



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

An Overview of the Rotary Foundation

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.



Carl Robicheaux



Madison Casey

Carl W Robicheaux is President of the Rotary Foundation. He is married to Aime. They have one daughter, three grandchildren and two Rhodesian Ridgebacks.

Carl and Aime have been full-time Estes Park residents since 2018.

Carl practices law in Estes Park at Elkhorn Law Office and is licensed in Colorado, Louisiana and Connecticut.

He has been a Rotarian since 2019 and is currently serving as President of the Estes Park Rotary Foundation.

Carl is active in the community and is on the Board of Directors of the Estes Park Health Foundation and Estes Chamber of Commerce.

Carl enjoys fly-fishing, hiking and trying to surprise people with his snarky sarcastic comments.

Carl was born and raised in South Louisiana and is exceptionally proud of his Cajun heritage.

Madison Casey is Past President of the Rotary Foundation. Madison has been part of our Rotary Clubs Foundation's investment since we brought the management in house in 2009.

He was on the committee with Chair Marsha Yelick, who wrote our investment management policy.

Madison is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and passed the CPA Exam out of college, though did not practice to be certified.

He worked for 12 years as a stock analyst and client liaison in New York for Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. (now JP Morgan) and then the since merged Cyrus J. Lawrence Inc.

May 12 Duty Roster

Invocation: Pete Sinnott

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Barry Hannigan

Greeter: Carl Robicheaux

Program Intro: Dennis Gellhaus

May 19 Duty Roster

Invocation: Virgil Holtgrewe

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Pete Sumeey

Greeter: Scott Robbins

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Upcoming Events

Presidents Night

Nicky's

Jun 16, 2022 5:30 PM

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Speakers

May 12, 2022

[Carl Robicheaux](#)

The Rotary Foundation

May 19, 2022

[Lee Varra-Nelson](#)

District 5440 Governor Visit

He has a MBA in Finance & Management, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and a BS in Business Administration, Accounting concentration, with Distinction, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The intention of this program is for Rotarians to better understand the Foundation, its purpose and financials.

Presidents' Night - Changing of the Guard

This Presidents' Night is a time to unite with friends and family and celebrate the Rotary Changing of the Guard.

- The new Board Members, Directors, and Foundation Board will be introduced.
- We will honor our fellow Rotarians with the annual awarding of the Spirit, Rotarian of the Year, Distinguished Service, and Living Legacy Awards,
- and highlight the evening with honoring the current President and the Passing of the Gavel to the new President.

Presidents' Night at Nicky's Steakhouse Thursday, June 16, 2022

Social Time 5:30 – 6:00 (Cash Bar)
Dinner 6:00 – 6:45
Program 6:45 – 7:30

Nicky's Menu

Choice of **one** entrée per guest (Preordered)
Prime Rib, Salmon, or Vegetarian Lasagna

Bread and Butter
House salad (Ranch, Greek Goddess, Vinaigrette, Blue Cheese)
Vegetable
Potato or pasta depending on entree
Chocolate cake

\$50 per person (tax and gratuity included)

*****RSVP Required by Thursday, June 2, 2022*****

*****Please state (1.) the number attending, (2.) Entrée selection and (3) salad dressing selection for each*****

(Prime Rib, Salmon, Vegetarian Lasagna, and salad dressing: Ranch, Greek Goddess, Vinaigrette, Blue Cheese)

RSVP to Karol at kj.rinehart@centurylink.net

*****If plans change and you are unable to attend please notify Karol.*****

Nicky's Steakhouse, 1320 Fall River Rd, Estes Park, CO

Update by President Jim Whiteneck

Announcements:

- Our Duck Race has just finished this afternoon. I could not be more amazed and proud of what YOU have accomplished!! With our great Duck Race leadership and so many, many people performing their specialized and complicated tasks, together you have provided significant resources for our many Estes Valley charities! What an AMAZING job!!!
- Our Rotary Scholarships will be presented next Tuesday, May 17, at the Estes Park High School Auditorium at 6 PM. It is a

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Tara Moenning

May 3

Tom Anderson

May 10

Rob Cohen

May 14

Sue Fereday

May 17

Jack Boatman

May 18

Brad Rosenbaum

May 22

Dmitri Galcovski

May 24

Gladys Van Drie

May 24

Scott Thompson

May 27

Karen Thompson

May 28

Larry Williams

June 6

Wayne Andersen

June 10

Jim Whiteneck

June 18

Wayne Newsom

June 20

Gail Corrigan

June 27

Anniversaries

Virgil Holtgrewe

Carol

May 8

Madison Casey

Marty Yochum

May 20

really exciting time for our high school seniors! I hope you can come and see the joy for yourselves.

