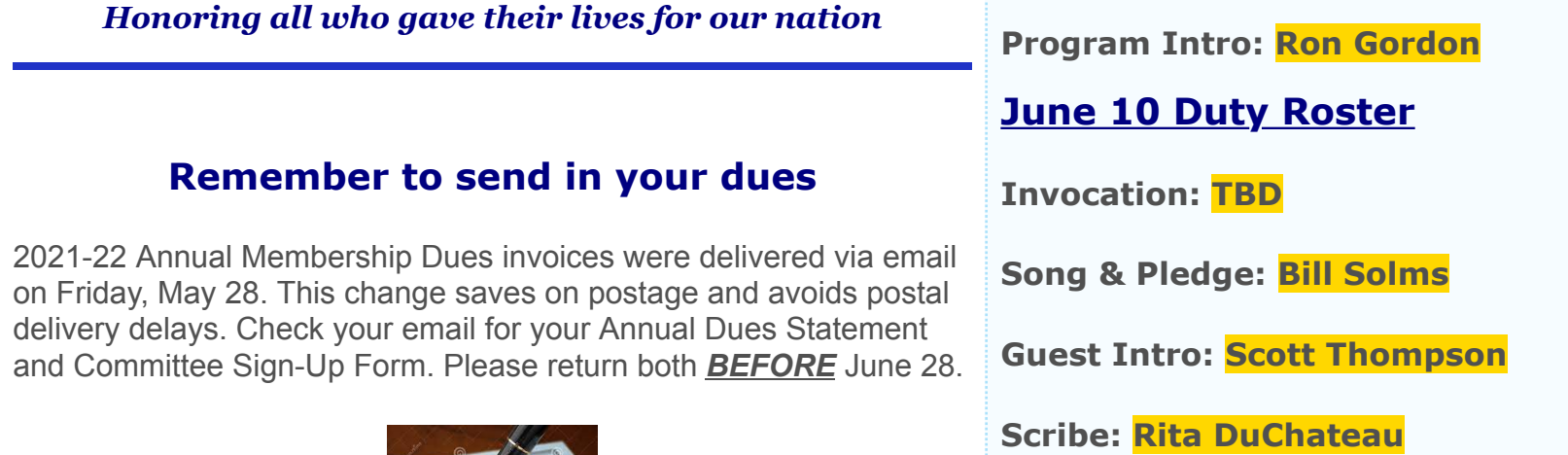


Rotary Club of Estes Park

Memorial Day 2021



Honoring all who gave their lives for our nation

Remember to send in your dues

2021-22 Annual Membership Dues invoices were delivered via email on Friday, May 28. 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.



