February 5

Pete Sumey

February 7

Longley Parker

February 18

Anniversaries

Rita DuChateau

Phil

February 3

Wayne Andersen

Judy

February 6

Carl Robicheaux

Aime

February 14

Gregg Jurgens

Suzanne

February 14

Larry Williams

Linda

February 14

Jay Harroff

Jane

February 17

Member News

Wayne Newsom:

I am recovering well from my Christmas present on Dec. 14th, a brand new knee. I am at my daughter's home in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. I wish y'all a very Happy New Year.

Ben Van der Werf:

- Alexander George Van der Werf joined us on December 19, 2021.
- He came in at 20 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 14.5 ounces.
- Both Valerie and myself are so happy to meet him and have been enjoying getting to spend time with him these past couple of weeks.



Alexander George Van der Werf

Temporary Sergeant-At-Arms Needed!

Announcement:

- Due to travels by Mel Ruppel, Sergeant at Arms, a volunteer or volunteers are needed to set up and put away the banners, bell/gavel, and badges for Rotary meetings on January 13 and 27 as well as February 3, 10, and 17th.
- If interested, contact Mel Rueppel at **303-350-0633** or email at melandgray@gmail.com.

Duck Race Committee Meeting

Announcement:

- Duck Race Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 6, at 5:00 p.m. on Scott's Zoom.
- Meeting link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>.
- Please try to attend if at all possible. We have a lot to report – so far, so good – but all input is welcome and important.

Scholarship Fundraising Dinner Pictures

Join Date

Dave Boon

January 3, 2003
19 years

Bill Smith

January 8, 1987
35 years

Wayne Newsom

January 10, 1980
42 years

Pete Sumey

January 14, 2004
18 years

Rick Taylor

January 24, 2013
9 years

Sarah Walsh

February 2, 2012
10 years

Dennis Gellhaus

February 22, 2018
4 years

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[Dennis Gellhaus](#)

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[Longley Parker](#)

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[Mel Rueppel](#)

Past President

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[Karol Rinehart](#)

Community Service Director/Big Duck

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[Tara Moenning](#)

Bigger Pictures so you can see the fun we had!



Karol Rinehart, Tara & Phil Moenning Evens



Mark, Linda, David Lee, Karen McClure Dave



Dennis & Robbie Gellhaus Guy & Leslie Van der Werf Flood

Tony Wessendorff, Gail Corrigan Gordon Slack, Jerry & Jackie



Rotarians enjoying themselves



Bill & Mary Ann Solms & Friends



Madison introducing the Estes Valley Chamber Singers



EVICS Bilingual Project



Jack Boatman, Beth Weisberg & EVICS team

International Service Director
[Ron Gordon](#)

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[Rick Taylor](#)

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Announcement:

- This pilot program has been created by EVICS in coordination with Estes Park Elementary School, Estes Valley Library, and Macdonald Book Shop.
- Last month our Rotary club approved a grant of \$3,000 from Projects funds to help launch a bilingual reading and activity parent/child program in Estes Park.
- (In addition to the \$3,000 from Projects funds, 3 of our members gave individual donations, and Jack Boatman obtained some Rotary matching and District grant money.)
- On December 20, 2021, Jack and Beth delivered a total of \$3,600 to Executive Director Laurie Dale Marshall, Family Development Coordinator Rut Miller, and other EVICS staff.
- The EVICS staff expressed deep appreciation to our club – without these funds, they would not have been able to launch the program in January.
- The project will launch in January 2022, right after school resumes from Christmas break, and will run through May 2022.
- Laurie and Rut will be speaking to our club in mid-March, to report on how things are going and bring pictures and show us some of the books and kits they have developed. We are excited to have been able to help launch this project!

Dear Noon Rotary,

Thank you so much for your support to EVICS Family Resource Center and therefore to the community! We appreciate your generous gift for the bilingual story time project! Merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

The EVICS team

Give to our Foundation while you shop!

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.
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