



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

No Club Meetings on June 24 or July 1, 2021

As a reminder, there will be NO MEETINGS on June 24 or July 1. Our new President, Jim Whiteneck, welcomes all to attend the July 8th meeting. More details about location will follow soon.

Remember to send in your dues

2021-22 Annual Membership Dues invoices were delivered via email in May. This change saves on postage and avoids postal delivery delays. Check your email for your Annual Dues Statement and Committee Sign-Up Form.

PLEASE RETURN BOTH **BEFORE JUNE 28.**



Update from President Jim Whiteneck

I am very excited about our Club and the energy we have when we're seeing each other! It was wonderful being in person at Presidents' Night! Thank you Carol Rinehart for all of the hard work in making that event happen.

Please Keep in Mind

- We are looking for a new space to meet in person (2 meetings in July) while Nicky's is trying to open. Any ideas will be appreciated.
- I would appreciate any help with the Sergeant-at-Arms position. Uncle Sam (Jim) needs YOU!

Update from Past President Bill Solms

President's Night was a real treat for all who could be there! A special thanks to Carol for putting the meeting at Dunraven's Ballroom together. Many of you all who deserve special recognition for your hard work this past year could not be included because of time constraints. I will strive to personally show each of you how much you are appreciated and needed by your Club leadership to make Rotary work!

Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to be your President this past year, Ex-Prez Bill.

Posted by Dale Bonza

June 17, 2021 President's Night Notes

President Bill Solms began the festivities at 6:45 pm. Dennis Gellhaus stepped up to do the invocation. Bill Solms led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then announced our very special guests who were with us: Esther Cenac, Ann Dinsmoor, Audrey TeSelle, and Verlene Thorpe. Beth Weisberg was present with us throughout the night thanks to a Zoom feed. Guest Introductions were encouraged at each of the tables including spouses and partners of our members in attendance.

At this time outgoing President Bill Solms reminded us of the year we have just come through. He expressed sincere gratitude to all as he led the 'new' way of meetings via Zoom, the challenges that were met with our fundraising and the giving of our club through the scholarships, the community funds for COVID relief and the international projects. For Bill, he had double duty as the Big Duck and he was grateful to so many people in supporting him and all the elements of completing a duck race in the Lazy River with the most ducks ever in the race. (Over \$118,000 was raised for nonprofits in Estes Park via this virtual race).

Award Presentations were next:

- Jennifer Comstock presented the Spirit award to our Zoom attendee, Beth Weisberg, who has invigorated our Community Service efforts
- Karen Thompson presented the Distinguished Service award to Bill Solms for his double-duty efforts and leadership as President and Big Duck. She also presented a Rotary paper weight coming from a dear past member of our club, Jack Endicott.
- Rita DuChateau presented our Trifecta of Rotarian of the Year winners. They are: Karen Thompson for successfully leading our fundraising, particularly the creation and implementation of the EP Friendship Card; Scott Thompson for continually serving in so many ways including facilitating our many Zoom meetings, always willing to step in on any task, and co-hosting the on-line Duck Race show; and Wayne Newsom, 41 years with our club, serving today the needs of our weekly meetings with scheduling invocations, the Duck Race recorder and in many of our yearly activities.



Scott, Wayne, Karen and Pat

- Anne Slack presented the Living Legacy (stepping in for last year's winner Jack Overly) to Pete Surney, the past President who led the club during the aftermath of the 2013 floods, and is a constant mentor/leader to our Presidents, keeping us consistent with our bylaws.

Thanking our past and incoming Foundation Board members by Madison Casey,

- The dollar amounts of our Foundation 2021 giving was summarized and the members who led that effort this year thanked for their service,
- The incoming Board for the Foundation was announced as: Tara Moenning, Anne Slack, Tom Gardner, Gregg Jurgens, Carl Robicheaux, Bill Solms and Brad Rosenbaum..

Board Transition announcements Bill Solms:

Incoming Board: President James Whiteneck, President Elect Denis Gellhaus, Treasurer Longley Parker, Secretary Jennifer Comstock, Sergeant-at-Arms TBD, Past President Rotary Foundation Bill Solms, Club Administration Director Carol Rinehart, Community Service Director Beth Weisberg, Fund Development Co-Directors Tara and Phil Moenning, International Service Director Ron Gordon Youth/New Generation Services Director Rick Taylor, Membership Director Anne Slack.

Special Recognition: Jim Whiteneck expressed the appreciation of the club for Rita's years of publicity, promotion, updating of Club Runner and the website for our club. She will be missed, but the quiet and constant dedication is remarkable and a bouquet was presented with thanks from all of us.



Special Recognition: Carol Rinehart for her quiet and constant work in gluing so many of the loose ends together, agenda, timing, arrangements that make our club work. She is special and of course thanked tonight for the arrangements and coordination of this President's night.

Outgoing Remarks of Bill Solms: With deeply personal and heartfelt words of thanks for the opportunity of serving as president, recognition of Paul Harris fellows and a tribute to Rotary's New Generation. Bill drew us together as Rotarians with his remarks. The baton and President's pin was presented to incoming President Jim Whiteneck.

