

Rotary Club Of Estes Park Spoke

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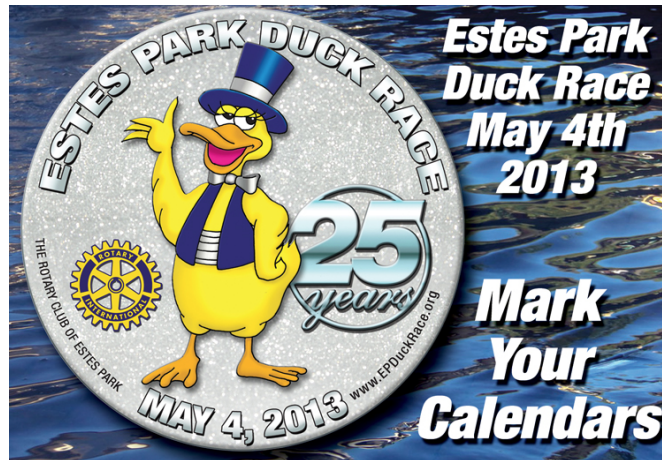
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Program

Posted by Brad Rosenbaum

This Week's Program

"What Makes the Duck Race Float?" with Marcia Logan & Thor Homme



Marcia Logan and Thor Homme are members of our Club and they joined forces after last May's race as the incoming Big Duck and Little Duck. Together they have worked with the Duck Race Committee to plan the 25th Anniversary Duck Race. They will provide an "insider's" look at how the race comes to be – what does it take to successfully float ~6,000 rubber ducks down Fall River the first Saturday in May.

Newest Member Rita DuChateau's Bio

Posted by Brad Rosenbaum

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A Feast Fit For Rotary
"The Peak" March 2013

Club Events

Rotary Foundation Board Library, Wasson Room Mar 25, 2013 05:00 AM
Duck Race Committee Nicky's Mar 28, 2013 05:00 AM
Youth Exchange Committee Optical Perspectives Office Mar 28, 2013 05:30 PM

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Rita DuChateau



Membership Transfer Request

I have been a member of the Rotary Club of Hinsdale, Illinois, District 6450 since 2005. In October, my husband and I moved to Estes Park. I would like to join the Estes Park Rotary Club.

Family History

I was born in Chicago, raised in the Chicago suburbs, and am the middle of five children. we attended parochial schools for our elementary years and were active members of our church.

Education

My high school experience is considered unique in today's view. I attended a small, all-girls, Catholic high school on Chicago's west side. It was an empowering education, which gave me the confidence to be the only child in my family to achieve a college degree. I attended the University of Illinois in Chicago and graduated with degrees in English and Secondary Education and minors in History and Journalism. After my children were in school, I took graduate classes in Library and Information Science at Dominican University in River Forest.

Career

I taught English and Journalism for six years at Downers Grove North High School, (Downers Grove, Illinois), where I also served as the school's publicist and sponsor of the student newspaper. Later, I worked as an education reporter for The Doings Newspapers, in Hinsdale, Illinois, for 12 years, covering several local school districts. Most recently, I served as Director of Communications for Community Consolidated School District 181, in Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills, for 10 years. I retired in June 2012.

Family

My husband Phil and I have four children: Jim, 32; Mike, 30; Kathryn, 28; and Robert, 25. Our sons work in the Chicago area, and our daughter and her husband live and work in Middleton, Wisconsin. Phil and I just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary.

Hobbies and Interests

We love to travel, and have been frequent visitors to Estes Park, one of my favorite vacation destinations, along with Hawaii and Europe. I enjoy reading, photography and gardening and have added hiking and writing a blog to my list of interests.

2012 Incoming Exchange Student Faustine Delebarre

Posted by Brad Rosenbaum

Faustine News!



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Recently Faustine was able to go on a trip to Utah for a stock show with her host mother Sue Fereday. Here are some pictures from their trip.





“Oh, it’s nobody’s fault but my own! I was looking up... it was the nearest thing to heaven! You were there...” -Name the movie

Anniversaries!

[Celebrated on the 3rd Thursday of March](#)

Bruce &Lindi Carmichael on the 26th



Birthdays!

Celebrated on the 1st Thursday of March

How old would you be if you didn't know how old you were? ~Satchel Paige

Jonathan Ford on the 12th
Bruce Brown on the 15th
Anne Marco on the 18th
Don Peterson on the 19th
Bryon Holmes on the 20th
Dave Evans on the 25th
Randy Davis on the 28th
Susan Day on the 28th
Anne Slack on the 28th

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Meeting Highlights

MEETING NOTES for ROTARY, MARCH 14th, 2013 (Harry Hutcherson reporting)

Just like the Gary Cooper movie, President Pete called us to order at High Noon (using the Rotary Bell rather than an inbound train!). Following his

welcoming greeting, he called on Jill Anderson for the invocation, Scott Thompson for the song (The Band Played On for a sort-a recognition of St. Patricks Day) and Pledge of Allegiance, and JR for introduction of visitors and guests.

Following these usual formalities, the Prez had a few meeting reminders including the Duck Race Quackers, the Golf Tournament Hackers, and the coming After Prom Party Backers who are hosts from (ahem) another Club, but he also reminded us that we will be able to “enjoy” the party decorations until March 30th when it will all come down. (Good thing, too: we don’t want our returning Sojourners thinking we party all the time they’re away for the winter, do we?)

More important was the announcement that Jo Persons has presented the Rotary Club of Estes Park with a wonderful donation of \$ 10,000 as a memoriam for long-time member and outstanding Rotarian Al Persons. This outstanding gift was a surprise to most of us, and left your reporter unable to keep up with those who answered Pete’s call for “Happy Money; however, I can confirm that former President Tom Anderson won the raffle.

Prez-To-Be Pete Sinnott was next on the program with his introduction of what may be The Personal Experience Program of the Year by Barry R. Sweet, who gave us one of the finest oversights of his work with the National Park Service in response to the devastation created in the Eastern Shores by Hurricane Sandy. This veteran member of our Park Ranger Alumni Association was one of the first volunteers on the scene at the beach front area and his heart-felt remarks and poignant observations were felt by all of us fortunate enough to be in attendance. He described moments of fear, frustration, shock, empathy, and just plain love of his fellow man as he told us in almost picture perfect terms about those who had lost almost everything of value in their lives ranging from personal keepsakes and photos to such possessions as homes, cars, boats and real estate. He touched on those who had exhibited great bravery and personal sacrifice in helping others and contrasted them with acts of looting and fraudulent conduct. His especially colorful comments began with one at the start of his presentation that “Life is messy”, and continued throughout as he drew to a close with his notice of “Quiet after chaos”. The latter is a short phrase that Ranger Sweet uses when most of the basements are pumped out, the trash and damaged furniture has been hauled away and the people now have time to sit back and think “what’s next?”.

Needless to say, we had the opportunity to meet and hear from one of the many “unsung hero’s” of our time and our traditional close with the Four Way Test was especially timely on that fine Thursday afternoon.

The End. HH

Meeting Pictures

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