



# The Spoke

*Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter*

**Come Celebrate President's Night  
June 16, 2022  
at  
Nicky's Steakhouse  
1320 Fall River Road**

**5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Social with cash bar  
6:00 PM to 6:45 PM Dinner  
6:45 PM to 7:30 PM Program**



**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**



**No Rotary Meeting on June 23rd or June 30, 2022**

**Our next Thursday meeting after President's Night is July 7, 2022**

**Update by President Jim Whiteneck**

Announcements:

### June 16 Duty Roster

Invocation: Scott Robbins

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Pete Sumey

Greeter: Karol Rinehart

Program Intro: Dennis Gellhaus

### July 7 Duty Roster

Invocation: TBD

Song & Pledge: Dennis Gellhaus

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Pete Sumey

Greeter: Wayne Newsom

Program Intro: Karen Thompson

### Upcoming Events

Presidents Night

Nicky's

Jun 16, 2022 5:30 PM

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### Speakers

Jun 16, 2022

[Jim Whiteneck](#)

Presidents Night

Jun 23, 2022

[Fourth Thursday](#)

No Meeting

- Jim Austin, Dennis Gellhaus, and I just returned from the District Conference in Lander, WY.
  - We really enjoyed getting to know each other and our District Rotarians better.
  - A great deal of information was gathered in planning for the District 5440 Annual Conference to be held in Estes Park June 2023.
  - We will be joining the Estes Valley Sunrise Rotary Club in mutual work to prepare for the Conference.
  - It will be a fun time for all involved!

- Here is a picture of District 5440 Work Project

- Jim took the picture so you cannot see him.
- Dennis has on the yellow hat.
- We painted two small buildings at the Pow-Wow grounds.



- **Jim Whiteneck & Dennis Gellhaus**
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- Looking forward to seeing most of you at President's Night this Thursday at Nicky's!
- For those that can't attend, I would like to express my deep gratitude for the privilege of serving as your President this year. It's been a true honor!

## June 9, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Jim Whiteneck called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Milt Garrett gave the Invocation. President Jim led the Pledge of Allegiance. Madison Casey led the song "You're a Grand Old Flag."

### Guests of Rotarians:

Beth Weisberg introduced Lis Lord from the Fiber Arts Council. Jim Whiteneck introduced his wife Carol, Bill Kehl from Centennial Rotary, and Joanie Jonell. Annie Slack introduced Gordon, her husband. Jim Whiteneck welcomed Tom Maher.

### Announcements:

- Jim Whiteneck announced the slate of candidates for the upcoming election:
  - President Elect: Karen Thompson
  - Secretary: Sarah Walsh
  - Treasurer: Michelle Mann
  - Sergeant-at-Arms: open
  - Club Administrative Services: Karol Rinehart
  - Community Service: Beth Weisberg

Jun 30, 2022  
[Fifth Thursday](#)

No Meeting

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## Birthdays, Anniversaries

### Member Birthdays

**Larry Williams**

June 6

**Wayne Andersen**

June 10

**Jim Whiteneck**

June 18

**Wayne Newsom**

June 20

**Gail Corrigan**

June 27

**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

**Jim Austin**

**Jean**

June 8

**Longley Parker**

**Julie**

June 10

**Bill Solms**

**Marianne**

June 13

**Don Widrig**

**Barbara**

June 13

- Membership: Annie Slack
- Foundation: Barry Hannigan
- Jim Whiteneck reminded all of the President's night next Thursday at Nicky's.
- Bill Solms announced a follow-up meeting for the Duck Race committee in person at his house. Details are in an email from Bill.
- Jim Whiteneck announced that we have placed nine students in RILA at the YMCA. They need another counselor for the session.
- Jim Whiteneck read a letter of appreciation from Cora Petrocine thanking Rotary for helping her become a Paul Harris Fellow.
- Carl Robicheaux announced that September 16 at 1:30 is the Golf Tournament.
- Jim Whiteneck announced that there are two concerts coming up soon at the Legion and you can get tickets from Mary.

**New Member Induction:**

Annie Slack introduced two new members:

- Dr. Jim Jonell
- Dawn Shields.



*Jim and Joanie J., Jim W., Dawn S.*

**Paul Harris Fellow Award:**

Jim Whitenenck recognized Joanie Jonell as a Paul Harris Fellow for raising \$3000 for the Ukraine Relief Fund.



