



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Welcome to our Club!

We meet Thursdays at 12:00 PM
Nicky's Steakhouse
1350 Fall River Rd.
Estes Park, CO 80517
United States of America

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Posted by Rita DuChateau

Nicky's or Zoom? The choice is yours!

In case you missed last week's meeting, your club is back! Several club members gathered at Nicky's for lunch and our meeting. More than 20 club members used the Zoom link to participate remotely. There are still some links to work out with sound projection, but Club Administrator Karol Rinehart feels positive that the issue will be solved this week.

So, the choice of how to attend is yours.

HOWEVER, 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 (July 14)**. This will be the "drill" going forward, so mark your calendars so you remember to R.S.V.P. to Karol **before Tuesday at 5 p.m.** every week we meet.

Details for Nicky's from Karol: Attendance limited to 25, food will be served rather than a buffet, price is still \$15. Those attending must have a meal, as there is a restriction on the number that can attend. Please arrive as close to 11:30 as possible so meals can be served before the meeting begins.

Zoom details from Scott Thompson, our ZoomHost:

Topic: Rotary Membership Meeting
Time: Jul 16, 2020 11:30 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>

Meeting ID: 798 570 7369

Scott is available to help anyone needing help with Zoom.

Posted by Bill Solms

President Bill's Message

We had a great first meeting at Nicky's this week. Don's presentation on the history of the internet blew me out of water!

The set-up at Nicky's was outstanding although the projection sound needs some tweaking for those physically present. Mike will be there this coming week to help educate our crew on the projection detail. Scott did a great job of inviting and hosting from his home. All of our online attendees were able to enjoy Don's remarks and take part with announcements, Happy Dollars, and the like. I have heard of only one attendee with Internet problems; please let me know if there are others so we can try to improve reception. If you did not attend online, join us this coming Thursday. Matt Comstock is our speaker. If you want to physically attend, make your reservation with Karol before Tuesday; a meal will be provided, so come ready to cover that expense at \$15.00.

Please read your new and older Rotarian magazines for clues on my next trivia question; I might even ask if anyone remembers this past week's clue....

Also, be looking for the latest news on our Duck Race. Karen and the committee are committed to providing a special experience to our community and visitors this year, especially those local businesses that have been faithful contributors in the past in support of all our charities.

Matt Comstock is our speaker this week. We'll also have an announcement from Britney Woodrum, a Rotary Peace Scholarship Grant nominee from a neighboring district who is scheduled to climb Longs Peak on July 20.

Hope to see and hear you on Thursday,
Bill Solms

Matt Comstock to present: Technology's Impact on Human Behavior

Matt Comstock was born in Maryland, but moved to Texas when he was 4 years old. After growing up in Houston, TX, Matt moved to Austin in 1986 to attend the University of Texas where he graduated with a degree in Advertising from the College of Communications. It was during this time that Matt met his future wife, Jennifer, and both moved to Dallas after graduation to begin careers in Advertising. They married in 1993 and will celebrate their 27th anniversary in November. They moved to Estes Park from Dallas in 2018.



Matt Comstock

Matt and Jennifer have been blessed with two children, Madison and Jack. Madison also graduated from the University of Texas in Austin, and is currently working at a digital media agency in Austin called PMC. Jack recently graduated from the Colorado School of Trades as a licensed gunsmith and is working at Ricochet Custom Firearms in Billings, Montana.

Matt has worked in the advertising industry for 30 years. Early in his career, he worked in Dallas for several global advertising agencies in their media departments. In this role, Matt developed strategies and media recommendations for international markets. In 1997, Matt took his training and experience and turned it into a career selling advertising. From 2000-2014, Matt worked at Yahoo! as a sales leader managing a team and a book of business exceeding \$150mm in advertising revenue. In 2014, Matt returned to the agency side and currently works remotely for Dallas-based Camelot Communications, a cutting-edge digital marketing company.