Incoming Remarks of Jim Whiteneck: Jim presented to Bill the past-president pin, thanked Bill for his service and with his sincere style reminded us of his appreciation for the members of this club and looks forward to the year ahead for continued growth and success of our club.

Adjournment: with the Four Way Test and first bell of his presidency was rung by Jim Whiteneck.

Dale Bonza, scribe



Posted by Rita DuChateau

Writers, step forward, please

The club needs some volunteers to handle publicity, the website and Facebook page. Thanks to Anne Slack and Dale Bonza, your weekly newsletter will continue the tradition of excellence.

The Duck Race has found a new publicity person, Leslie Botha of Loveland. She will handle social media, but may need some help with writing the articles.

General Publicity for the club: grants, awards, programs, membership, Golf Tournament, Friendship Card - whatever the board requests.

Club Website- updating, probably best done in conjunction with The Spoke.

Club Facebook Page - updating it with articles on our programs, club news, interesting items from R.I., photos of community service projects, etc.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping the club with publicity, raduchateau@gmail.com

You've got this!
Rita DuChateau



Meila Igel wants to Thank You

Meila Igel was unable to attend our Noon Rotary meeting on June 3 but she wants to be sure to let you know how much she appreciated her Academic Award. So she has made you a video. Just click the link and see what she has to say.

She will attend the Colorado School of Mines in Fall with the intention of becoming a Pediatric physician. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N8IEgEtlVGCZchqgQS_B1CTxtGmmJoEE/view?usp=sharing

A social gathering at Jim and Carol Whiteneck's Home

July 30, Friday, 5:30 p.m.
Bring an appetizer and your preferred drink
Contact Anne Slack for questions at anneslack@aol.com

Your help needed at Estes Recycles Day

Tara Moenning invites all club members to volunteer at Estes Recycles Day: a community recycling activity. To sign up contact Tara at tara@aspbrookinvestments.com.

- Saturday, August 7
- 9 a.m. - Noon
- The event will be held this year at the Event Center Parking lots.
- We will be providing the Shred-a-thon and cardboard recycling stations, as well as traffic control.
- All events will be offered this year: paint recycle, scrap metal, electronics, and shredding.
- Mark your calendars! The money raised at this event goes to scholarships



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Bulletin Editor

Anne Slack

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June 24 Duty Roster

Invocation: **No meeting**

Song & Pledge: **No meeting**

Guest Intro: **No meeting**

Scribe: **No meeting**

Greeter: **No meeting**

Program Intro: **No meeting**

July 1 Duty Roster

Invocation: **No meeting**

Song & Pledge: **No meeting**

Guest Intro: **No meeting**

Scribe: **No meeting**

Greeter: **No meeting**

Program Intro: **No meeting**

Upcoming Events

[Club Social](#)

Jim Whiteneck's Home
Jul 30, 2021 5:30 PM

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Larry Williams
June 6

Wayne Andersen
June 10

Jim Whiteneck
June 18

Wayne Newsom
June 20

Tom Maher
July 2

Philip Moenning
July 3

Lee Lasson
July 5

Gregg Jurgens
July 13

Bill Solms
July 16

Jim Scritchfield
July 19

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

Anne Slack
Gordon
June 15

Bruce Brown
Marlene
June 17

Jack Overly
Mary
June 19

Ron Gordon
Vivian
June 19

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
27 years

Rob Cohen
June 1, 1990
31 years

Thor Homme
June 4, 2009
12 years

Jennifer Comstock
June 6, 2019
2 years

Jack Boatman
June 11, 2015
6 years

Barb Bibler
June 17, 2019
2 years

Harry Livingston
June 18, 1998
23 years

Ron Gordon
June 18, 1992
29 years

Dmitri Galcovski
June 19, 2014
7 years

Claudine Perrault
June 29, 2006
15 years

Karen McClure
July 1, 1993
28 years

Sandy Lasson
July 1, 2007
14 years

Guy Van der Werf
July 7, 1994
27 years

Executives & Directors

President
[Bill Solms](#)

President Elect
[Jim Whiteneck](#)

Treasurer
[Longley Parker](#)

Secretary
[Jennifer Comstock](#)

Sergeant-at-Arms
[John Thomason](#)

Past President
[Dave Evans](#)

Club Administration Director
[Carol Rinehart](#)

Community Service Director
[Beth Weisberg](#)

Fund Development Director
[Karen Thompson](#)

International Service Director
[Ron Gordon](#)

Youth/New Generation Services
Director
[Sue Fereday](#)

Membership Director
[Anne Slack](#)

Foundation Officers/Directors

President

[Madison Casey](#)

Vice President and Treasurer

[Carl Robicheaux](#)

Secretary

[Dave Evans](#)

Assistant Treasurer

[Gregg Jurgens](#)

Grants

[Jack Boatmen, Carl Robicheaux](#)

Scholarships

[Anne Slack](#)

Ernie Altick Program

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Investments

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