



# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

### First 4th Thursday Committee Reports

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.

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.

### Update by President Jim Whiteneck

#### Announcements:

- Thanks to the Estes Park Rotary Club Foundation led by Carl Robicheaux for their decision to match up to \$5,000 of donations for the Ukrainian Disaster Response efforts made by the Club.
- These matching funds will make an ENORMOUS difference!
- We're looking forward to the Directors' updates from our Committees on Thursday.
- You'll find that our Club's activities are "doing good" in Estes and around the world.

### March 17, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Jim Whiteneck called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm after a Club picture was taken by Gordon Slack. President Whiteneck led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pete Sumey gave the Invocation. Madison Casey led the song "When Irish Eyes are Shining".

### March 24 Duty Roster

**Invocation:** Lee Lasson

**Song & Pledge:** Jim Whiteneck

**Guest Intro:** Scott Thompson

**Scribe:** Barry Harrigan

**Greeter:** Barry Harrigan

**Program Intro:** Dennis Gellhaus

### March 31 Duty Roster

**Invocation:** Fifth Thursday

**Song & Pledge:** No Meeting

**Guest Intro:** Fifth Thursday

**Scribe:** No Meeting

**Greeter:** Fifth Thursday

**Program Intro:** No Meeting

### Upcoming Events

#### Duck Race 2022

Nicky's/Riverside Plaza

May 07, 2022

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

[View entire list](#)

### Birthdays, Anniversaries

#### Member Birthdays

**Dave Evans**

March 25

**Anne Slack**

March 28



#### Guests of Rotarians:

- Dennis Gelhaus introduced his wife, Roberta.
- Guy Van der Werf introduced his wife, Leslie.
- Annie Slack introduced her husband, Gordon.
- Jim Whiteneck introduced Richard Jess (RJ) who has just applied for membership.
- Donna Chapel introduced herself. She is a visiting Rotarian from Fort Collins, Colorado.

#### Announcements:

- Anne Slack announced that Gail Corrigan turned in her Good Beginnings Checklist, which new members all have to complete.
- Anne is looking for more volunteers to call 350 merchants to solicit Duck Race prizes.
  - Merchants usually gladly give a prize if contacted.
  - Please contact Anne to volunteer and she will provide further information for you.
- Greg Jergens said there will be a "Duck Sorting" party at the Quality Inn after the April 7th meeting. Please mark your calendar.
- Jim Whiteneck announced that the Ukrainian contributions so far are >\$3,500 and our club is considering matching all donations from our club.
  - If anyone has already donated through the National organization, please let Longley Parker know, so he can include that for our matching funds.
  - We will collect checks again next week.
- Beth Weisberg announced that according to the Charity Navigator website, Rotary International is rated with a perfect score of 100 and a 4 star rating of excellence, which is the best you can achieve. So, it is the best way to donate for Ukraine.
- Jim announced that Bill Solms and Dennis Gelhaus are still looking for a volunteer/nomination for the President-Elect position.
- The Foundation Board Meeting is today at 1:30 at the Quality Inn.
- Next week, we will hear activity summaries from each of the Committee Chairpersons.
- The Greeter was Gail Corrigan.

#### Bill Smith, Sergeant-At-Arms,

- gave \$5 for Jim Whiteneck doing volunteer work at 6am.
- fined everyone \$5 if they were not wearing green
- \$5 if they are not in the Paul Harris group
- \$5 if they had not signed up yet to volunteer for Duck Race activities.

Based on the amount of dollar bills in the glasses on the tables, this was a major fund raiser!

#### Karen McClure

April 5

#### Lee Machin

April 11

#### Jim Austin

April 20

#### *Anniversaries*

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#### 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*

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#### 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

#### Mark Lee

March 16, 2020  
2 years

#### Rita DuChateau

March 21, 2013  
9 years

#### Dave Evans

March 22, 2007  
15 years

Anne Slack volunteered to be Sergeant-At-Arms next week because she does not have enough to do.

**Scott Thompson told several St. Patrick's day one liner jokes.**

#### Happy Money:

- Pete Sumey was happy that his beard is 2 years old today.
- Barry Hannigan was happy about and looking forward to Tom Chapel's presentation.
- Jim Whiteneck was happy that RJ is going to join our club.
- Beth Weisber was also happy that RJ is joining.
- Madison Casey was also happy that RJ is joining.

