



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

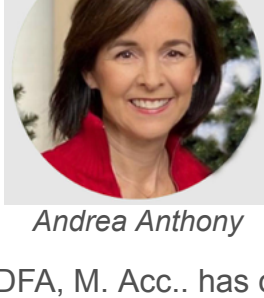
Zoom only this week

This week's meeting will be conducted **ONLY** on Zoom. Our Zoom Host is Scott Thompson.

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

This week's program: Financial Literacy for Women

This week's program will be presented by Andrea Anthony, who will provide information on what women should know about managing finances. She aims to help women navigate difficult financial life changes. Our speaker is well known to at least two club members, Michelle and Doug Mann, because Andrea is Michelle's sister.



Andrea Anthony

Andrea Anthony, CPA, CDFA, M. Acc., has over 30 years of accounting experience and has served as a director, treasurer, and advisor for numerous boards, from nonprofits to private companies to political organizations. Her Estes Park, Colorado-based firm, Changing Tides CPA, Inc., gives her the flexibility to address a cause close to her heart—assisting women to attain financial literacy so they are no longer at risk of financial exploitation, ruin, or abuse. This includes aiding elderly women who find themselves suddenly alone and unfamiliar with financial matters as their late spouse was the one who "took care of everything."

Anthony, licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in both Florida and Colorado, is also a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst (CDFA). She provides a range of needed services:

- Divorce financial analysis
- Support services for those divorcing, separated or contemplating either
- Elder care financial counseling and assistance
- Small business and personal accounting consulting, such as company oversight, internal control reviews, cash flow management, budgeting, and cash flow forecasting.

Anthony received her Masters of Science in Accounting from the University of North Florida and began her career with the two firms that would later become Price Waterhouse Coopers. She is the Finance Director for St. John's Academy, a private school in St. Augustine, FL., where she has served for more than 25 years. Anthony has also volunteered accounting support to nonprofit humanitarian agencies in Kosovo, Albania, and Sudan. Recently, she served on the Board of Directors for The Betty Griffin Center in St. Augustine, FL., which helps local victims of domestic violence and their children. She is currently Treasurer of the Board for The Historic Stanley Home Foundation.

Join the meeting by clicking on this link before the program begins at noon: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>

In Memoriam David Tavel April 25, 1930- March 4, 2021



David Tavel joined our club on August 10, 2000. His classification was educator and writer. His sponsor was Glenn Mapes. David was a Paul Harris Fellow. David will be remembered by club members for his love of American history and his spirited conversations at lunch. He resigned his membership recently due to declining health. He is survived by his wife Marcia. Obituary information has not yet been posted.

March 4, 2021 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Solms at 12:00. Dave Evans offered the invocation. Bill led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We welcomed our guests, Carol Holtgrewe and Marianne Solms. Scott Thompson delivered the Joke of the Day.

Happy Money

- Virgil Holtgrewe complimented Mike Connolly on the fabulous program for the elementary school kids talking to the International Space Station. Mike commented that it went well and they were pleased to get their astronaut choice who does these programs so well.
- Ron Gordon gave \$50 for he and Vivian finishing COVID shot #2.
- Karen Thompson thanked our generous members who donated the Paul Harris Fellowship to her.

Announcements

- Bill said Duck Race test run #2 for the ducks will be April 5 at the Recreation Center.
- We need 12 volunteers to sort the ducks March 25 after the meeting.
- Cowboy Brad will produce a special performance for the day.
- The race will be streamed online again this year.
- Larry Williams ran the Kickoff Night for participating organizations last Monday.
- Adoptions online are open and that is the only way to adopt- there are no paper forms this year. Friday is the deadline for major sponsors to be signed to have their logos on the poster. Remember, individuals in our club can be a sponsor too, and several have done so.

Bill recognized club member birthdays for March. There were no anniversaries.

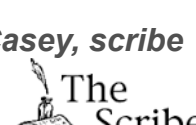
Program

Rick Taylor introduced our guest speaker, Sunny Schmitt, for American Legion Post 119. She told us about their new major project to build a Wall of Honor in front of their building. See more on website at 4everbricks.com/donors/post119. Tiles are for sale to honor individuals of service. They decided to make it inclusive so those who have served our community in general are eligible in addition to military, police, fire, emergency medical technicians. She also said that the club is open to the public; bar menu service daily; and that their major dinner entrée of the week is Fridays. The Friday steak dinner in the schedule rotation is excellent for \$25.