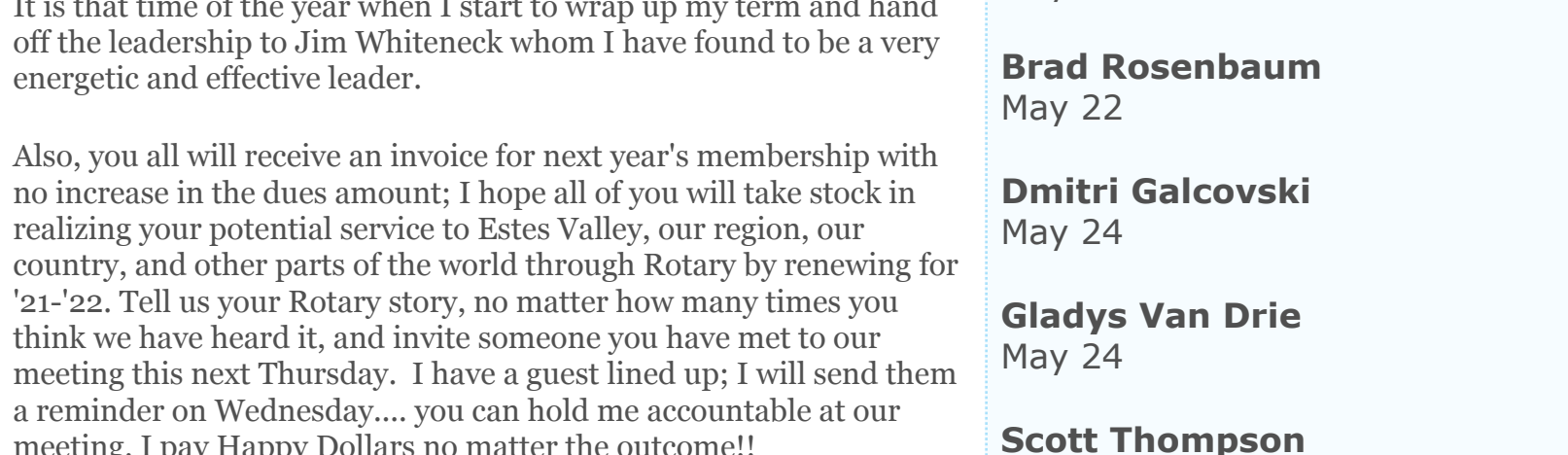
How our club helps children in Albania

Our program this week features club member Michelle Mann, who serves as Executive Director of Nehemiah Gateway USA. She will update the club on several Albanian projects. The program begins at noon on Zoom. Click on the link to be admitted.

Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7986707369>

Nehemiah Gateway USA is a member of the Nehemiah Gateway (NG) Team. The NG Team is a collaborative body of international aid organizations unified as Nehemiah Gateway.

"We exist and cooperate to improve lives and communities of people in need, emphasizing them at every level of society, with the tiny Balkan nation of Albania being the primary focus of our work," Mann explains.



The Estes Park Noon Rotary Club has partnered with NG USA over the past five years, providing funding and support for Albanian projects such as the summer camps for marginalized children in the Roma community and special needs children. They have also successfully applied for a Rotary International Global Grant that is helping to fund a Children's Learning Center that better help special needs children to receive therapy and specialized care in a more customized, effective and up-to-date manner.

"The partnership between NG USA and the Noon Rotary Club has benefited some of the most vulnerable children in the Pogradec, Albania region in a variety of ways, bringing hope and support for them, their families and local community," Mann said.

Michelle has worked in the international world of non-profits for over 30 years. Her specialty is organizational development and the establishment of accountable and internal control systems for non-governmental organizations.

Widely travelled and having lived abroad for a number of years in various countries including Albania, Germany and India, she is experienced in public speaking in multilingual settings and is able to bring business skills into culturally diverse settings. Whether through teaching accounting skills in a mud and grass hut in South Sudan, training entrepreneurial leaders in the mountains of North India or reviewing non-profit practices in the Balkans, she has sought to help enterprises and leaders grow in integrity, transparency and effectiveness as they serve their local communities and society. Michelle also teaches Financial Accounting as a guest lecturer at Nehemiah Gateway University in Pogradec, Albania.

It was during her years in Albania in the late '90s where she was first introduced to the expanding and impactful work of Nehemiah Albania, Nehemiah Gateway USA, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) international relief and development organization.

She currently lives in Colorado with her husband, Doug, and has three grown children and a grandson.

Update from President Bill Solms

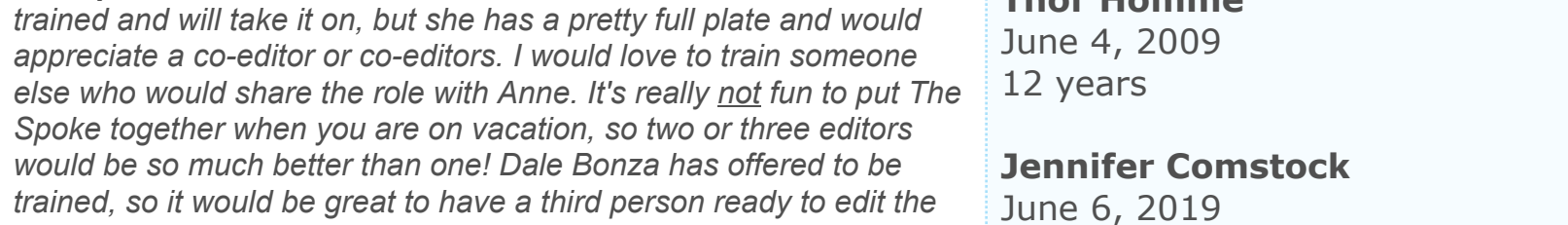
It is that time of the year when I start to wrap up my term and hand off the leadership to Jim Whitehead whom I have found to be a very energetic and effective leader.

