



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

**No Meeting This Week!
March 31, 2022
5th Thursday**

**So enjoy the warmer weather and be sure to
come next week.**

**No Update by President Jim Whiteneck
Next Week!!!**

March 24, 2022 Meeting Notes

Dennis Gellhaus called the meeting to order at 12:04.
Lee Lasson gave the Invocation
Dennis Gellhaus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests of Rotarians:

Bill Smith introduced Dawn Shields.
Jay Harroff introduced his wife Jane.

Annie Slack, Sergeant-at-Arms said

- the recent club photo is available to see at the entrance table
- recognized Gail Corrigan for completing her "Good Beginning" form after becoming a new member.
- donated \$5 in honor of Beth Weisberg for the amazing job she is doing as Big Duck.
- charged a few people \$1 for several infractions.

Paul Harris Presentation:

Annie then recognized **Milt Garrett** for the Paul Harris Fellowship.

- It is his fifth contribution totaling \$5000.00
- to the Rotary International Foundation for worldwide humanitarian and educational programs.
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March 31 Duty Roster

Invocation: No Meeting

Song & Pledge: Fifth Thursday

Guest Intro: No Meeting

Scribe: Fifth Thursday

Greeter: No Meeting

Program Intro: Fifth Thursday

April 7 Duty Roster

Invocation: Dennis Gellhaus

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Pete Sumej

Greeter: Jack Boatman

Program Intro: Dennis Gellhaus

Upcoming Events

Club Board Meeting

Wasson Room, Library
Apr 06, 2022
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Duck Sorting

Apr 07, 2022
1:15 PM – 1:15 PM

Duck Race Committee Meeting via Zoom

Apr 07, 2022
5:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Duck Race 2022

Nicky's/Riverside Plaza



Birthdays: Dave Evans, March 25; Annie Slack, March 28; and Karen McClure, April 5.

Anniversaries: Guy and Leslie Van der Werf: April 5, Scott and Karen Thompson, April 16

Joined Club: Karol Rinehart, March 5, Lee Lasson, March 13, Beth Weisberg, Madison Casey, Mark Lee, March 16, Rita DuChateau, March 21, Dave Evans, March 22.

Scott Thompson told his joke to good effect

Happy Money:

- Annie Slack reported for Jack Overly who was happy that
 - a beautiful bench was placed at the Catholic Church in honor of his wife Mary
 - It has one butterfly to represent Mary who described herself as a "social butterfly"
 - and for his new great granddaughter, Kara.
- Milt Garrett was happy for a Russian who was a founder of a Rotary club and is now in the US
- Bill Solms was also happy for the Russian founder
- Dave Evans was happy because his children are having a birthday party for him.

Announcements:

- President's Night will be Saturday, June 18 at the Legion
 - Cash bar starts at 5:30
 - Awards will be announced at 6:40
 - There is a possible conflict with the golf tournament.
- Several officers are needed:
 - President-elect, Secretary, and Website coordinator.
 - Please consider volunteering for one of these!
- Board meeting will be Wed., April 6, in the Wasson Room at the library.
- Friendship cards are still for sale at various places, including the Visitor's Center, Safeway, and the Country Market.
- People are still needed for collecting Merchant Prizes for the Duck Race. Please sign up!
- Scott Thompson recognized multiple sponsors for the duck race
 - He has sponsorship forms if you wish to participate.
- Gregg Jurgens announced that the ducks will be sorted on April 7.
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May 07, 2022
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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Speakers

Apr 07, 2022
[Donna Chapel](#)
African Safari Experience

Apr 14, 2022
[Chris Bieker](#)
Upper Thompson Sanitation
Reclamation Facility

Apr 21, 2022
[Billy Jivetti](#)
Community Health Center West
Kenya

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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

- Lee Lasson said that next Thursday, March 31, at 1:30 they will move the duck support office to Ridgeline.
 - Please consider helping
 - Meet at the Duck Race shed.

Director Reports:

Tara Moenning reported on **Fundraising Committee** setting dates for various events:

- Shred-a-thon is Aug. 27
- John Denver concert at the YMCA Sept. 3
- winter dinner will be Dec. 6 or 7
- applications for scholarships will be available after April 1
 - The Carver Scholarship will be offered this year for the last time due to expired funds
 - she went over the other named scholarships



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Longley Parker passed out the **Treasury Report**.

- There are two budgets:
 - an administrative budget
 - a project budget
- The funding sources for the project budget are
 - beer sales
 - tips (Happy Money)
 - friendship cards
 - The friendship cards have generated almost \$9000.00 this year
 - Those funds will be available for projects next year.



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Beth Weisberg discussed the **Duck Race and Community Service**.

- There are 65 organizations involved with **Duck Race**, all of whom are sending volunteers.
- EPNRC will manage the river and will need about 60 river patrollers.
- Scott Thompson is doing well with sponsors
 - the last day to sign up for that and be recognized is March 30.
- Annie Slack needs more help with contacting businesses for prizes, so please sign up.
- Visit Estes Park has helped very much with the publicity.
- **Community Service** has \$1800 left for this year.

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

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

- o Please talk to her if you have an idea for an in-person project.



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Annie Slack said the **Membership Committee**

- will have a social event on the last Thursday in June
- is working on a brochure to take to Newcomers about Rotary
 - o to help people who are thinking of joining the organization.

We finished with the four-way pledge.

Barry Hannigan, scribe



Duck Race Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 7, at 5:00 p.m. on Scott's Zoom.

**The link to attend the meeting is
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>**

All club members are asked to come help sort the ducks at Quality Inn, immediately following the noon Rotary meeting on Thursday, April 7.

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.

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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Foundation Officers/Directors

- 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.

Spring Clean Up Day



It's Spring Clean Up time again!

Over the winter a lot of trash and debris collects along our roads, in trees and bushes, around our lakes, and along the river.

Many volunteers are needed to assist in the annual cleanup of our Town in preparation for the Duck Race, to create a safer environment, and to beautify our community for residents and visitors.

Mark your calendars for the morning of Saturday, April 30th, 9 am to noon to help with this effort, a collaboration of the Town of Estes Park, the Rotary Club of Estes Park, the Estes Valley Recreation and Parks Department, and Atlas Disposal.

Groups and volunteers are asked to meet at 9 am at the east side of the Visitor's Center for instructions, route assignments, and distribution of orange bags.

Watch for another article with more information to follow.

You may contact Tara Moenning at

tara@aspenbrookinvestments.com if you have questions.

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.

To date our club has donated \$5,301.

Our club Foundation has approved up to \$5000 to match whatever the club gives.

It would be great if the club donations far exceeded the Foundation's match!

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 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.

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!

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 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.



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