



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

EVICS Family Resource Center

Our program 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>

Rotary Weekly Luncheon

Place: American Legion

Time: Lunch served from 11:30 - 12:00

Cost: \$15

Parking: American Legion and the church only.

Presented by



Rut Miller



Laurie Dale Marshall

Rut Miller is originally from Paraguay. She moved to the United States in 2012. She is a devoted wife and mother to three wonderful children 7, 5, and 3 years old. She is the Family Development Coordinator at EVICS Family Resource Center, where she uses her previous experiences to help families thrive in the Estes Park community.

Rut possesses a bachelor's degree in Obstetrics and Maternal-Infant Health by the University of Asunción-Paraguay. It has been a rewarding journey for her to provide care for women from preconception all the way through to postpartum. She felt honored to share in the miracle of bringing babies into this world by supporting the moms and giving them safe and natural options for their birth. She also has worked as a homecare provider for the elderly, in Barcelona-Spain, Scottsbluff-Nebraska and as a childcare provider at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano-Texas.

As an immigrant in this wonderful nation, Rut knows first hand the challenges that immigrants face every day, whether it is the language barrier, housing, or job opportunities. She enjoys making the most of the opportunities that are given to her. Her passion is to serve others and to contribute positively to the Estes Park community.

When she is not working at the office, she is spending time with her family, hiking, cooking, volunteering, reading a book or learning French.

March 10 Duty Roster

Invocation: Bill Smith

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Madison Casey

Greeter: Scott Robbins

Program Intro: Jim Whiteneck

March 17 Duty Roster

Invocation: Pete Sumej

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Gail Corrigan

Greeter: Gail Corrigan

Program Intro: Dennis Gellhaus

Upcoming Events

Duck Race Committee Meeting

Scott Thompson Zoom

Mar 10, 2022

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Foundation Board Meeting

Mar 17, 2022

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

[View entire list](#)

Speakers

Mar 10, 2022

[Ruth Miller and Laurie Dale-Marshall](#)

Laurie Dale Marshall made her way to the mountains by way of Lawrence, KS and Cheley Camps. She has lived in Estes Park since 2013 after raising her three children to be proud Jayhawks! A graduate of the University of Kansas' School of Social Welfare, Laurie has always held high the role of advocate and has a passion for creative problem solving.

These passions led to both direct service and community based advocacy work. Back in KS, Laurie ensured all Kansans had access to medical care through community organizing and legislative advocacy. She worked in service to children and adults with developmental disabilities and supported early educators as a Behavior Coach. She was the Director of one of the oldest cooperative preschool programs in the Nation, which her own children also attended years before.

Prior to being the Executive Director for EVICS Family Resource Center, Laurie worked to support all Estes Valley nonprofits as the Director of the EP Nonprofit Resource Center. Laurie is the current Chairperson for the Family Advisory Board, is a member of the Estes Chamber of Commerce Board, and an Estes Arts District Board member. She sits on several regional committees to ensure the voice of our community and the needs of its citizens are not overlooked.

Laurie has utilized her skills to build programs and services that ensure all people have the ability to thrive. During the pandemic, that work was organizing a meals program that served thousands in our community. Now, it is doing what needs to be done for families in the Estes Valley.

When not leading the Resource Center, she's enjoying nature, thrifting for treasures, and mostly reveling in being a grandmother to Chloe!

Update by President Jim Whiteneck

Announcements:

- We have all been seeing the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Ukraine over these past 10 days.
 - Many of our members are wishing to help.
 - We are exploring strategies in an ongoing conversation with Chuck Bonza and Ron Gordon regarding how to provide assistance.
 - Chuck Bonza has a great deal of expertise in rapidly deploying funds for emergent humanitarian needs. He's exploring connections with Rotarians in Ukraine.
 - I'll bet we discover a good strategy together as a Club!
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- During this busy time for the Club, we hope all will find a way to participate.
- At this time, we have a strong need for:
 - Someone with computer skills to manage our Club's website which has been languishing with old information and photos. (Please speak with me).
 - We need people to help with the Duck Race talking with merchants about prizes or in several other ways.
 - Please speak with Annie Slack for merchants prizes and

EVICS

Mar 17, 2022

[Tom Chapel](#)

The Denali Experience

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Dave Evans

March 25

Anne Slack

March 28

Karen McClure

April 5

Lee Machin

April 11

Jim Austin

April 20

Anniversaries

**Guy Van der Werf
Leslie**

April 5

**Karen Thompson
Scott Thompson**

April 16

**Scott Thompson
Karen**

April 16

**Peter Sinnott
Stephanie**

April 20

**Harry Livingston
Mary**

April 23

Join Date

Karol Rinehart

March 5, 2015

7 years

Lee Lasson

March 13, 2003

19 years

Beth Weisberg

March 16, 2020

- Beth Weisberg for other Duck Race assistance.
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- We're looking for members who are willing to accept leadership roles for the coming year.
 - Please speak with Bill Solms or Dennis Gellhaus.
 - We all love the social aspects of the Club but we also love doing good for Estes Valley and the world.
 - Pitch in with areas you enjoy and in places you sense the greatest need!
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- We'll obtain a new photo of our Club members at our meeting on March 17.
 - No tuxedos or evening gowns required!
 - Let's get a picture of as many of us as possible!

