



# The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

## Zoom only this week

This week's meeting will be conducted **ONLY** on Zoom. Our Zoom Host is Scott Thompson.

Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>

### This week's program: American Legion plans for Wall of Honor

Our program on Thursday, March 4 will feature an exciting project sponsored by the Estes Park American Legion Post 119. Our speaker, Deborah Schmitt, will describe the Wall of Honor Project, which aims to commemorate the service of our veterans, their family members and the community.

Deborah "Sunny" Schmitt is a member of Post 119 and the Sunrise Rotary. She retired from the Air Force after 22 years of active service.



Deborah Schmitt

To join the meeting on Zoom, click on the link before noon and Host Scott Thompson will welcome you: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>

## February 25, 2021 Meeting Notes

President Bill Solms called the meeting to order at noon on Zoom and welcomed 19 participants. He announced that the March 4 meeting would be Zoom only and that he hopes to return to Nicky's soon.

### Announcements

- The Duck Race Committee meets today at 5 p.m. The Duck Race Software Committee meets today at 4 p.m.
- Big Duck expects that a Ballet Renaissance performance will be taped for replay on Race Day.
- Bill Solms said there will be no cycling event in conjunction with the Duck Race this year, but there will be a 5K sponsored by Belle Morris and the Running Club.
- Carl Robicheaux is counting on our club to help with the Estes Park Marathon and Half Marathon on June 20. He will make additional announcements to recruit volunteers.
- Mike Connolly is hoping that club members tune in tomorrow morning to hear our fifth-graders talk to an astronaut on the International Space Station.
- Little Duck Beth Weisberg needs four club members to volunteer for Merchant Prize Duty. Your commitment will be to contact merchants to follow up on a solicitation letter. Calls or in-person visits will most likely take place the first week of April. Contact Beth to volunteer.

In Sue Fereday's absence, Doug Mann gave the Invocation on thankfulness. Bill led the Pledge. We welcomed guests Marianne Solms and Carol Holtgrewe. Scott told not one, but TWO jokes, one about a snail and another about a handyman.

### Happy Money

- Bill Solms is happy it's a committee meeting day.
- Karen Thompson is happy that Friendship Cards are selling *PHENOMENALLY* well at the Country Market.
- Karol Rinehart is happy to have received her first COVID shot today.

Bill spoke about inclusion and a future possible program on diversity in Rotary. He said Jim Whiteneck and Dennis Gellhaus will soon attend leadership training for incoming presidents. Bill also recommended Doug Mann's book as a good read. It is available on Amazon, in print and electronic formats.

### Other Announcements

- The Community Service Committee will meet at 2:30 today.
- Ron Gordon has confirmed a June 3 program on the Albania Summer Camp. He also drew our attention to his spiffy 17-year old polo shirt advertising the 2004 Duck Race.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 with the recitation of the Four-Way Test and a reminder to Board members that they have a meeting on March 2.

Rita DuChateau, scribe



*Editor's Note: Because he believes in truthfulness, Longley Parker announces that he is now 70 years old, having entered his 70's as 4:45 p.m. on Feb. 18. Welcome to your new decade, septuagenarian!*

## Club grant supports literacy

Our club recently provided a \$400 grant to EVICS (Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success) for the purchase of bilingual books. Once the books arrived, EVICS shared this photo of little Valentina with several of the books our grant funded. EVICS is very excited to be able to provide bilingual books to clients.



## The Duck Race needs YOU!

Have you ever considered becoming an Associate or Major Sponsor for the Duck Race? For a donation as small as \$100 you can be part of this exciting fundraiser. Scott Thompson needs you to help feather the Duck Race nest with a contribution. Several club members have already waddled up!

Scott can further explain the benefits of either kind of sponsorship. Briefly, they include:

- Major Sponsors donate \$500 or more.
- Associate Sponsors donate \$100-\$499.
- Sponsors are recognized according to sponsorship level in Duck Race promotions, on the event website and in local newspapers.
- Major Sponsors have extra benefits, including a large plastic duck personally decorated with their name that will "swim" on race day. Those sponsor ducks are then displayed at supporting businesses in town, where they showcase the donors' community spirit. Major sponsors will be recognized on the Race Day broadcast on the Rocky Mountain Channel, and their logos will be displayed on the event poster, in weekly ads, and on the Duck Race Facebook page and website. In addition, Major Sponsors will be featured in a short video that they can share.

Reach out to Scott Thompson at [scott@estesparkhome.com](mailto:scott@estesparkhome.com) to help these ducks swim in '21!



## Is Zoom a challenge? Anne Slack has the answers!

For anyone new to the workings of Zoom, it can be a confusing experience. Our Membership Chair Anne Slack took on the challenge of creating a step-by-step tutorial on navigating Zoom.

The document is posted on our club website's home page, under Home Page Download Files (left hand side of the page) for your future reference. Click on this link to be taken to our club's home page to read all about the world of Zoom, and think about printing it out for a friend! <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5241>

Thanks, Anne for your efforts to keep all of our members engaged until we can meet again!