*Jim & Joanie J., Jim W.*

**Rotarian of the Year Award:**

Scott Thompson, Karen Thompson, and Wayne Newsom presented the Rotarian of the Year award to Annie Slack for service on four committees and the Foundation Board, along with MANY other activities and volunteer services.

- Annie was rewarded with a sustained standing ovation.
- This presentation was done early as Annie will not be at President's Night.



*Wayne N., Scott & Karen T., Anne Slack*

**Scott Thompson told his joke to good effect.**

**Happy Money:**

- Beth Weisberg in recognition of Annie as Rotarian of the Year
- Michelle Mann for Sarah Pita and the school in Albania

**Anne Slack  
Gordon**

June 15

**Jack Overly  
Mary**

June 19

**Ron Gordon  
Vivian**

June 19

**Gail Corrigan  
Tony Wessendorff**

June 24

**Rick Taylor  
Janet**

July 7

**Dmitri Galcovski  
Yuliya**

July 10

**Mark Lee  
Karen Lee**

July 18

**Doug Mann  
Michelle**

July 28

*Join Date***Jim Whiteneck**

June 1, 1994  
28 years

**Rob Cohen**

June 1, 1990  
32 years

**Thor Homme**

June 4, 2009  
13 years

**Jennifer Comstock**

June 6, 2019  
3 years

**Jack Boatman**

June 11, 2015  
7 years

**Harry Livingston**

June 18, 1998  
24 years

**Ron Gordon**

June 18, 1992  
30 years

- Pete Sinnott and Pete Sumeay for Annie Slack
- Karen Thompson for Annie Slack and that Tom Maher is back
- Wayne Newsom for everyone who is happy
- Longley Parker and Bill Solms for being reminded of their anniversaries
- Tom Maher for his friends in the club
- Jim Jonell for Joanie and her honor, also Scott's birthday

**Program:**

Dennis Gellhaus introduced Dr. Christian Hageseth III MD, who spoke about Parkinson's disease, infectious disease, severe depression, and dementia.



*Dr. Hageseth speaking & presented with a Piece of the Rock by Jim Whiteneck*

**Adjournment:**

Jim Whiteneck led the four-way pledge and rang the bell at 1:00 PM

*Barry Hannigan, scribe*




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## Rotarian of the Year! Anne Slack

**I am so honored and humbled by this award.**

**Thank all of you!**

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## Annual Club Dues Needed

**Announcement:**

- Annual dues invoices were sent out through ClubRunner.
- **Due back by June 27** to be able to report our club membership count to Rotary International as of June 30.
- Dues remain at \$290 for the year and can be paid by check or by credit card (\$300 if using a CC)
- Payment details are included in the invoice you received by email
- Please complete and return the Club Service Opportunities Form along with your dues, or bring it to a club meeting.
- Payment questions? Contact Longley Parker, Club Treasurer, at [jl Parker@frii.com](mailto:jl Parker@frii.com)

Looking forward to another great year of Service Above Self!  
Jennifer Comstock  
Rotary Club of Estes Park, Board Secretary

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**A Huge THANK YOU!**

**Dmitri Galcovski**

June 19, 2014  
8 years

**Karen McClure**

July 1, 1993  
29 years

**Sandy Lasson**

July 1, 2007  
15 years

**Guy Van der Werf**

July 7, 1994  
28 years

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Director

[Rick Taylor](#)

Membership Director

[Anne Slack](#)

## Foundation Officers/Directors



I want to give a huge thank you to the Scholarship Committee for all of their diligent work in selecting our recipients this year:

- Mike Connolly
- Gregg Jurgens
- Mark Lee
- Carl Robicheaux
- Jim Whiteneck

A poster will be forthcoming.

Tara Moenning

## Update from Albania



*Children at Amaro Tan*

Sarah Pita, a Rotarian and Development Director for Nehemiah Gateway USA, spent some time working on reporting for the Global Grant for the Children's Learning Center this week. The teacher training Rotary sponsored, was successful and very popular. Most teachers in Albania don't ever learn about working with children with special needs, but because there aren't specialized services available in schools, many of them do end up working with children with special needs in their classrooms. Thanks to the Rotary grant, these teachers are much better prepared for that now! Sarah will be visiting Amaro Tan soon and will get to check out the new playground for herself, as well as checking in with the team there on how the school year went. This week is the last week of school, and then they go into summer camp season.

It's a beautiful time of year in Albania—warm and sunny, and all the roses are blooming and the cherries are ripe on all the trees around town.

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