2 years

Madison Casey

March 16, 2006
16 years

Mark Lee

March 16, 2020
2 years

Rita DuChateau

March 21, 2013
9 years

Dave Evans

March 22, 2007
15 years

Gladys Van Drie

April 3, 1997
25 years

Mike Connolly

April 3, 2008
14 years

Peter Sinnott

April 5, 2007
15 years

Gregg Jurgens

April 14, 2011
11 years

Carl Robicheaux

April 18, 2019
3 years

Bill Solms

April 21, 2016
6 years

Chuck Bonza

April 25, 2008
14 years

Dale Bonza

April 25, 2008
14 years

Philip Moenning

April 25, 2008
14 years

Scott Thompson

April 25, 2008
14 years

Tara Moenning

April 25, 2008
14 years

**Credit Card Machine Not Available
Karol Rinehart is Cashier while Longley is gone
She will take IOUs if members have don't have cash or checks**

March 3, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Jim Whiteneck rang the bell at 12:00.
Karol Rinehart gave the Invocation.
President Jim led the Pledge
Madison Casey accompanied the singing of God Bless America

Guests of Rotarians:

Scott Thompson introduced

- PEO Chapter members Cheryl Grigsby and Tina Thompson, who are learning how to use Zoom in their PEO Chapter meetings.
- prospective member R. J. Lara, Executive Director of the Historic Stanley Home Museum and Education Center.
- Pete Sumey who is back after attending on Zoom for the past two years.

Scholarships:

Tara Moenning read a progress report from scholarship winner Sage Shumate. She is attending Northeastern U. in Boston. She likes it there, and is doing very well in legal studies.



Tara Moenning

Announcements:

- Tara Moenning won the first Sergeant-at-Arms auction.

- Beth Weisberg reminded the group about the Duck Race Charity Kick-off tonight at 5:00 on Zoom.
- The District Conference is being held in Lander, Wyoming this year.
- EVICS speakers will give our program next week.

Duty Roster:

- Pete Sumey is Scribe.
- Karol Rinehart is the Greeter.
- Scott Robbins will greet next week.

Happy Money:

- Karol Rinehart is glad to see Pete Sumey.
- Pete Sumey is grateful that he could attend meetings via Zoom the past two years and thanked all who made it possible.
- Madison Casey is happy to see Wayne Anderson back from Arizona.
- Visitor Cheryl Grigsby thanked the group for allowing Tina to join her in becoming more familiar with the use of Zoom in meetings.
- Annie Slack is happy that Cheryl could join us.

Program:

Scott Thompson introduced speakers Jessica Garner and Karen Thompson.

- Jessica is the Community Development Director and
- Karen is a member of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee.



Karen, Jessica



Jim presenting a Piece of the Rock to Jessica

Adjournment:

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

Pete Sumey, scribe



Duck Race Committee Meeting Thursday, March 10, 2022 5:00 PM on Scott's Zoom:

Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>

Volunteers Needed for Merchant Prize Collection

Executives & Directors

President

[Jim Whiteneck](#)

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Big Duck

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Director

[Rick Taylor](#)

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[Anne Slack](#)

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[Anne Slack](#)

Secretary

[Tara Moenning](#)

Treasurer

[Gregg Jurgens](#)

Grants

[Jack Boatman, Carl Robicheaux](#)



Announcement:

- 19 Volunteers needed! We had one volunteer!!! Thank you Jim Scritchfield from the Sunrise Club.
- Follow up with merchants who have not sent in their prize donation forms to Duck Central by March 17.
- It can be done by phone or in person depending on your preference.
- We are not collecting any physical items (including gift certificates)
- Follow up ONLY with businesses on your assigned list
- Email Anne Slack at anneslack@aol.com with questions

Mark Your Calendar!
We have been invited to a Concert by our new member
Barry Hannigan and his wife Mary

Saturday, March 26, at 2 pm. It's at Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, 200 Ptarmigan Trail
 Donations instead of Tickets
 Vaccinated and Masks Optional

District Grants & Matching Funds

Announcement:

- Our club will be eligible for up to \$6,000 in matching funds from District 5440 for the upcoming 2022-2023 grant year
- The District will match club funds 2 for 1 up to the eligible limit.
- Clubs can submit two district grant applications per year
- District grant applications are due June 3, 2022
- District grant applications can be submitted for local community or international projects

Note: Any club committees who might want to pursue a district grant application and matching funds for a specific project should submit a request to the club board by the April 5 club board meeting

If you have any questions about district grants, please contact Jack Boatman

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Scholarships

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Ernie Altick Program

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Houston, Texas June 4 - 8, 2022

If you have never been to an International Convention of Rotary, you need to go to Houston in June. It is so amazing and it is often not this close to us. My husband and I attended the International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia in 2017. There were 70,000 people there from all over the world. It was so thrilling to learn of all the projects Rotary was performing worldwide, helping people improve their lives with better water supplies, better education so they could earn a living, better sanitary situations to reduce disease, on and on. Go to Rotary.org to learn more.

Shred-A-Thon



Early Morning at 2021 Shred

Saturday, August 27th, 9-noon, at the Event Center parking lot
You can sign up now with Tara Moenning!

Save the Date!!
September 3rd, 2022 John Denver Concert at
the YMCA Rauch Auditorium
Featuring Cowboy Brad



Brad Fitch

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