



# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

**Happy July 4, 2022!**



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.



*Maggie Cotreau*

Maggie Cotreau will be the speaker on July 7. She is an end-of-life doula.

End-of-Life doulas will work with a dying person, their lived ones and paid caregivers at any point following a terminal diagnosis and especially in the last months of life to support them emotionally, spiritually and physically. The end-of-life (EOL) doula will also provide information to help the dying person and others make choices about, or understand the nature of, the dying process. Following the death, the EOL doula will help the loved ones reprocess the dying experience through one or more sessions. Presenter Maggie Cotreau, received her training through INELDA – International End of Life Doula Association.

**Update by President Dennis Gellhaus**

### July 7 Duty Roster

**Invocation:** Scott Robbins

**Song & Pledge:** Dennis Gellhaus

**Guest Intro:** Dennis Gellhaus

**Scribe:** Pete Sumey

**Greeter:** Wayne Newsom

**Program Intro:** Dennis Gellhaus

### July 14 Duty Roster

**Invocation:** Tom Maher

**Song & Pledge:** Dennis Gellhaus

**Guest Intro:** Scott Thompson

**Scribe:** Madison Casey

**Greeter:** Pete Sumey

**Program Intro:** Karen Thompson

### Upcoming Events

#### Club Board Meeting

Wasson Room, Library

Jul 05, 2022

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

#### Duck Race Committee Meeting

Jul 14, 2022

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

#### Rotary Foundation Meeting

Jul 21, 2022

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM


#### Shred-a-Thon

Aug 27, 2022

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Announcements:**

Welcome to a new Rotary year! This past year has been so very successful with our live duck race and first scholarship dinner; and looking forward to our golf tournament and John Denver tribute concert Labor Day.

- Let me thank
  - Jim Whiteneck for his wonderful leadership as President this past year!
    - As many of you know Jim was named our **District's President of the year!**
    - What a well deserved honor! Thanks Jim!
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    - **Shurie Scheel, District Governor & Jim Whiteneck at District Conference**
  - The Board and all Rotarians who made this such a memorable year as we have slowly come out of Covid.
  - Karol a special thanks to you for your awesome work on Presidents night as always
  - Longley a special thanks for minding the treasury
- We welcome
  - Michelle Mann as our new treasurer
  - Sarah Walsh as our new secretary
- I'm also thrilled to have Karen Thompson as our President-elect!
- It is going to be a fun year as we serve!
- The District Grant P-4246 - Amaro Tan summer camp funds have been approved!

Let me say I am humbled to serve as President of this historic club for the coming year. With the help of all of you, and as we commit to service above self, it will be a great one. Thank you!  
Dennis

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**What a Wonderful Celebration during President's Night!**

[John Denver Concert](#)  
Sep 03, 2022

[View entire list](#)

**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**



**President Dennis Gellhaus, Past President Jim Whiteneck  
President-Elect Karen Thompson**



**Beth Weisberg, her flowers  
Past President Jim Whiteneck**



**Scott & Karen Thompson,  
Aime & Carl Robicheaux**



**Mary Mesropian, Scott Robbins  
Wayne & Pat Newsom**

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*

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**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



*Beth Weisberg, Jo Kinney, Bill Smith*

## June 16, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Jim Whiteneck rang the bell to start the program.  
Dennis Gellhaus gave the Invocation.  
President Jim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Officers: A special meeting of the Rotary Club of Estes Park was called to order.  
The third reading was read for officer nominees.  
Club Board (one year term)

- President Elect – Karen Thompson.
- Secretary – Sarah Walsh.
- Treasurer – Michelle Mann.

Club Board Director (two year term)

- Club Administration Services – Karol Rinehart.
- Community Services – Beth Weisberg.
- Membership – Annie Slack.

Foundation Board Trustee (three year term)

- Trustee – Barry Hannigan.
- The second reading was read for officer nominee Trustee – Mark Lee.