Also, you all will receive an invoice for next year's membership with no increase in the dues amount. I hope all of you will take stock in realizing your potential service to Estes Valley, our region, our country, and other parts of the world through Rotary by reviewing for '21-'22. Tell us your Rotary story, no matter how many times you think we have heard it, and invite someone else to meet to discuss meeting this next Thursday. I have a guest lined up; I will send them a reminder on Wednesday... you can hold me accountable at our meeting. I say, Happy Bullies no matter the outcome!

Presidents' Night which is set for June 17th at the Dunraven premises to be a fun, well-organized, in-person celebration, confirmations with Karol are required by June 4th. I hope to see all of you there.

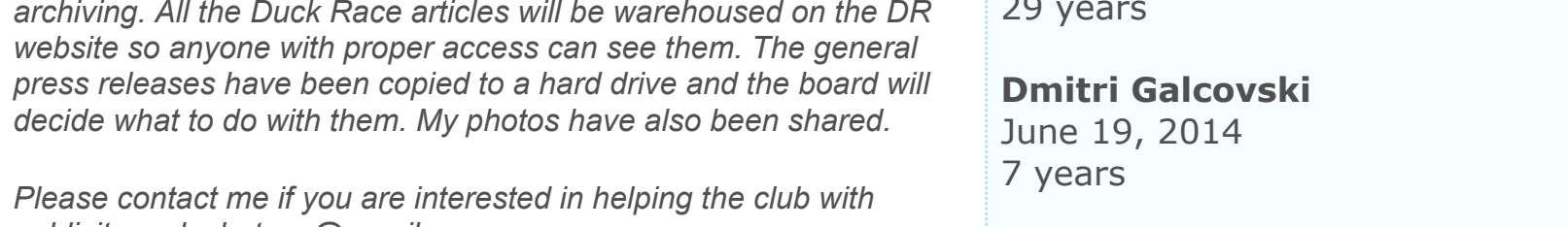
In all the things we think, say, or do....

Proz Bill



In Memoriam Randy Skeie

Bill Smith has shared that Randy Skeie died May 26 in Loveland. Randy was born on July 11, 1928. He joined our Rotary club July 9, 1998 with the classification of Importer/Manufacturing. His sponsor was Caliste Crona. Randy served faithfully as Sergeant At Arms for many years and maintained a good attendance record. He resigned from the Club in 2018 for health reasons. Randy was also a very dedicated Salvation Army volunteer, coordinating the annual "Kettle drive" for many years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Verlean in 2017. His survivors include 4 children. Services are pending.



Posted by Dana Fritz

May 27, 2021 Meeting Notes

President Bill rang the bell at noon and opened the meeting. Dale Bonza gave the invocation and President Bill led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

- Bill Smith announced the death of Rotarian Randy Skeie. Many members shared fond memories of Randy. More information to follow.
- Rotarian Jack Overy is at PVH with pneumonia...no phone calls or visitors are allowed for now.
- President Bill thanked Anne Slack for helping present our Rotary scholarships to Estes Park seniors.
- The Rotary Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 1 at 5 p.m. in the Honors Room, Estes Valley Public Library. A Zoom option also will be available.
- Our Rotary Club was given fun awards by the District Governor: surviving the evacuation, surviving COVID and creatively holding the very successful Duck Race.
- Hopefully, our scholarship winners will attend next week's meeting via Zoom.
- The Estes Park Marathon will be held 6/20....they are still looking for volunteers.

Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

Committee Reports

- Karol asked for all reservations for Presidents Night to be in by 4th.
- Past Secretary Rita will no longer be editing the Spoke and is asking for someone to take it over. She and her husband will be moving from Estes.
- Community Service committee will be meeting today at 2 p.m. via Zoom.
- International Committee will give the program next week featuring Michelle Mann.
- Ron announced the committee is working on a joint grant with International for a playground in Albania.
- The Membership meeting is 5/28 at Bill Smith's.

Happy Money was given by Wayne, Mit, and Madison. There was no joke to the day.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with the 4-Way Test.

Dana Fritz, scribe



Posted by Rita DuChateau

A note from your editors:

Writers, step forward, please

As you may have heard, Phil and I have decided to relocate after nine wonderful years in Colorado. We look forward to the next chapter of our retirement as we move back to the Midwest to be closer to our four children, their partners and our three grandchildren. Our home will most likely be listed this week with Scott Thompson so if it may sell quickly or if you might like to put the active club member until the moving truck pulls up. It could be two months, it could be a year.

