



The Spoke


Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Welcome to our Club!



We meet Thursdays at 12:00 PM
Rodeway Inn
1701 North Lake Avenue
Estes Park, CO 80517
United States

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Housing needs in Estes Park: A program by the EP Housing Authority

The new director of the Estes Park Housing Authority, Naomi Hawf, will be our speaker this week. She will describe the work of the organization and the need for housing in our town.



Naomi Hawf

The Estes Park Housing Authority is an organization developed from the Loveland Housing Authority with a mission to create and facilitate housing opportunities and services for persons of low to moderate income. The EPHA also supports opportunities for work force housing.

"We are a group of six people that support the people residing in the Estes area, as well as manage and maintain over 200 rental units," Hawf explained. "We manage 38 Housing Choice Vouchers (commonly known as the Section 8 Program). We also have a Down

March 1 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Tom Towns**

Song & Pledge: **Dave Evans**

Guest Intro: **Harriette Woodard**

Scribe: **Madison Casey**

Greeter: **Virgil Holtgrewe**

Program Intro: **Jim White**

March 8 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Bill Solms**

Song & Pledge: **Dave Evans**

Guest Intro: **Jim Austin**

Scribe: **Kerrie Hill**

Greeter: **Larry Williams**

Program Intro: **Rick Taylor**

Speakers

Mar 01, 2018

[Naomi Hawf](#)

Estes Park Housing Authority

Mar 08, 2018

[Tom Carosello](#)

EVRPD and the New Community Center

Mar 15, 2018

[Nancy Thomas](#)

Estes Park Woman's Club

Payment Assistance Program and Home Ownership options."

Hawf came to Estes Park in 2015 from a suburb of Denver. She joined the Housing Authority team in May 2016.

"Rita Kurelja hired me to manage the (then) newly opened Falcon Ridge Apartments and complete administrative functions. Following that position, I accepted the role as Housing Supervisor to oversee the daily operations of all six of our rental properties and become more involved in the additional programs we offer. Here we are today, with my next phase of this adventure as the Executive Director," Hawf said.

Hawf's background includes both private and public sector employment. She has a decade of airline industry experiences as well as six years in the public sector for two municipalities in the Denver Metro Area.

February 22, 2018 meeting highlights

President Kathy Groesbeck rang the bell at 12:00. Tara Moenning gave the invocation. Kathy led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tara also welcomed Visiting Sunrise Rotarian Glenn Malpiede. Kathy thanked Anne Slack for serving as greeter.



Invocation and Introductions- Tara!

Memorial Service - Jack Dinsmoor

Bill Smith announced that a celebration of Jack Dinsmoor's life has been scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3 at the Mountain View Bible Fellowship Church. Please keep Ann in your prayers. Also, there will be a sympathy card at the March 1 meeting for all to sign.



Jack died February 20. He was a member of our club and the Sunrise club since 1999 and counted among his Rotary accomplishments the design of the Duck Race cage. Obituary information at <http://www.allnut.com/obituaries/John-Jack-Dinsmoor#!/Obituary>

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Upcoming Events

[Club Board Meeting](#)

Mar 06, 2018

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[Duck Race Festival Committee Meeting](#)

Nicky's Reataurant

Mar 08, 2018

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[Foundation Board Meeting](#)

Quality Inn

Mar 15, 2018

1:15 AM – 2:00 AM

[Duck Race Festival Committee Meeting](#)

Nicky's Reataurant

Mar 22, 2018

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[Club Board Meeting](#)

Apr 03, 2018

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[Duck Race Festival Committee Meeting](#)

Nicky's Restaurant

Apr 12, 2018

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[Foundation Board Meeting](#)

Quality Inn

Apr 19, 2018

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Bill Smith

February 1

Jeff Liddle

February 1

Rita DuChateau

February 1

Sarah Walsh

February 3



John "Jack" Dinsmoor

Red Badge Ceremony

We welcomed Dennis Gelhaus to our club with a Rotary pin, a red new member badge and a round of applause. We thanked Guy Van der Werf for sponsoring him. Dennis intruded himself to the club. We learned he is a South Dakota native who met Guy as a youngster. Dennis is a Methodist minister and, most recently, owner of Assisted Living facilities. He and his wife Robbie will celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary in May. They have two sons, Stephen and Aaron.