On a motion by Jay Harroff and second by Pete Sume, the nominees in the third reading were elected.

The special meeting was adjourned.

### Guests of Rotarians:

Many spouses and guests were introduced.  
Special guests included spouses of deceased members:

- Audrey TeSelle, wife of Ken TeSelle
- Ann Dinsmoor, wife of Jack Dinsmoor
- Verleen Thorp, wife of Roger Thorp.

### Recognitions and Awards:

- Chuck Bonza, Gregg Jurgens, and Tara and Phil Moening were recognized for fundraising for scholarships.
- Annie Slack was introduced as Rotarian of the Year.
- Beth Weisberg was recognized for her leadership as Big Duck for the 2022 Duck Race with a floral arrangement.

## Executives & Directors

President  
[Dennis Gellhaus](#)

## Foundation Officers/Directors

President  
[Carl Robicheaux](#)

Vice President  
[Anne Slack](#)

Secretary  
[Tara Moening](#)

Treasurer  
[Gregg Jurgens](#)

Grants  
[Jack Boatman, Carl Robicheaux](#)

Scholarships  
[Tara Moening](#)

Ernie Altick Program  
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[Bill Solms](#)



Foundation President Carl Robicheaux introduced the Foundation board to include:

- Gregg Jurgens
- Tom Gardner
- Carl Robicheaux
- Tara Moenning
- new members Barry Hannigan and
- Mark Lee as soon as his nomination is confirmed in an election at a subsequent club meeting
- Past President Jim Wheteneck will serve a one year term on the foundation board.

#### **Passing the Gavel:**

President Jim summarized his year as President as an effort to "improve ourselves, and help others to have better lives.

Accomplishments for the year included:

- \$43,500 awarded for scholarships
- \$162,000 distributed to local charities by the Duck Race (the best ever)
- Grants for projects in Albania
- \$21,000 in funds raised for RI Ukraine fund.

Jim passed the gavel to President Elect Dennis Gellhaus.

President Dennis presented Past President Jim with a Past President pin.

Dennis announced that Jim had been selected as the 2021-2022 Outstanding Club President for District 5440 at the recent District Convention.

Dennis also presented pins to

- Karen Thompson as President Elect
- Sarah Walsh as new club Secretary
- Michelle Mann as Treasurer

Dennis presented the new club board to include

- Ron Gordon as International Services Director
- Tara and Phil Moenning as Fund Development Directors
- The positions of Youth/New Generation Director and Sergeant-at-Arms are open.

In his remarks, Dennis stressed how impressed he was as a new member with club outreach and service. He said "How we care for each other draws others in."

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

*Pete Sumey, scribe*




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## **Duck Race Committee Meeting For all interested Members July 14, 2022**

#### **Announcements:**

In order to properly set in place a new software protocol to run the Duck Race in time for 2023, the Tech Committee needs to know by mid-August 2022 what the DR Committee envisions.

- Please encourage your DR volunteers

- o to give some of their valuable time
- o to attend our next mid-summer meeting on July 14th at 5pm in the Hondius Room at the the Library
- o or join us on Zoom (please use Scott Thompson's Zoom code: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>)

We will have a progress report, and as Big Duck I would like to hear from all of you, especially new members, regarding any ideas or interest you might have in this great, traditional event.

Bill Solms

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### Carol Holtgrewe



"Carol Holtgrewe is the most compassionate person I have ever known". This statement was heard countless times in Carol's life. She was always thinking about how she could be of help to other people and at the same time, not wanting recognition for her service.

Carol grew up on a farm in southeast Nebraska and was proud of her agricultural heritage. She graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University and soon married Virgil Holtgrewe on May 8, 1955. During their 67 years of marriage, they traveled to 6 continents and enjoyed every trip.

This great compassionate person passed away June 22, 2022 because of respiratory problems. She was 91 years old and is survived by her husband, Virgil. Other survivors include two daughters, Claire Holtgrewe, Jan (Terry) Ostrom, grandsons Tyler and Lance Ostrom.