## 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.
- Create a bookmark so every time you shop Amazon, you will be participating in the smile.amazon.com program.



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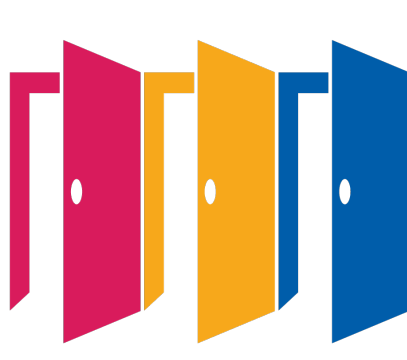
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## 2020-21 Rotary International Theme



## March 4 Duty Roster

Invocation: [Karen McClure](#)

Song & Pledge: [Bill Solms](#)

Guest Intro: [Scott, Karol](#)

Scribe: [Madison Casey](#)

Greeter: [Scott, Karol](#)

Program Intro: [Rick Taylor](#)

## Mar. 11 Duty Roster

Invocation: [Peter Sinnott](#)

Song & Pledge: [Bill Solms](#)

Guest Intro: [Scott, Karol](#)

Scribe: [Dana Fritz](#)

Greeter: [Scott, Karol](#)

Program Intro: [Michelle Mann](#)

## Upcoming Events

[Distribution Night \(Virtual\)](#)

Zoom

Mar 01, 2021

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

[Club Board Meeting](#)

Mar 02, 2021

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[Foundation Board Meeting](#)

Mar 18, 2021

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

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## Speakers

Mar 04, 2021

[Deborah Schmitt](#)

American Legion Wall of Honor

Mar 11, 2021

[Andrea Anthony](#)

Financial Literacy for Women

Mar 18, 2021

[Vanessa Solesbee and Matt Eisenberg](#)

Getting Around Downtown This Summer

Mar 25, 2021

[Bill Solms](#)

Club Assembly, Committee Work

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## Birthdays, Anniversaries

### Member Birthdays

**Bill Smith**

February 1

**Jeff Liddle**

February 1

**Rita DuChateau**

February 1

**Gordon Ulrickson**

February 3

**Sarah Walsh**

February 3

**Ward Nelson**

February 4

**Mike Connolly**

February 5

**Pete Sumey**

February 7

**Longley Parker**

February 18

**Claudine Perrault**

February 20

**Bob Benight**

February 26

**Bruce Brown**

March 15

**Dave Evans**

March 25

**Anne Slack**

March 28

### Anniversaries

**Rita DuChateau**

February 3

**Wayne Andersen**

February 6

**Carl Robicheaux**

February 14

**Gregg Jurgens**

February 14

**Larry Williams**

February 14

**Jay Harroff**

February 17

[Join Date](#)

**Sarah Walsh**

February 2, 2012

9 years

**Dennis Gellhaus**

February 22, 2018

3 years

**Karol Rinehart**

March 5, 2015

6 years

**Lee Lasson**

March 13, 2003

18 years

**Beth Weisberg**

March 16, 2020

1 year

**Madison Casey**

March 16, 2006

15 years

**Mark Lee**

March 16, 2020

1 year

**Rita DuChateau**

March 21, 2013

8 years

**Dave Evans**

March 22, 2007

14 years

## Executives & Directors

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[John Thomason](#)

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[Dave Evans](#)

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[Karol Rinehart](#)

Community Service Director

[Beth Weisberg](#)

Fund Development Director

[Karen Thompson](#)

International Service Director

[Ron Gordon](#)

Youth/New Generation Services Director

[Sue Fereday](#)

Membership Director

[Anne Slack](#)

## Foundation Officers/Directors

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[Carl Robicheaux](#)

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Secretary

[Dave Evans](#)

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[Gregg Jurgens](#)

Grants

[Jack Boatmen, Carl Robicheaux](#)

Scholarships

[Anne Slack](#)

Kathy Altick Program

[Ernie Groesbeck, Dave Evans](#)

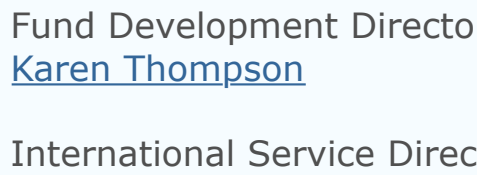
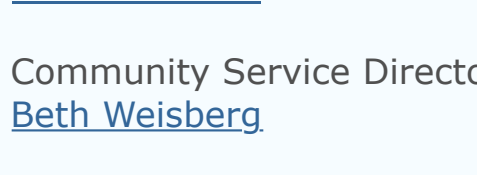
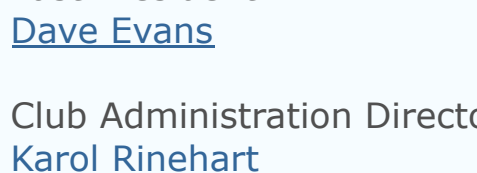
Investments

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[Brad Rosenbaum](#)



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