- Carl Robicheaux and Madison Casey will be speaking this Thursday about our Estes Park Rotary Club Foundation. It will be great information for all of our members to understand how we work hand-in-glove together supporting Estes Valley and beyond!
- Next week we will be visited by our District Governor Elect, Lee Varra-Nelson. She has close ties to Estes Park. Perhaps we will gain insight into the District Conference which will be held here at the end of this coming Rotary year.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday when we will hear more details of the results of the Duck Race!

May 5, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Jim Whiteneck rang the bell at 11:58.
 Anne Slack gave the Invocation.
 President Jim led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 Madison Casey accompanied the singing of "Take Me Out to the Duck Race".

Guests of Rotarians:

President Jim introduced wife Carol.
 Milt Garrett introduced Wayne Groom, Mike Fallon, Connie and Jim Beard, Ken Campbell, and Tony Michaelson.
 Bill Smith introduced Mike Barringer.
 Scott Robbins introduced wife Mary.

Announcements:

- Tara Moenning thanked everyone who assisted in the road cleanup. 109 volunteers participated.
- Carl Robicheaux presented a bowl crafted by Pete Sinnott to Virgil Holtgrewe for his Golf Tournament Sponsorship.
- Big Duck Beth urged members to
 - buy duck sponsorships
 - to share photos of the Duck Race on Saturday
 - to attend breakfast at Nickiy's starting at 8:00 Saturday.
- Chuck Bonza urged members to participate in the Josh, The Otter readings for elementary school students.
- President Jim announced that the 2023 District Conference will be held in Estes Park.
- Ron Gordon announced that
 - club members have donated \$19,670 to the Rotary International Ukraine Fund.
 - the club has requested a District Grant to sponsor the Albania Summer Camp.
- Lee Lasson reported that 6,629 duck sponsorships have been purchased online resulting in a return to the sponsoring organizations of \$110,314.

Scott Thompson told the Joke of the Week.

Happy Money:

**Dennis Gellhaus
 Robbie**
 May 21

**Pete Sumey
 Lois**
 May 23

**Dave Evans
 Karen McClure**
 May 27

**Karen McClure
 David Evans**
 May 27

**Kathy Groesbeck
 Alan Groesbeck**
 May 28

**Tom Anderson
 Kathleen**
 May 28

**Jim Austin
 Jean**
 June 8

**Longley Parker
 Julie**
 June 10

**Bill Solms
 Marianne**
 June 13

**Don Widrig
 Barbara**
 June 13

**Anne Slack
 Gordon**
 June 15

**Jack Overly
 Mary**
 June 19

**Ron Gordon
 Vivian**
 June 19

**Gail Corrigan
 Tony Wessendorff**
 June 24

Join Date

Wayne Andersen
 May 25, 2000
 22 years

- Virgil Holtgrewe present a check in support of the Zoom meeting attendance offering.
- Bill Smith put cash found in the Spring Clean Up in the donation cup.
- Bill Solms paid \$5 for missing his Sergeant-at-Arms commitment.
- Ron Gordon appreciates Milt Garrett for his program presentation today on the situation in Ukraine.
- Karen Thompson appreciates Beth Weisberg's hard work as Big Duck.
- Karol Rinehart is thankful that Virgil Holtgrewe could attend in person today.
- Bill Solms is looking forward to Saturday (Duck Race).

Program:

Dennis Gellhaus introduced speaker Dr. Milt Garrett to present an update on the situation in Ukraine.



Milt Garrett receiving a Piece of the Rock from President Jim

Adjournment:

President Jim closed the club meeting with the 4 way test.

Pete Sumey, scribe



Josh the Baby Otter



By Blake Collingsworth

Members of the Rotary Club of Estes Park went to school on Friday to read "Josh the Otter" to children in the five Kindergarten classes.

