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Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

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Mar 26, 2020
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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Apr 02, 2020
8:15 AM - 9:30 AM

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Apr 07, 2020
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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Nicky's
Apr 16, 2020
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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POSTPONED
May 02, 2020
9:00 AM - 4:15 PM

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Birthdays, A

Member Birthd

Welcome to our Club!

We meet Thursdays at 12:00 PM
Nicky's Steakhouse
1350 Fall River Rd.
Estes Park, CO 80517
United States of America

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Posted by Rita DuChateau

Coronavirus Guidelines:

Cancellations enacted to keep all safe

In compliance with state and local guidelines to curb transmission of the Coronavirus, the Club Board of Directors has voted to cancel the following meetings:

- Thursday, March 26 Club Meeting
- Thursday, April 2 Club Meeting
- Tuesday, April 7 Board of Directors Meeting

In addition, the April 2 *Josh the Baby Otter* reading event/book distribution to kindergarten students has been canceled.

Rotary International and District 5440 Updates

- Rotary International has canceled the June 6-10 International Convention in Honolulu.
- District 5440 has canceled the May 29-30 District Conference.
- District 5440 has canceled the May 28 Foundation Dinner.
- At this time July RYLA and YRYLA are still on the calendar. Video interviews for candidates are recommended.

Sunrise Rotary in Estes Park will not meet again until April 14.

President Doug Mann's 3/22 message

Dear Club Members -

These are certainly challenging times for us all! Thank you for your patience and understanding as we struggle together to make sense of the days we are living through at the moment.

I appreciate each of you so much, and your understanding in regard to all of our Rotary cancellations. I am excited for the day, very soon I hope, that Rotary can make a substantial impact in regard to helping our local community and our nation get back on its feet.

In the meantime, look for ways you can help your neighbors and community as individual Rotarians. We may not be able to assemble weekly at the moment - but our power is in both our joint and individual commitment to "Service Above Self." Now is certainly the time for us to live up to our motto.

*Be safe.
Be carriers of encouragement.
I look forward to seeing each of you soon!*

Doug Mann, President



March 22, 2020

Estes Park Rotary Duck Race to announce new date Ducks hope to race for charities in mid-August

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Rotary Club of Estes Park has decided to postpone this year's Duck Race Festival by several months. While it's too early to announce a new date, Duck Race planners hope to stage the event later this summer, if circumstances permit. A mid-August date is under consideration. Duck adoption sales, which began in late February, will continue with paper forms and online purchases at epduckrace.org until Race Day.

"We realize this is a difficult time for everyone, and since we don't know when social distancing restrictions and mandated closures will be lifted, we decided it would be best to postpone the race and all the festivities of the day," said 2020 'Big Duck' Karen Thompson.



Lucky says "Stay well!"

The committee's decision, made March 19 at an online meeting of more than two dozen members of the planning team, underscores the importance of the event to the community. Last year's Duck Race raised \$128,700 for 67 community organizations. Over 6,700 ducks were adopted.

"Because this is such an important fundraiser for so many wonderful organizations in the Estes area, we didn't want to consider canceling it," Thompson explained. "At the same time, we had to keep everyone's safety at the forefront, and the only way to do that was to postpone the race."

The planning team is viewing the postponement as positively as possible under the circumstances, Thompson said. The "glass half full" approach envisions more favorable August weather, more time for participating organizations to sell duck adoptions, and more time to build excitement for a community-wide celebration of a hopeful return to normalcy. In addition, an August date may draw new spectators who have never seen a fundraising duck race.

"We hope that by holding the event when the weather is almost guaranteed to be beautiful, we'll have a great turnout for the day's festivities," Thompson added. "We look forward to running a great race and giving away hundreds of prizes donated by our very generous merchants and sponsors. Most importantly, the participating organizations will be able to raise funds in order to carry on with their good work."

More details on the Estes Park Rotary Duck Race Festival will be shared in upcoming weeks, as the committee finalizes details of the postponed event with the Town of Estes Park, partners and vendors. Thompson wants to emphasize that the decision to delay follows Rotary International's guiding principles: "Is it fair to all concerned?" and "Is it beneficial to all concerned?"

"For all that has happened in the world with COVID-19 these last several months, it was important that the Rotary Club of Estes Park stand by its beliefs and make these necessary changes with the hope that circumstances will support rescheduling," she said. In the past 31 years, the Estes Park Duck Race has returned more than \$2.7 million to Estes Valley organizations that serve residents of all ages.

The Grand Opening of Duck Central has been postponed. Participating Organizations are asked to collect and safeguard cash and checks from duck adoptions until further notice.

Give to our Foundation while you shop!

The Rotary Club of Estes Park Foundation is a recipient of funds in the smile.amazon.com. Each order you place will send a portion of the sale to our Foundation. All you need to do is 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 be participating in the smile.amazon.com program.



Rotary Quote of the Week

*"Be safe.
Be carriers of encouragement.
I look forward to seeing each of you soon!"*

-President Doug Mann

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

Anniversaries

Guy Van der Leslie
April 5

Karen Thompson
Scott Thompson
April 16

Scott Thompson
Karen
April 16

Peter Sinnott
Stephanie
April 20

Harry Livingstone
Mary
April 23

Jon Thompson
Tina
April 25

Join Date

Karol Rinehart
March 5, 2015
5 years

Lee Lasson
March 13, 2008
17 years

Madison Case
March 16, 2006
14 years

Rita DuChateau
March 21, 2013
7 years

Dave Evans
March 22, 2008
13 years

Gladys Van Dine
April 3, 1997
23 years

Mike Connolly
April 3, 2008
12 years



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Peter Sinnott

April 5, 2007

13 years

Gregg Jurgen

April 14, 2011

9 years

Trudy Collar

April 16, 2015

5 years

Carl Robicheau

April 18, 2019

1 year

Chuck Bonza

April 25, 2008

12 years

Dale Bonza

April 25, 2008

12 years

Philip Moennig

April 25, 2008

12 years

Scott Thompson

April 25, 2008

12 years

Tara Moennig

April 25, 2008

12 years

Virgil Yarbro

April 28, 2016

4 years

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