Adjournment

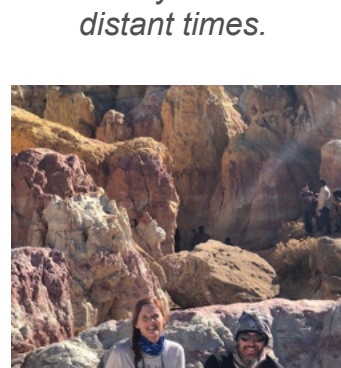
Bill Solms closed the meeting with the Four-Way Test.

Madison Casey, scribe



Member Spotlight: Matt Comstock

Each week our Spoke is profiling a member of our Club in order to get to know them better and stay connected through these socially distant times.



Jennifer and Matt Comstock

Matt Comstock was born in Maryland, but moved to Texas when he was 4 years old. After growing up in Houston, TX, Matt moved to Austin in 1986 to attend the University of Texas where he graduated with a degree in Advertising from the College of Communications. It was during this time that Matt met his future wife, Jennifer, and both moved to Dallas after graduation to begin careers in Advertising. They married in 1993 and celebrated their 27th anniversary in November.

Matt and Jennifer have been blessed with two children, Madison and Jack. Madison also graduated from the University of Texas in Austin, and is currently working at a digital media agency in Austin called PMG. Jack recently graduated from the Colorado School of Trades as a licensed gunsmith.

Matt has worked in the advertising industry for 30 years. Early in his career, he worked in Dallas for several global advertising agencies in their media departments. In this role, Matt developed strategies and media recommendations for international markets. In 1997, Matt took his training and experience and turned it into a career selling advertising. From 2000-2014, Matt worked at Yahoo! as a sales leader managing a team and a book of business exceeding \$150mm in advertising revenue. In 2014 Matt returned to the agency side and currently works remotely for Dallas-based Camelot Communications, a cutting-edge digital marketing company.

He stated they luckily stumbled onto Estes Park after living in Dallas for over 25 years. They would always come to the mountains in the summer to beat the Texas heat but would normally find their way to Telluride or Summit County. But it was an 18 year-old boy who brought them to Estes.

Their son was graduating high school and looking for colleges that had a great Wildlife program. He wanted to look Colorado State University and they came for a long weekend. After the college tour they hit the Big Thompson Canyon to spend the rest of the weekend in Estes Park. And while they left physically when the weekend was over, they could never get this place out of their hearts and minds. And less than three years later, they made the move!

Matt loves to do pretty much anything. But on most days, depending on the weather, you will find him for certain doing at least one of these things everyday (and usually more than one):

- Fishing - "Before coming to fly fishing country, I was a bass fisherman from Texas. The truth is, I don't care what rod I am holding or what fish I am catching, there is nothing that calms my soul like hanging with friends and family and putting a line in the water".
- Hiking - "Now this has become a big passion since moving to Estes Park. Whether it is a quick trip up to Dream Lake or a tester like hiking Mount Ypsilon, I absolutely love and need to be outside. We call it "Dirt Church" in my house because hitting the trails calms "my soul". Matt summited Longs Peak in 2019.
- Guitar - "I have played guitar for a while, but coming here and being surrounded by music has brought back the passion. I will usually practice for onehour a day on either my acoustic six string or, my newest addiction, my lap slide guitar. I finally got enough nerve to play at Ed's on their open mic night before COVID shut that down. I really want to hike a 14er this summer with a guitar on my back and play some John Denver tunes at the top. Pretty cliché I know".
- Reading - "After all that in a day, I usually need some mental down time. So I will spend a few minutes reading before the day ends. I have over 500 books downloaded on my iPad. I love pretty much any genre - history, fiction, non-fiction, mysteries, bios, graphic novels. I recently came across an author named Emily St. John Mandel. She is a really gifted story teller. Check her out".

Matt said "I am lucky to have made some fast friends in Estes Park. The first was Scott Thompson who took the time to make sure that my wife and I were set up for success in Estes Park. Among the many great things Scott did for us to make the transition a breeze was inviting me to join him for lunch at the regular Rotary meeting. My uncle, who has been one of the great personalities in my life, was a Rotarian in California and he would talk about all the great things Rotary does and the great friendships he made. Rotary was a perfect organization for me to join as it really expanded my network of friends and my knowledge of the opportunities to give time and resources to those in need".