- Tara Moenning, Susan Fereday, Karen Thompson, Jim Whiteneck, Anne Slack
- They gifted a Josh the Baby Otter book to each child to take home along with a coloring book.
- The Josh the Otter program is designed to educate youngsters about water safety with key messages being: "Never go near the water without an adult" and "Learn to Float."
- Rotarians, hosted by the kindergarten teachers, went into classrooms to read the book, discuss water safety, and lead the children in pledging to have an adult with them when they go near the water.
- Some of the classes also got to sing the "Learn to Float" song. (Go to YouTube if interested)

Lee Machin

May 31, 1973
49 years

Jim Whiteneck

June 1, 1994
28 years

Rob Cohen

June 1, 1990
32 years

Thor Homme

June 4, 2009
13 years

Jennifer Comstock

June 6, 2019
3 years

Jack Boatman

June 11, 2015
7 years

Harry Livingston

June 18, 1998
24 years

Ron Gordon

June 18, 1992
30 years

Dmitri Galcovski

June 19, 2014
8 years

Executives & Directors

President

[Jim Whiteneck](#)

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[Karol Rinehart](#)

- The Josh the Otter program is conducted around the world in elementary schools and day cares with the purpose of saving lives of elementary school aged children.
- The noon Rotary Club is thrilled to be part of presenting this program at our local school.
- We do this with great joy in hopes that the message saves lives.
- We so appreciate the teachers making time for this program and we're always oversubscribed with folks who want to read.
- Anne Leija the coordinating teacher was very happy with all of us.
- Next year, we'll try to work out a visit by Josh himself.



Tara, Susan, Karen
Jim & Anne



Tara's Class



Anne's Class

Community Service Director & Big Duck
[Beth Weisberg](#)

Fund Development Director
[Philip Moenning](#)

International Service Director
[Ron Gordon](#)

Youth/New Generation Services Director
[Rick Taylor](#)

Membership Director
[Anne Slack](#)

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Grants

[Jack Boatman, Carl Robicheaux](#)

Scholarships

[Tara Moenning](#)

Ernie Altick Program

[Kathy Groesbeck, Dave Evans](#)

Investments

[Madison Casey](#)

Trustees

[Tom Gardner](#)

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[Bill Solms](#)

Duck Race May 7, 2022 A Report will follow in next week's Spoke Edition



Breakfast at Nicky's



Sponsor Ducks



9000 + Ducks to release Pete Sumey, Madison Casey & Duck Squat



Wayne Newsom, Honored Rotarian First Duck (can you see it on left)



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Rotarians waiting to catch ducks Ben Van der Werf



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Scholarship Recognition


We are working on scholarship evaluations right now
the Awards Ceremony is May 17th and the entire Club is invited
to attend.

Summer Camp for Amaro Tan School



The board approved supporting an August 2022 Summer Camp for
the Amaro Tan school.
We donate \$1650 and ask the District to double match with \$3300.
What a superb way to help a group of disadvantaged kids!

Do You Know Anyone for RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Awards



YRILA
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Young RYLA

Young RYLA is a leadership-training program sponsored by Rotary International that promotes, encourages and rewards outstanding young people.

An all-expenses-paid five-day conference that brings together a special group of boys and girls from Colorado and Wyoming to share ideas about becoming better leaders.

An action-packed program of activities that helps build confidence and leadership skills (like problem-solving games, challenge course, zip-line skits, group discussions and teambuilding activities).

An adventure that just might change your life!

If you:

- Are currently a 7th grader
- Are interested in making new friends
- Have demonstrated leadership in your school, community or place of worship
- Would like a chance to meet and talk to teens from different schools
- Want to become a better leader

...Then you should come to Young RYLA!


Where: YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO
When: Sun-Fri, June 19-24, 2022 (June, not July!)
 or: Sun-Fri, July 24-29, 2022
Cost: Paid by your local Rotary Club


To apply: Please see your school guidance counselor or a representative of a local Rotary club, and apply via the web at www.rmRYLA.org.

For more information, contact: _____

Application deadline: _____

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An action-packed program of activities that helps build confidence and leadership skills (like problem solving games, challenge course, skits, group discussions and teambuilding activities).

An adventure that just might change your life!

If you:

- Will be a junior or senior next fall
- Have demonstrated leadership in your school, community or place of worship
- Would like a chance to meet and talk to other teens from different schools
- Are interested in making new friends
- Want to become a better leader

... Then you should come to RYLA!

Where: YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO

When Sunday, July 17 - Friday, July 22, 2022

Cost: Paid by your local Rotary Club


To apply: Please see your school guidance counselor or a representative of a local Rotary club. Or, better yet, just apply on our web site: www.rmRYLA.org

You will find details on your local rotary club contact information there as well.

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[Anne Slack](#)

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