Carol was an eager volunteer who was always ready to serve in the church knitting scarves and hats, cooking meals, and completing administrative tasks. Working at the Jeffco Food Bank and driving for Meals on Wheels (for 35 years!) was a passion. The years volunteering at the National Western Stock Show allowed her to enjoy her artistic talents. She was the "behind the scenes" person who would get the job completed.

Working as a draftsman with the United State Geological Service brought her great joy. These renowned geologists provided the ideas for many of the recreational trips around the world.

She was dedicated to her family and making sure they were all having a good time, listening to a good story, and always positive to all the problems that might come.

Carol Holtgrewe's Celebration of Life will be held on July 30, 2022 at the Good Samaritan Society, 1901 Ptarmigan Trail, Estes Park,

Colorado, 80517. This uplifting casual event with refreshments will be open to all from 3 to 5 pm in the Dining Room of the Senior Apartments. There will be a short service at 3:30 pm to recall how compassionate Carol was about the service she gave to other people. Masks are recommended.

In lieu of flowers, any memorial contributions can be made payable to Crossroad Ministry and sent to the Allnutt Funeral Services, 1302 Graves Ave. Estes Park, Colorado 80517.

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## Save the Date

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



### Golf Tournament Friday, Sept. 16

*E.P. Rotary major fundraiser for scholarships*

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

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### Bilingual Story Time Project Is a Great Success!

Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success (EVICS) staff had noticed that when Hispanics/Latinos migrate to the US without knowing how to speak the language nor write it, their children attend school and learn their new language (which is great, and EVICS is promoting that as well), yet it creates a gap in the family's communication and can lead to a disconnect within the parent-child relationship. When the parent who does not speak English, speaks Spanish to their kids, the kids answer back in English, and the parents may not understand. To support parent-child and the overall family connection EVICS created content and kits built around a different bilingual children's book each month from January through May 2022 that promoted a family time of listening, reading, and doing a fun craft activity together as family.

Several local organizations worked together to support Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success (EVICS) with this project.

- Rotary Club of Estes Park provided the funding for the project (club funds, club member donations, and matching funds from a Rotary District Grant).

- MacDonald Book Shop sold the books for the kits at a discounted price.
- Estes Valley Library received socio-emotional backpack(s) that are available for check out
- Estes Park Elementary School received 75 bilingual kits, each containing a new bilingual book and activity packet relating to the story, every month for 5 months, and 4 socio-emotional backpacks to be checked out by families from that location.

The kits and materials were distributed at the Estes Park Elementary School, the Estes Valley Library and EVICS. The program focused on the Hispanic Community but it is beneficial to the community in general.

Many people from the Estes community benefited from this project:

- 75 families from the Elementary School
- 5 homeschool families from the community
- 20 community members in general

The project specifically targeted Kindergarten through Second Grade children, with all Kindergarten students at the Estes Park Elementary School being read the book and given the accompanying activity kit to take home. The goal of the program is to support families and create the habit for parents and children to pause, read a book, and do an activity together to support family bonding and communication.

Many families sent notes of appreciation and enthusiasm to EVICS about the project, and have expressed the hope that it can continue in the 2022-2023 school year.



**Families with Activity Kits**



**Activity Kits**



**Children Enjoying Kits**

## **District Grant P-4246 - Amaro Tan 2022 Summer Camp - Approved**

### **Announcement:**

Good news - the district grant has been approved.

- Total of \$4,950 will be coming to Nehemiah Gateway



- \$1,650 from the Estes Park Club
- \$,3,300 in matching.

Bad News - it may be mid to late July before we receive the funds

- the District has to wait for the allocation of matching funds from Rotary International.

As soon as we get word the funds are coming we will let you know.

Jack Boatman

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## 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!

- Go to: [smile.amazon.com](https://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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