That being said, the club is going to need someone to do what I've done for the past eight years. If you are seeking volunteers to take on some of the publicity work. Here are the main components:

The Spoke will need a new editor or editors. Anne Slack has been trained and will take it on, but she has a pretty full plate and would appreciate a co-editor or co-writers. I would love to train someone else who would share the role with Anne. It's really fun to put the Spoke together when you are on vacation, so two or three editors would be so much better than one! Dale Bonza has offered to be trained, so it would be great to have a third person ready to edit the newsletter.

The Duck Race has found a new publicity person, Leslie Botha of Loveland, formerly of EP. 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...whether the board requests.

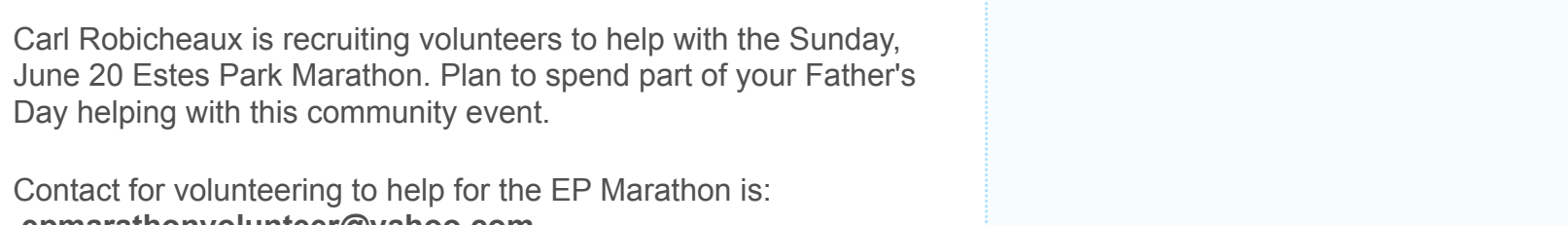
Club Website- updating, probably best done in conjunction with The Spoke.

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

I have turned over most of what I have written to Lee Lesson for articles. All the Duck Race articles will be warehoused on the DR website so anyone with proper access can see them. The general press releases have been copied to a hard drive and the board will decide what to do with them. My photos have also been shared.

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

You've got this!
 Rita DuChateau



From the Editor

Come and celebrate your club! Presidents' Night at The Dunraven on June 17

Presidents' Night - Changing of the Guard
 This Presidents' Night is a time to finally reunite with friends and celebrate the freedom to be together once again. We will honor our fellow Rotarians for the annual bestowing of the Spirit, Rotarian of the Year, Distinguished Service, and Living Legacy Awards, and highlight the evening with the Passing of the Gavel.

Presidents' Night in the Ballroom at Dunraven
Thursday, June 17, 2021
 5:00 - 6:00 (Cash Bar)
 Dinner 6:00 - 6:45
 Program 6:45 - 7:30

Dunraven Buffet
 Choice of an entrée per guest (Provided)
Chicken Parmesan or Fresh Salmon

- Bread and Butter
- House salad (choice of creamy garlic or Italian dressing)
- Raitaville (vegan & vegetarian)
- Mini paninis out for dessert
- Coffee, tea, or fountain sodas

\$35 per person (tax and gratuity included)

RSVP Required by Friday, June 4, 2021
 Please state the number attending and entrée selection for each (Chicken Parmesan or Salmon)
 RSVP to Karol at kjzinduchateau@centurylink.net
IF plans change and you are unable to attend please notify Karol.
 Estes Park Resort/ Dunraven: 1700 Colorado Peaks Drive, (off Hwy. 34) Estes Park



Foundation

Posted by Rita DuChateau

Local clubs earn district awards

At the Annual Rotary International District 5440 Conference, held virtually on May 21 and 22, District Governor Chris Woodruff presented two awards to the Estes Park Rotary clubs.

Honoring this year's Rotary International theme, "Opening Up Opportunities," Woodruff recognized The Rotary Club of Estes Park (Noon Rotary) for creatively sponsoring its annual Duck Race in 2020 and 2021, overcoming the many challenges posed by putting on a major fundraiser during a global pandemic. He cited that the 2021 event raised nearly \$150,000 for Estes Valley charities. He praised the club's creativity in planning a virtual Duck Race in the fall of 2020 (which raised \$90,577) and a live-streamed race at the Estes Valley Community Center pool in 2021.

