



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Just What are Shelter Boxes?

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.



Lee Varra-Nelson

Lee Varra-Nelson will teach us on the benefits of Shelter Boxes. She joined Rotary as a member of the Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast in 2003. She served her club as the Director of Club Administration from 2010 to 2012, President in 2013/14, The Rotary Foundation Chair from 2015 to 2019, and is currently serving as Membership Committee Chair. In District 5440 Lee served as Assistant District Governor in 2015, Foundation Annual Fund Chair in 2016 / 2017 and as District Membership Chair from 2018 to 2021. Lee is a Paul Harris Fellow since 2008, a Paul Harris Society Member since 2011, a member of the Bequest Society, a Level 1 Major Donor and a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. Lee's career with Hewlett-Packard spanned over 35 years and crossed many business functional areas. Lee left Hewlett-Packard to work as a Senior Technical Project Manager for Intrado, a company that supports and enhances the national 911 emergency system. While working at Intrado, she led her project team to the first successful release of transmitting cell phone text messages to 911 dispatch centers.

In her private consulting work, Lee has enjoyed working with major technology corporations and government agencies, but her favorite work was a special project with NASA's Director of the International Year of Astronomy. She has also donated her project management expertise to Rotary for major projects and conferences. Lee and Catherine and their black Lab Molly live in Fort Collins. They have four adult children and eight grandchildren. They all enjoy spending time kayaking at the lake, hiking in the mountains and movie nights.

May 19 Duty Roster

Invocation: Virgil Holtgrewe

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Pete Sumey

Greeter: Scott Robbins

Program Intro: Dennis Gellhaus

May 26 Duty Roster

Invocation: Dave Evans

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Madison Casey

Greeter: Pete Sumey

Program Intro: Dennis Gellhaus

Upcoming Events

[Presidents Night](#)

Nicky's

Jun 16, 2022 5:30 PM

[View entire list](#)

Speakers

May 19, 2022

[Lee Varra-Nelson](#)

District 5440 Governor Visit

[View entire list](#)

Birthdays, Anniversaries

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.

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

*****Please state**

- **the number attending,**
- **Entrée selection and**
- **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.*****

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)

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

Update by President Jim Whiteneck

Announcements:

- Thank you to Carl and Madison for a great presentation on the Foundation! In order to maintain our 501(c)(3) status with the Foundation, funding has to be handled differently than Club Projects. However, we are all Rotarians and working diligently to improve Estes Valley!
- Speaking of the Foundation, we will be awarding scholarships to our Estes Park High School seniors this Tuesday, May 17, at 6 PM in the High School auditorium. Don't attend unless you are prepared to be in the presence of excited students and their parents!
- Thanks for the hard work of Tara Moenning and all the Scholarship Committee members for reviewing these remarkable applications and selecting recipients! The

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

Dennis Gellhaus

Robbie

May 21

members were Mike Connolly, Barry Hannigan, Gregg Jurgens, Mark Lee, Carl Robicheaux, and myself.

- This weeks program will be given by Lee Varra-Nelson who will become our District Governor on 1 July. I'm looking forward to hearing about her outlook for next year and potentially some information on the District Conference planned for Estes Park in June 2023.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

May 12, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Jim Whiteneck called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM. Pete Sinnott gave the Invocation. President Jim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests of Rotarians:

Jim Whiteneck introduced
 Jim Jonell
 RJ Lara
 Dennis Gelhaus introduced Grant Delbecq

Announcements:

- Jim Whiteneck
 - we still need a secretary
 - a website person
 - Please consider volunteering.
- Bill Smith: two people are needed to help at the entrance table each week.
- From Beth Weisberg via President Jim
 - we had 9643 total ducks and
 - raised \$161,709.00.
- Lee Lasson thanked everyone for helping unpack and label the 3000 extra ducks.
- Bill Sohms: we need to update the Duck Race software next year.
- Karen Thompson: we are very glad for all the extra volunteers! It was a huge help.
- Annie Slack:
 - There will be a meeting at Mountain View Fellowship next Saturday at 9:30 on the topic of "Are You Prepared for an Emergency?"