#### Program:

Dennis Gelhaus introduced his friend of 30 years, Tom Chapel. Tom is an experienced mountaineer and probably knows RMNP and all its trails better than anyone. Tom made a fabulous presentation on his Denali Adventure including all the necessary training and equipment. He and his 4-person team successfully climbed >13,000 feet to the summit starting from a point part way up the mountain that they were taken to by helicopter. It took 16 days, stopping at 5 camps, not including the base camp, and 2 days to descend. They each carried 50 – 60 lbs. of gear plus a sled with more gear. The biggest tasks were setting up camp, tearing down camp and making water, which could each take 2 hours. There were times when people "punched through the snow bridge", falling 10 – 20 feet through the snow into a crevasse. But, each team is roped together, so they can pull someone out.



Tom Chapel



Jim presenting a piece of the Rock

#### Adjournment:

President Whiteneck adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm with the 4-Way Test.

*Pete Sumey and Gail Corrigan, scribes*




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### 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**

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

#### 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

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Sergeant-at-Arms

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

## 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.
- Thanks to everyone who has signed up.
- We welcome anyone else who wants to help contact businesses for prizes.

## International Committee Spearheads Local Fundraising for Rotary Relief to Ukraine

Our Rotary Club of Estes Park is taking the initiative to encourage contributions to the Rotary International Disaster Response Fund to support disaster response grants to districts in Eastern Europe affected by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

These expedited Disaster Response Grants can be used to supply water, food, medicine, shelter, and clothing.

Our own club foundation will consider an additional donation in addition to this call to our members to donate.

Contributing to the Rotary International Foundation Disaster Response Fund has been recommended and encouraged by:

- Rotary Club of Estes Park International Committee (ad hoc) for Ukrainian Refugee Relief
- Rotary District 5440 Grants Chair
- Rotary District 5440 Governor
- Rotary International Foundation Chair

On-line donations: <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate> (check the box for Disaster Response Fund -one time donation)

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To help our own Foundation understand our impact, please send Longley Parker an email at [jlparker@frii.com](mailto:jlparker@frii.com) with the amount you donated at the RI website.

- Donations may be turned in at club meetings or mailed to:
  - Rotary Club of Estes Park
  - PO Box 1365
  - Estes Park CO 80517
- Checks should be made out to: Rotary International Foundation
  - Memo line should note: Disaster Response Fund - Ukraine
- Timeline
  - Our target date for completing this effort is March 31, but prompt donations will be appreciated, as the need is immediate!
  - The treasurer of the Noon Rotary will forward donations to the RI Foundation frequently because of the urgency of the situation.
  - A listing will accompany these mailings of each donor and amount.
  - Donations will be accepted after March 31, but the spirit of this “deadline” is to quickly supply as much aid as possible through the RI Disaster Response Fund to Rotary Districts in Eastern Europe that are supplying needed water, food, medicine, shelter, supplies, and clothing.



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## Amaro Tan Playground Plaque



*Michelle Mann*



*Children at Amaro Tan Playground*

During a recent visit to Albania, NG USA Executive Director and Rotarian Michelle Mann was present for the installation of a very special plaque at the playground at Amaro Tan School.

- The playground was installed last fall at the kindergarten, the result of a grant from Rotary Club of Estes Park and Rotary District 5440.



- It features an age-appropriate play structure with slides, a swingset, a seesaw, and a refurbished sandbox.
- The children at Amaro Tan enjoy it every day.
- The plaque reads “The Amaro Tan School Playground, generously donated by Rotary,” in English and Albanian, and features the logos of Rotary International, Rotary Club of Estes Park, and Nehemiah Gateway Albania.
- Nehemiah Gateway Albania is incredibly grateful for Rotary Club of Estes Park’s support, which has brought aid and joy to many of the children we work with. Amaro Tan is a school for at-risk children living in extreme poverty.
- The school provides a safe and supportive place for them to learn and grow—and now, a wonderful new place to play!

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## 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](https://smile.amazon.com), our foundation will receive a portion of the sale. All you need to do is sign up to get the funds flowing. And SHOP!

- Go to: [smile.amazon.com](https://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.
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