



# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

### Our New Superintendent Ruby Bode for Estes Park School District Park R-3

Our meeting 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>

*Please remember to mute yourself unless you want to speak.*

#### Rotary Weekly Luncheon

**Place:** American Legion

**Time:** Lunch served from 11:30 - 12:00

**Cost:** \$15

**Parking:** American Legion and the church only.



*Ruby Bode*

Ruby Bode's first successful teaching experience was when she tutored teenage girls to pass the GED at a homeless shelter in Des Moines, Iowa when she was 20 years old. That is when her aspirations to be a teacher began and she pursued secondary education. She has had a passion for learning and has continued to grow as a leader in education ever since. Ruby taught science in the classroom for 10 years before she was called upon to lead the middle school as principal. Ruby has been an administrator for the last 10 years. Ruby joined Estes Park School District in 2005 and has served in the capacity of teacher, coach, principal, director, and assistant superintendent. Most recently, Ruby was named the Superintendent of Estes Park Schools on July 1, 2022.

Ruby is currently a doctoral student at Colorado State University. She holds a Masters of Educational Leadership, University of Northern Colorado. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Secondary Education, Iowa State University.

Her vision and passion for the success of every student makes her leadership the beginning of a bright, new and exciting future for our students, teachers, district staff, parents and community.

### July 21 Duty Roster

**Invocation:** Ben Van der Werf

**Song & Pledge:** Dennis Gellhaus

**Guest Intro:** Scott Thompson

**Scribe:** Pete Sumey

**Greeter:** Karol Rinehart

**Program Intro:** Karen Thompson

### July 28 Duty Roster

**Invocation:** Carl Robicheaux

**Song & Pledge:** Dennis Gellhaus

**Guest Intro:** Scott Thompson

**Scribe:** Barry Hannigan

**Greeter:** Barry Hannigan

**Program Intro:** Karen Thompson

### Upcoming Events

[Rotary Foundation Meeting](#)

Jul 21, 2022

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

[Shred-a-Thon](#)

Aug 27, 2022

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

[John Denver Concert](#)

Sep 03, 2022

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### Speakers

Jul 21, 2022

## Longley's Puzzle

There are two ducks in front of a duck; two ducks behind a duck and a duck in the middle. How many ducks are there?

Answer at the end of the Spoke.

## Update by President Dennis Gellhaus

Last week I talked about “teaching” Rotary and that it comes from our own experience. I would like to develop a “Rotary Moment” where a member would come forward for only a couple of minutes and share about themselves and their relationship of how they came to be involved with Rotary. Let me know your thoughts.

Our International theme is “Imagine Rotary”; with emphasis on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness. Let our spirit of service show the way! Thanks for listening.

Dennis

## July 14, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Dennis Gellhaus called the meeting to order.  
Tom Maher gave the Invocation  
Dennis led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Madison Case led song “In the Good Old Summertime”

### Guests of Rotarians:

Scott Thompson introduced his neighbor, Bill Kehl, who has been attending and will be joining our club.  
Jim Whiteneck introduced Andy Grant.

### Awards:

Bill Solms presents the Distinguished Service Award to Pete Sinnott.



*Distinguished Service Award from President's Night was presented to Pete Sinnott by Bill Solms, last year's recipient. Congratulations!*

### Announcements:

- Tara presented the new picture poster board of our scholarship winners.
  - This year she included the past winners of the multi-year scholarships we are still funding.
  - The Shred-a-thon recycle day will be August 27. Chair, Tara will be asking for volunteers later.
  - The John Denver tribute concert by Brad Fitch will be September 3.
  - Tickets are available online at johndenvertributeconcert22estespark.

## Ruby Bode

State of the Estes Park School District

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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

#### John Thomason

August 3

#### Tom Gardner

August 4

#### Kris Hazelton

August 10

#### Beth Weisberg

August 11

#### Jay Harroff

August 19

#### Mark Lee

August 20

#### Milt Garrett

August 23

### Anniversaries

#### Rick Taylor

Janet

July 7

#### Dmitri Galcovski

Yuliya

July 10

#### Mark Lee

Karen Lee

- Big Duck Bill Solms said the Duck Race committee will meet today at 5:00 PM at the Library and by zoom on to get started for next year.
  - Tell Bill if you want to join, or continue on, the committee.
- Dennis recognized
  - Bill Solms' birthday on the 16<sup>th</sup> and
  - Mark Lee' wedding anniversary on the 18th.
- Rotary Foundation meets next Thursday July 21 at 1:30 PM at Quality Inn.
- Jim Whiteneck said the Legion is hosting its next singer-songwriter concert. \$35 includes dinner.

**Scott Thompson told a groaner of a joke.**

**Happy Money:**

- Scott Thompson reported Jack Overly has concluded he can no longer live in Estes
  - His house sold immediately through Scott.
  - He needs to move in 2 weeks but has family to help.
- Bill Solms put in \$75 for his 74<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Pete Sinnott donated in honor of Jack Overly.
- Carl Robicheaux said Golf Committee meets Thursday at 8:30 AM at The Hangar.
  - Golf tournament is September 16.
- Tom Maher was pleased to see Kevin Mullin wearing his Rotary pin in his promotion video for Estes Park Health that runs in the movie theater previews.
- Tom Gardner is happy his granddaughter has gotten four scholarships so far to attend the University of Wisconsin.
- Mel Rueppel is happy we have such a quality medical center in Estes Park Health

**Program:**

Kevin Mullin introduced the program.  
 Dr. Jennifer McClellan is a general surgeon who has recently joined Estes Park Health  
 Gary Nelson has joined EPH to direct nursing and staffing.  
 They told us about services offered and the professionals working at Estes Park Health.

**Adjournment:**

We concluded with the Four Way Test.

*Madison Casey, scribe*



**Save the Date**

**Rotary Club of Estes Park Golf Tournament for Scholarships**

July 18

**Doug Mann  
Michelle**  
July 28

**RJ Lara  
Samantha Lara**  
August 6

**Thor Homme  
Darlene**  
August 8

**Jim Whiteneck  
Carol Whiteneck**  
August 10

**Wayne Newsom  
Pat**  
August 10

**Dawn Shields  
Ed Shields**  
August 12

**Tom Gardner  
Linda**  
August 21

**Jack Boatman  
Jan Boatman**  
August 25

**Mel Rueppel  
Gray Rueppel**  
August 30

*Join Date*

**Karen McClure**  
July 1, 1993  
29 years

**Sandy Lasson**  
July 1, 2007  
15 years

**Guy Van der Werf**  
July 7, 1994  
28 years

**Kevin Mullin**  
August 16, 2018  
4 years

**Milt Garrett**  
August 28, 1998  
24 years



## Golf Tournament Friday, Sept. 16

*E.P. Rotary major fundraiser for scholarships*

### 1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

### 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](https://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!

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Answer to Longley's puzzle: **Three. Two ducks are in front of the last duck; the first duck has two behind and the one duck in between the other two.**

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[Anne Slack](#)

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