



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter



Club Picture at 11:45 AM

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>

Please remember to mute yourself unless you want to speak.

Rotary Weekly Luncheon

Place: American Legion

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

Cost: \$15

Parking: American Legion and the church only.

A Dream Come True!



Tom Chapel on the summit of "The Sharktooth, RMNP, 2019

Tom is a retired civil engineer living in Estes Park with spouse Donna and two cats. After growing up and attending college in Grand Junction, Tom and Donna relocated to Greeley, then Fort Collins in 1987 to facilitate Tom's graduate studies at Colorado State University. After an engineering and management career solving soil related problems of local to international scope, Tom retired in 2018 to spend more time on his current avocations: grandchildren, Search and Rescue, fitness, and mountaineering adventures (not necessarily in that order)!

Tom and Donna have been property owners in Estes Park since 2009. In 2016 they built their current residence in Stanley Heights,

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

March 24 Duty Roster

Invocation: Lee Lasson

Song & Pledge: Dennis Gellhaus

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

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Upcoming Events

Foundation Board Meeting

Mar 17, 2022

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

Duck Race 2022

Nicky's/Riverside Plaza

May 07, 2022

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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Speakers

Mar 17, 2022

[Tom Chapel](#)

The Denali Experience

which forms a perfect base camp for Tom's most recent obsession to climb all the named and/or ranked peaks in Rocky Mountain National Park (Tom is currently at 210 summits).

One of Tom's bucket list items has long been a climb of North America's highest peak: Denali, Alaska (20,310'). In 2014 Tom assembled a team of six climbers for an attempt on Denali's West Buttress route. A training injury in April 2015 delayed the climb for a year. This presentation is a glimpse into the successful June 2016 adventure by Tom and the team.

Update by President Jim Whiteneck

Announcements:

- "Picture Day" is this Thursday! We will be getting a new photo of Club members to replace the one on our website which is 10-15 years old. We will take photos just before the start of our meeting. Let's have a GREAT turn out!
- Thank you to Ron Gordon, Chuck & Dale Bonza, Jack Boatman, Longley Parker, Karol Rinehart, Bill Solms and others for quickly providing an opportunity for Club members and others to help out with the horrible humanitarian crisis in Ukraine! Due to the immediate needs, we hope to have most of our funds deployed before the end of the month. You can certainly contribute later.
- Reestablishing the Ernie Altick Award: Dave Evans and Kathy Grosbeck are developing a Committee to resume our long-standing Estes Park Rotary Club recognition for deserving members. Their plan is to have the Ernie Altick Program "up and running" by 1 July.
- The Rotary Duck Race, an "all hands on deck" event, is quickly coming up to speed. Please find a fun area where you can help! Speak with our Big Duck, Beth Weisberg, Little Duck, Bill Solms, Annie Slack, Scott Thompson, or anyone on the Committee to find areas where you can participate.
- Our awesome Club Administration Director, Karol Rinehart, will be placing sign-up sheets at weekly meetings to help organize our projects. Please sign up!
- Looking forward to seeing you Thursday! (Wear GREEN for Saint Patrick's Day!)

Credit Card Machine

**Longley has returned but the credit card machine is still not available
He will take IOUs if members have don't have cash or checks**

March 10, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Jim Whiteneck called the meeting to order.
Bill Smith gave the invocation

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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
2 years

Madison Casey
March 16, 2006
16 years

Jim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests of Rotarians:

Guests: none. 6 members on zoom.

Announcements:

- Jim recognized club anniversaries. No birthdays.
- Jim said the usual entrance to the Legion is closed for construction next week, so follow the walk around to the front door.
- Karol Rinehart said she will make meeting volunteer assignments available for sign up on clip boards to pass around at the meeting. She sent around the Greeter sheet.
- Annie Slack said merchant solicitations for duck race prizes starts next week. We need 350 or more. Beth says she has good results phoning. We mailed out donor requests to over 400 merchants but follow up is definitely needed to get results. Chamber of Commerce will help and is covering about 70 businesses.
- Gregg Jurgens will organize the duck sorting soon.
- Ron Gordon has researched how we can help Ukraine through Rotary. National is setting up a fund to collect our money to forward to vetted recipients for needed items. Ron would like our club members to donate, and hope our foundation will help. He donated \$1,000 today to start it off!



Ron Gordon

- Beth Weisberg said Duck Race Committee meets today at 5:00 by Zoom.
- The program next week will be the Denali experience, about Alaska.
- Today's Sergeant at Arms is Karen Thompson. Bill Smith stepped up and bid to do it next week.

Happy Money:

- Phil Moening was happy that Indiana came out of a slump and overcame a big deficit today to beat Michigan in the first round of the Big 10 basketball tournament.
- Carl Robicheaux was happy for Phil.
- Scott Robbins was sad for Michigan's loss.

Scott Thompson told his joke to good response.

Program:

We welcomed EVICS-Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success-Laurie Dale Marshall, Executive Director, and Rut Miller, Family Development Coordinator who told us about the many and varied programs they have for children, families, Latinx family services and on.



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 Moening

April 25, 2008
14 years

Scott Thompson

April 25, 2008
14 years

Tara Moening

April 25, 2008
14 years

Executives & Directors

President

Laurie Dale Marshall & Rut Miller



Jim presenting a piece of the Rock to Rut and Laurie

Adjournment:

We concluded with the Four Way Test.

Madison Casey and Pete Sumey, scribe



HELP!



Dear Club Members, we need Merchant Prize Volunteers.

- Please help us to follow up with businesses we have not heard from since mailing a prize request form to them.
- We have approximately 350 merchants who usually gladly give a prize if contacted personally either by phone or in person.
- Often they are just busy and forget so a reminder helps them and us. We want these prizes to enhance our Duck Race so there are lots of winners.
- Anne Slack can send you a packet of business names, 5, 10 or 20 merchants that you may contact.
- She can send you
 - the Volunteer Instruction sheet,
 - a list of merchants and
 - the prize donor form all electronically by email.
 - Or she can bring it to you in hard copy.
- We have eight people signed up to help already.
 - Thank you Jim S., Jim W., Karen T., Mary N., Bruce B. Bill S., Beth W. and ME
- We need 20 to 25 people so the job is not too onerous so please let Annie know by March 17.

4th Thursday of the Month

We would like to ask each of the Directors to present a brief update on their Committee so that the members are more aware of what's going on within the Club.

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Grants

[Jack Boatman, Carl Robicheaux](#)

Scholarships

[Tara Moenning](#)

Ernie Altick Program

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

Give to our Foundation while you shop!

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 in the smile.amazon.com, our foundation will receive a portion of the sale. All you need to do its 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 in the search. Click on Estes Park Rotary Foundation.
- Create a bookmark so every time you shop Amazon, you will participating in the smile.amazon.com program.



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