"It all worked out really well," Woodruff said. "The club came up with something completely new and different and made the event successful."

Woodruff also presented an Overcoming Adversity Award to The Estes Valley Sunrise Club, The Rotary Club of Estes Park and the Longs Peak Rotary Club for leadership during the historic wildfires and evacuation of the town of Estes Park in October. Karen Nicholson is president of the Sunrise Club, Bill Solms is president of the Rotary Club of Estes Park, and Janet Zeschin is president of the Longs Peak club.

"It's been a tough year for us all, but our clubs have, every day in a quiet way, kept the Rotary spirit alive. These clubs have had a little more on their plates than the rest of us," he said.

Woodruff praised the clubs for overcoming a double dose of adversity in the past year. First, they dealt with the pandemic, which affected the health of the residents as well as the tourist-based economy of Estes Park. Then, Estes Park found itself in the path of the two largest wildfires in state history. The fires threatened the town's destruction and forced residents to evacuate "under very black skies of ash." Woodruff noted that he stayed in contact with presidents Nicholson, Solms and Zeschin as they headed out of town to shelters in late October.

"I am so incredibly proud of these three clubs. The presidents kept in close touch with each other and then came back and got busy with Rotary work. Congratulations on showing us the way to overcome adversity!"

Rotary District 5440 encompasses 54 clubs in Northern Colorado, Wyoming, Western Nebraska and Idaho.

Club awards scholarships to 11 seniors

Bill Solms, Doug Mann and Anne Slack recently presented scholarships to 11 students at the annual awards assembly at Estes Park High School. In all, 24 seniors received over \$115,000 in 74 scholarships that evolved from generous funding organizations. The Rotary Club of Estes Park, as always, led the pack with a total of \$42,500 in awards, which was 37 percent of the total given to the students.

Your club's scholarships are a combination of funds raised by the Foundation for scholarships and memorial scholarships. They include:

Rotary Club of Estes Park, Roger M. Thorp Memorial Scholarship: One 4 year scholarship of \$1000 (total of \$4000 over 4 years) for a student interested in architecture or interior design. Renewal for the 4 years is based on the student remaining in good academic and disciplinary standing. (Rachel Galvis, Fort Hays State University).

Rotary Club of Estes Park, Cancer Family Vocational Scholarship: One 2 year scholarship of \$1,000 (total of \$2,000 over 2 years) for a student attending a vocational school, community college, or a 2 year technical program. Renewal for a second year is based on the student remaining in good academic and disciplinary standing. The basis of this award is academic achievement and academic promise. (Alexander Hernandez, Front Range Community College).

Rotary Club of Estes Park, Linn Coffman Scholarship: One scholarship of \$1,500 for one year will be given to a student graduating from Estes Park High School who plans to major in Business or related disciplines. (Beth Walker, York College).

Rotary Club of Estes Park, The Ron L. Kuhns Memorial Scholarship: One scholarship of \$1,500 for one year will be awarded to a student who possesses a passion and an aptitude for a unique field of study and is not receiving another Rotary scholarship. (Lucas Pearson, Belmont in Aspen).

Rotary Club of Estes Park, The Bob Brunson and Roger Thorp Memorial Scholarship: One \$4,000 scholarship at \$2000/year for two years to be awarded to one student who is pursuing a vocational or traditional field of study. Consideration will be given to the student's community service. Renewal for a second year is based on the student remaining in good academic and disciplinary standing. (Cole Murray, University of Wyoming).

Rotary Club of Estes Park, Lee and Alice Hagemaster Memorial Scholarship: Up to two scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to a student who is awarded for one year to general scholarship, consider Eagle/Gold Scout, teacher with history music education. (Bradley Moore, Wisconsin Wesleyan University; Ethan Hill, Colorado Northwestern Community College).

Rotary Club of Estes Park, The Stanley Hotel Scholarship: One scholarship of \$2,500 for one year will be awarded to a student graduating from Estes Park High School who is planning to major in Hotel and/or Restaurant Management, Event Planning or a Wellness related field. (Dana Coop, Colorado Mesa University).

Rotary Club of Estes Park, Academic Scholarship: We are offering three scholarships of 4 years. These scholarships are offered on the basis of academic achievement and promise, activities, and citizenship. Renewal for the 4 years is based on the holder making normal academic progress and enrolling in good academic and disciplinary standing. (Rita Jack Colorado School of Mines; Isabella Fanucchi, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; Ella Beretta, Concordia College; Moonshier, WV).