Annie Slack recognized Kathy Groesbeck for "Paul Harris Plus Six" or \$7000.00 in contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Kathy said she has joined the Paul Harris Society giving \$1000.00 each year and suggested that fellow Rotarians please consider joining.



Kathy receiving her Paul Harris +6 pin from Jim

**Pete Sumej
 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

Lee Machin

May 31, 1973

49 years

Scott Thompson will be Secretary-at-Arms next week.

Happy Money:

- Madison Casey is happy for
 - the success of the Duck Squat and
 - that his children have a house and have moved out of his.
- Dennis Gelhaus is happy because of his guest Grant Delbecq
- Kathy Groesbeck is happy for Rotary Foundation
- Longley Parker is happy for Beth Weisberg's hard work
- Bill Smith wanted everyone to know to sign the sympathy card for Randy Skeie.
 - The memorial will be a week from Saturday.
- Scott Thompson is happy for
 - Beth Weisberg and her excellent work
 - also for the Keller Williams Foundation
- Scott Robbins is happy for all the visitors who came to support the Duck Race

Program:

Dennis Gelhaus introduced Carl Robicheaux, Madison Casey and Jack Boatman
They presented "An Overview of the Rotary Foundation."



Carl Robicheaux



Madison Casey



Jack Boatman

Adjournment:

Jim Whiteneck led the four-way pledge and rang the bell at 1:00 PM

Barry Hannigan, scribe



Scholarship Recognition



Scholarship Awards Ceremony, Tuesday, May 17th.
All are welcome. High School Auditorium 6 PM
Our Club will be giving \$43,500 this year.

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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[Dennis Gellhaus](#)

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Secretary

[Jennifer Comstock](#)

Sergeant-at-Arms

[Mel Rueppel](#)

Past President

[Bill Solms](#)

Club Administration Director

[Karol Rinehart](#)

Community Service Director & Big Duck

[Beth Weisberg](#)

Annual Club Dues Needed

Announcement:

- Annual dues invoices were sent out through ClubRunner.
- Due back by June 27 to be able to report our club membership count to Rotary International as of June 30.
- Dues remain at \$290 for the year and can be paid by check or by credit card (\$300 if using a CC)
- Payment details are included in the invoice you received by email
- Please complete and return the attached Club Service Opportunities Form along with your dues, or bring it to a club meeting.
- Payment questions? Contact Longley Parker, Club Treasurer, at jl Parker@frii.com

Looking forward to another great year of Service Above Self!
Jennifer Comstock
Rotary Club of Estes Park, Board Secretary

Duck Race Information

The Duck Race broke all previous records

- 9,643 duck adoptions
- \$161,709 to our 66 participating organization

A huge congratulations to all of our club members who helped make the 2022 Duck Race possible!

Breakfast at Nicky's before the Duck Race.



Beth, Lee, Barb Anderson Carol, Jim, granddaughter, Pete Sumey Barry, Jim, Mel, Dennis

On Thursday, May 26, Duck Race Committee will have it's final meeting, at 5:00 pm on Scott's Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>

- to wrap up and debrief about lessons learned,
- to vote on how many new ducks to purchase for next year's race,
- to hear Bill Solms' thoughts about next year's race.

Memorial for Randy Skeie



Fund Development Director
[Philip Moenning](#)

International Service Director
[Ron Gordon](#)

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

Membership Director
[Anne Slack](#)

Foundation Officers/Directors

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[Anne Slack](#)

Secretary

[Tara Moenning](#)

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[Gregg Jurgens](#)

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[Jack Boatman, Carl Robicheaux](#)

Scholarships

[Tara Moenning](#)

Ernie Altick Program

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Randy Skeie and one sad trout!!

Memorial Services will be held on May 21, 2022 from
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
at the American Legion Post 119 in Estes Park, CO.
In lieu of Flowers the family asks donations be made to
The Salvation Army in care Allnutt Funeral Service 1302
Graves Ave, Estes Park, CO 80517.

Randy will be deeply missed by his family and friends;
the trout, not so much

**Do You Know Anyone for RYLA
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**

YRYLA
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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