Matt is passionate about technology and studying the advances in mobile/video, which are changing how consumers and brands interact. When not working, Matt loves to read, fish, hike, walk the dog, hunt for arrowheads and fossils, and dive into whatever passion is capturing his interest at the moment (currently learning to play the dobro). Other than making many great new friends, his biggest accomplishments since moving to Estes in 2018 are summiting Longs Peak and becoming Chairman of the Town Planning Commission.

July 9 Meeting Notes

President Bill Solms rang the bell at 12:00 to open the Zoom meeting. 23 members participated. Bill gave an invocation on underestimating value and the importance of respect and sensitivity. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest Introductions: None

Happy Money

- Dennis Gellhaus was happy that his children have been visiting for two weeks.
- Karen Thompson praised Kevin Mullin's article in this week's Trail Gazette.
- Bill Solms offered to donate \$20 if someone got the correct answer to a Rotarian magazine quiz. No one did. Bill donated \$5 anyway.

Announcements

- Karen Thompson said there would be a Duck Race meeting today on Zoom.
- Madison Casey announced a Foundation meeting on July 23 to elect officers, also on Zoom.

Program

Lee Lasson introduced speaker Don Widrig, who presented his program on the History of the Internet. Don will receive his Piece of the Rock by special delivery.

Adjournment

President Bill adjourned the meeting with the 4-Way Test.

Respectfully submitted by Pete Surney, with assistance from Rita DuChateau and Jennifer Comstock.

Pete Surney, scribe

Posted by Rita DuChateau

Duck Bucks campaign seeks donors' dollars

Have you been looking for a way to support Estes Park businesses as they recover from recent COVID-19 closures while also spreading some Duck Race love?

It's as easy as calling or emailing 'Big Duck 2020' Karen Thompson to make a donation to the Duck Bucks Campaign. Instead of simply asking local merchants to donate prizes for the 2020 Estes Park Rotary Duck Race, the planning committee has hatched a fundraising effort to give back to the merchants. Race fans will still win hundreds of prizes at the Estes Park Rotary Duck Race on Saturday, Sept. 19, but funds for many of the prizes will come from a combination of event budget reallocations and donations from sponsors and Estes Valley residents.

"We want to be sure to include everyone who wants to contribute, though, even if you have not donated in the past," said Prize Committee member Beth Weisberg. "We need your donations more than ever this year."

The 2020 Estes Park Rotary Duck Race is supporting local merchants who donated prizes in 2017, 2018 and 2019 by purchasing gift cards (Duck Bucks) that winners can redeem at the businesses.

"We encourage community support of the Duck Bucks campaign, because it's time to show our Estes Park businesses how much they are appreciated," Thompson said.

To donate, or for more information, contact Thompson at bigduck@epduckrace.org or by phone at 970-590-9942.



Posted by Anne Slack

Anne Slack invites us to welcome New member Jim Snedeker

Jim is new to Estes Park, having arrived here in November 2019 from Pueblo, Colorado to be near his family. He was born and raised post depression in Wheeling, West Virginia. When he graduated from high school he joined the Air Force. He learned to be an Air Traffic Controller in the service and after his discharge from service, decided to continue in the Air Traffic Control business for 37 years. He was first, in Hobbs, New Mexico, then Monroe, Louisiana, and Sacramento, California. Jim retired from the FAA at the Centennial Airport in Denver. Jim was also an airplane pilot.



Jim Snedeker

Jim had a wonderful marriage with the love of his life. They had a daughter and moved around the Western U.S., ending up in Pueblo, Colorado. His wife passed away last year of cancer and he decided to stay near his niece, Suzanne Jurgens, and his sister who live in Estes Park.

Jim's hobbies are reading, cooking, target shooting and music.

This is the first time Jim has been a Rotarian. His sponsor is Gregg Jurgens, who was instrumental in inviting him to join the Noon Rotary. Please take a few minutes to say hello to Jim the next time you see him, whether it be by ZOOM or in person.

This is part of a continuing series by Anne Slack featuring our newest members.