In addition to all of these activities Matt has found the time to become Chairman of the Town Planning Commission.

Is Zoom a challenge? Anne Slack has the answers!

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 our club website's home page, under 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 world of Zoom, and think about printing it out for a friend. <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5241>

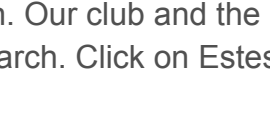
Thanks, Anne for your efforts to keep all of our members engaged until we can meet again!



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March 11 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Peter Sinnott**

Song & Pledge: **Bill Solms**

Guest Intro: **Scott**

Scribe: **Dana Fritz**

Greeter: **Scott**

Program Intro: **Michelle Mann**

Mar. 18 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Pete Sumey**

Song & Pledge: **Bill Solms**

Guest Intro: **Scott, Karol**

Scribe: **Pete Sumey**

Greeter: **Scott, Karol**

Program Intro: **Rick Taylor**

Upcoming Events

Foundation Board Meeting
Mar 18, 2021
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

[View entire list](#)

Speakers

Mar 11, 2021
Andrea Anthony
Financial Literacy for Women

Mar 18, 2021
Vanessa Solesbee and Matt Eisenberg
Getting Around Downtown This Summer

Mar 25, 2021
Bill Solms
Club Assembly, Committee Work

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Bruce Brown
March 15

Dave Evans
March 25

Anne Slack
March 28

Karen McClure
April 5

Lee Machin
April 11

Jim Austin
April 20

Trudy Collar
April 21

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
6 years

Lee Lasson
March 13, 2003
18 years

Beth Weisberg
March 16, 2020
1 year

Madison Casey
March 16, 2006
15 years

Mark Lee
March 16, 2020
1 year

Rita DuChateau
March 21, 2013
8 years

Dave Evans
March 22, 2007
14 years

Gladys Van Drie
April 3, 1997
24 years

Mike Connolly
April 3, 2008
13 years

Peter Sinnott
April 5, 2007
14 years

Gregg Jurgens
April 14, 2011
10 years

Trudy Collar
April 16, 2015
6 years

Carl Robicheaux
April 18, 2019
2 years

Bill Solms
April 21, 2016
5 years

Chuck Bonza
April 25, 2008
13 years

Dale Bonza
April 25, 2008
13 years

Philip Moenning
April 25, 2008
13 years

Scott Thompson
April 25, 2008
13 years

Tara Moenning
April 25, 2008
13 years

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Karen Thompson

International Service Director
Ron Gordon

Youth/New Generation Services Director
Sue Fereday

Membership Director
Anne Slack

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Grants
Jack Boatmen, Carl Robicheaux

Scholarships
Anne Slack

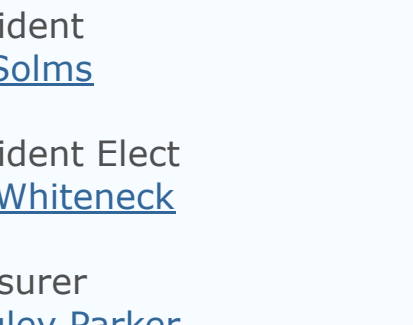
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Kathy Groesbeck, Dave Evans

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Tom Gardner

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2020-21 Rotary International Theme



Rotary Opens Opportunities

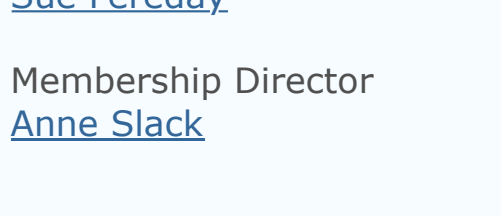
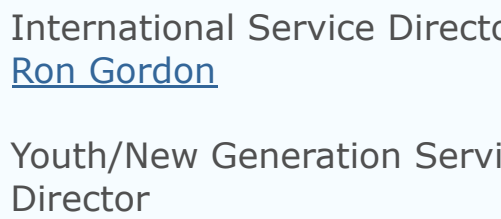
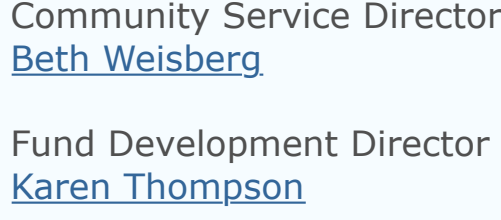
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