Announcements

- President Kathy announced that 69 Duck Race nonprofit charities and organizations have been invited to Distribution Night March 1 at 6 p.m.
- Ducksters - next Duck Race meeting is March 8.
- Kathy recapped a meeting with town officials during which she learned about the route of the little yellow plastic ducks this year will include conveyance through a 48" culvert.
- Kathy noted that Sandy Lasson is working on state highway officials to hopefully have US 34 open for Duck Race weekend.
- Bill Solms received a thank you/acknowledgement from the Broward Education Foundation of our Happy Money collection last week of \$163, which will provide relief and financial support to those affected by the Parkland, Florida school shooting.
- Larry Williams, organization guru, invited all present to stay after next week's meeting to help assemble Duck Race packets for our charities.
- Remember to "Like" the Estes Park Rotary Duck Race Festival Facebook page.
- Our new epduckrace.org will go "live" on March 1. Watch for

Ward Nelson
February 4

Mike Connolly
February 5

Pete Sumey
February 7

Longley Parker
February 18

Claudine Perrault
February 20

Bob Benight
February 26

Bruce Brown
March 15

Dave Evans
March 25

Anne Slack
March 28

Anniversaries

Rita DuChateau
Phil
February 3

Wayne Andersen
Judy
February 6

Gregg Jurgens
Suzanne
February 14

Larry Williams
Linda
February 14

Jay Harroff
Jane
February 17

Bruce Carmichael
Lindi
March 26

Join Date

Sarah Walsh
February 2, 2012

its new features!

Happy Money: none

Program: none

Committee Meetings

Fund Development, International Service, Duck Race Committee and Community Service committees met and appeared to have productive discussions.

Adjournment

President Kathy adjourned the meeting with the 4-Way Test at 1 p.m..

Submitted by Rita DuChateau, scribe and photographer



All are welcome as volunteers! Help the 2018 Estes Park Duck Race Festival

Everyone knows the Estes Park Rotary Duck Race Festival is the place to be on the first Saturday in May. But, did you know that you do not have to be a Rotarian to help? That's right, Rotarians! You can invite your friends to help.



Make a splash! Be a Duck Race Festival volunteer this year! Invite your friends and family.

"We welcome volunteers from high school age on up to 105 who can give a few hours on Saturday, May 5. No special skills are required except a positive attitude," said Scott Thompson, Estes Park Rotary Duck Race Festival volunteer coordinator.

Thompson is looking for volunteers to help with:

- Setting up and taking down equipment at the start and finish lines
- Selling duck-themed race memorabilia at Bond Park and Riverside Plaza
- Supporting operations in Bond Park for charities and organizations
- Helping to display sponsor ducks
- Ensuring safety along the riverbanks

6 years

Jim White

February 18, 1988

30 years

Bruce Carmichael

March 5, 2009

9 years

Karol Rinehart

March 5, 2015

3 years

Lee Lasson

March 13, 2003

15 years

Madison Casey

March 16, 2006

12 years

Rita DuChateau

March 21, 2013

5 years

Dave Evans

March 22, 2007

11 years

Bob Brunson

March 27, 2003

15 years

Earl Matson

March 28, 1996

22 years

Executives & Directors

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President Elect

[Dave Evans](#)

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Secretary

[Rita DuChateau](#)

Sergeant-at-Arms

[Bill Solms](#)

Past President

- Keeping the ducks from getting snagged in the river.

“Our 70-member club cannot put on this event without a host of volunteers. It’s a great way to help a great cause, to make new friends, and be part of one of the largest events in Estes Park,” Thompson added.

To sign up as a volunteer, contact Thompson at scott@estesparkrealestate.com or call him at 970-590-9941.

Sign up now for the District Conference! Host a Rotarian for dinner - Estes-style



Planning to attend the Rotary District 5440 District Conference? It will be right here in Estes Park on Duck Race Festival weekend. Here's how to register: <http://rotary5440.org/event/2018-rotary-district-5440-conference/>

Registration for a single attendee: \$135 prior to March 31; \$200 after April 1. Registration includes numerous events, but does not include lodging. (Great, because you live here, right?)

Don't delay!

Would you like to show Estes Park Rotary hospitality to a conference attendee? Sign up to host a dinner on Thursday, May 3. **See Kathy Groesbeck for details.**

Rotary Quote of the Week

RI President-elect Barry Rassin's theme for 2018-19, Be the Inspiration, asks Rotarians to inspire change in the world and in each other. "I ask all of you to Be the Inspiration to help Rotary move from reaction to action — to take a hard look at the environmental issues that affect health and welfare around the world and do what we can to help."

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