Posted by Bill Solms

New Rotary year brings leadership changes

Subject to Board approval and publication to the Club to fully comply with our Bylaws, the Nominating Committee has authorized the following changes:

- Annie Slack will chair Membership with Dennis Gellhaus as her right hand, and
- John Thomson will serve as Sergeant-at-Arms, again with Dennis Gellhaus as his right hand.

A big thanks to Annis & John for stepping up and to Dennis for his consideration, flexibility, and energy to help them both.

Meet our 2020 Scholars

- Galleo DuMont, Academic Scholarship Biology/Chemistry/Pre-Med, St. Olaf College
- Meghan Frey, Academic Scholarship Nursing, University of Wyoming
- Sage Shumate, Academic Scholarship Criminology, Boston University
- Paulina Tapia Bernal, Stanley Hotel Scholarship Human Nutrition & Food Science, Colorado State University
- Esabella Burkhardt, Carver Family Scholarship Psychology/Liberal Arts, Front Range Community College
- Jennifer Johnson, Lynn Coffman Scholarship Business, University of Colorado - Boulder
- Noel Villanueva, Brunson/Thorp Scholarship Business Administration Management, University of Wyoming
- Aubrey Kinley, Ron L. Kuhns Scholarship Agricultural Business, Texas A+M University College Station
- Matthew Turner, Brian Archibald Scholarship Associate Degree in Art, Aims Community College

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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](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.smile.amazon.com) program.



Rotary Quote of the Week

"The COVID-19 crisis has forced all of us to adapt. This is good, and our new Action Plan specifically calls on us to improve our ability to adapt. But adaptation is not enough. We need to change, and change dramatically, if we are to face the challenges of this new age and provide the Rotary the world so desperately needs.

This is our great challenge, not just in the next year but into the foreseeable future. It is up to us to remake Rotary for these new times – to wholeheartedly embrace the ideas, energy, and commitment of young people eager to find an outlet for idealism. We must become an organization fully enmeshed in the digital age, not one that simply looks for online ways to keep doing what we have always done.

The world needs Rotary now more than ever. It is up to us to make sure that Rotary Opens Opportunities for generations to come."

Holger Knaack, R.I. President 2020-21



Rotary Opens Opportunities
Rotary Theme for 2020-21

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July 16 Duty Roster

Invocation: TBD

Song & Pledge: Bill Solms

Guest Intro: NA

Scribe: Rita DuChateau

Videographer: Scott Thompson

Greeter: NA

Program Intro: Rick Taylor

July 23 Duty Roster

Invocation: TBD

Song & Pledge: Bill Solms

Guest Intro: NA

Scribe: Madison Casey

Videographer: Scott Thompson

Greeter: NA

Program Intro: Bill Solms

Upcoming Events

Foundation Board Meeting
Zoom
Jul 23, 2020 1:30 PM

Club Board Meeting
Nicky's Steakhouse
Aug 04, 2020
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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Speakers

Jul 16, 2020
Matt Comstock
Changes in Technology

Jul 23, 2020
Bill Solms and Club Directors
Club Assembly - Committee Work

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Tom Maher
July 2

Philip Moenning
July 3

Lee Lasson
July 5

Gregg Jurgens
July 13

Bill Solms
July 16

Don Widrig
July 24

Anniversaries

Rick Taylor
Janet
July 7

Dmitri Galcovski
Yuliya
July 10

Mark Lee
Karen Lee
July 18

Doug Mann
Michelle
July 28

[Join Date](#)

Karen McClure
July 1, 1993
27 years

Sandy Lasson
July 1, 2007
13 years

Guy Van der Werf
July 7, 1994
26 years

Executives & Directors

President
Bill Solms

President Elect
Jim Whiteneck

Treasurer
Longley Parker

Secretary
Jennifer Comstock

Past President
Dave Evans

Club Administration
Karol Rinehart

Community Service
Jim Whiteneck

Fund Development
Karen Thompson

International Service
Ron Gordon

Youth/New Generation Services
Sue Feraday

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Dennis Gellhaus

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