"I would like to thank Tara Moening who has guided me through the last two years learning how to perform the many tasks involved with scholarships," said Anne Slack, Scholarship Committee Chairperson. "I would also like to recognize Scott Loebler, Estes Park High School Counselor, for all his patience with my many emails. I am grateful for the time and opinions invested by Bruce Brown, Gregg Jurgens, Jim Whitehead, Gary Van der Werf, Pete Surney and Verlean. Those in evaluating students. And, last but not least, Doug Mann and Bill Solms for their amazing job presenting the awards."

Volunteer for the marathon!

Carl Robicheaux is recruiting volunteers to help with the Sunday, June 20 Estes Park Marathon. Plan to spend part of your Father's Day helping with this community event.

Contact for volunteering to help for the EP Marathon is: epmarathonvolunteer@ahoo.com

Questions? Contact Carl Robicheaux.

Your help needed at Estes Recycles Day

Tara Moening invites all club members to volunteer at Estes Recycles Day, a community recycling activity.

- **Saturday, August 7**
- **9 a.m. - Noon**
- **The event will be held this year at the Event Center Parking lot.**
- **We will be providing the shredstation 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**

Is Zoom a challenge?

For anyone new to the workings of Zoom, it can be a confusing experience. Our Membership Chair Anne Slack took on the challenge of creating a step-by-step tutorial on navigating Zoom.

The document is posted on the club website under the Home Page Download Files (left hand side of the page) for your future reference. Click on this link to be taken to our club's home page to read all about the work of Zoom, and think about printing it out for a friend. <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5241>

Thanks, Anne for your efforts to keep all of our members engaged until we can meet again!

Gift to our Foundation orders more frequently

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 from the [smile.amazon.com](https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5241), 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
- Choose the charitable organization by typing in Estes Park Rotary Foundation. Our club and the Longs Peak club will come up on the search. Click on Estes Park Rotary Foundation.
- Create a bookmark so every time you shop Amazon, you will be participating in the smile.amazon.com program.

Rotary Club of Estes Park Welcomes You!

Learn more at: www.clubrunner.ca/estespark
 Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/estesparkrotary

June 3 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Bill Solms**

Song & Pledge: **Bill Solms**

Guest Intro: **Scott Thompson**

Scribe: **Pete Surney**

Greeter: **Scott Thompson**

Program Intro: **Ron Gordon**

June 10 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Bill Solms**

Song & Pledge: **Bill Solms**

Guest Intro: **Scott Thompson**

Scribe: **Rita DuChateau**

Greeter: **Scott Thompson**

Program Intro: **Rick Taylor**

Upcoming Events

Club Board Meeting
 Estes Valley Public Library
 Jun 01, 2021
 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Deadline to sign up for Presidents' Night
 Jun 04, 2021

Foundation Board Meeting
 Zoom
 Jun 17, 2021
 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Presidents' Night
 Dunraven Inn
 Jun 17, 2021
 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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Speakers

Jun 03, 2021
Michelle Mann
 Nehemiah Gateway

Jun 10, 2021
Rick Taylor
 Endings

Jun 17, 2021
Karol Rinehart
 Presidents' Night Dinner - no noon meeting

Jun 24, 2021
Bill Solms
 Club Assembly

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Matt Comstock
 May 2

Tara Moening
 May 3

Tom Anderson
 May 10

Rob Cohen
 May 14

Sue Feraday
 May 17

Jack Boatman
 May 18

Brad Rosenbaum
 May 22

Dimitri Galcovski
 May 24

Gladys Van Drie
 May 24

Scott Thompson
 May 27

Karen Thompson
 May 28

Larry Williams
 June 6

Wayne Andersen
 June 10

Jim Whiteneck
 June 18

Wayne Newsum
 June 20

Anniversaries

Virgil Holtgrewe
Carol
 May 8

Madison Casey
Marty Yochum
 May 20

Dennis Gellhaus
Robbie
 May 21

Jeff Liddle
Nannette Chisholm
 May 21

Pete Surney
 May 23

Dave Evans
Karen McClure
 May 27

Karen McClure
David Evans
 May 27

Dana Fritz
Bill
 May 28

Kathy Groesbeck
Alan Groesbeck
 May 28

Tom Anderson
Kathleen
 May 28

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
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