



# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Posted by Jennifer Comstock

### Important news: dues process to change

**COMING SOON ... 2021-2022 Annual Membership Dues** invoices delivered via email in order to save on postage and avoid postal delivery delays, we'll be sending out dues invoices through ClubRunner this year. Watch for an email THIS WEEK with your Annual Dues Statement and Committee Sign-Up Form!



### This week's program: The Salvation Army and The Red Cross

Our speakers this week will be Gordon Slack and Bill Howell. They will update the club on the role of two important organizations in our community, The Salvation Army and The Red Cross. The meeting will begin at noon on Zoom. Click on the link below to be admitted to the meeting:

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



Bill Howell Gordon Slack

Bill Howell is a 18-year resident of Estes Park having retired from a 32-year career in Law Enforcement. Having moved from the Los Angeles area after his retirement, Bill became involved in many Community Organizations, initially with Sunrise Rotary, Veterans Association as a Hospice Volunteer and a lifetime member of the Marine Corps League in Loveland. During the Flood of 2013, Bill offered his expertise as a disaster worker having worked many disasters in the Southern California area over his previous career. While denied at the time because he was not locally vetted, Bill joined the American Red Cross and trained as a Mass Care and Disaster Volunteer. Since joining the Red Cross, Bill has deployed to 20 Natural Disaster throughout the United States including a Volcano in Hawaii. During the Cameron Peak Wildfire, Bill worked 12 to 18 hour shifts as the Red Cross Liaison with the Larimer County Office of Emergency Management and the Town of Estes Park. Even after being evacuated himself, Bill continued his work assisting in finding emergency housing and disaster relief for those affected by the wildfire. Bill continues to work with the Red Cross preparing for the upcoming flood and wildfire season.

Following three years in the Army, Gordon Slack went back to school to earn a degree in Computer Science. After 10 years writing software, he screwed up and got into management. He escaped management and began a 25-year career in industrial sales that took him to several foreign countries including California. Gordon and Annie have lived in Estes Park for 20 years.

### Update from President Bill Solms

Great program by Wendy Koenig this past week. Those who could not make the Zoom meeting missed a real treat! Thank you, Mayor Koenig.

Karol Reinhart is putting together a great program for President's Night, June 17th; we promise to finish by 7:30 pm!!

This week our Rotary Foundation scholarship awards will be announced at the high school; Doug and I are honored to make the announcements this coming Wednesday. A big thank you to our club's volunteers who put in the hours at the library reading the profiles of all applicants, about 29 of them! I read through one of them only to realize I needed much more time than I had available to review all of them, a task that took our volunteers 3 to 5 hours to finish the complete job.... again, thanks!!

Now that we are gearing up to meet live and share a meal together, I would like to remind all of us to invite someone to attend with us. We cannot expect to have a healthy club without extending an invitation to these in our spheres of influence. I apologize that no firm meeting/location is set yet, but as I work on this, please have in mind who you will invite.

In all we think, say, or do.... Prez Bill



### Come and celebrate your club! Presidents' Night at The Dunraven on June 17

#### Presidents' Night - Changing of the Guard

This Presidents' Night is a time to finally reunite with friends and celebrate the freedom to be together once again. We will honor our fellow Rotarians by the annual awarding of the Spirit, Rotarian of the Year, Distinguished Service, and Living Legacy Awards, and highlight the evening with the Passing of the Gavel.

#### Presidents' Night in the Ballroom at Dunraven Thursday, June 17, 2021

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

#### Dunraven Buffet

Choice of one entrée per guest (Preordered)  
Chicken Parmesan or Fresh Salmon

Bread and Butter  
House salad (choice of creamy garlic or Italian dressing)  
Ratatouille (vegan & vegetarian)  
Mini panna cotta for dessert  
Coffee, tea, or fountain sodas

\$35 per person (tax and gratuity included)

\*\*\*RSVP Required by Friday, June 4, 2021\*\*\*  
\*\*\*Please state the number attending and entrée selection for each\*\*\*

(Chicken Parmesan or Salmon)  
RSVP to Karol at [kj.reinhardt@centurylink.net](mailto:kj.reinhardt@centurylink.net)

\*\*\*If plans change and you are unable to attend please notify Karol.\*\*\*  
Estes Park Resort/ Dunraven: 1700 Colorado Peaks Drive, (off Hwy 34) Estes Park.



### Scholarships to be awarded May 19

Join Anne Slack, Prudent Bill Solms and Past President Doug Mann as they honor this year's recipients of our club's scholarships. The Annual Scholarship Night will be held on Wednesday, May 19, at 5 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. A limited number of guests will be able to attend in person. Contact Anne Slack ([anneslack@aol.com](mailto:anneslack@aol.com)) if you would like to attend. Masks are required.

The program also will be broadcast on Zoom and the school's Facebook page so all interested can participate. Here is the link for anyone who would like to attend Award's Night virtually. <https://psdr3-k12-co-us.zoom.us/j/81688823579?pwd=euU1LzpmMSChR0RMTGxMYWYQ3enA5QT09>

This year our club will award college scholarships to 11 graduating seniors.

Posted by Rita DuChateau

### May 13, 2021 Meeting Notes

President Bill Solms called the meeting to order at noon on Zoom. There were 24 people in attendance. He departed from the usual agenda by telling a joke he borrowed from his 15-year old granddaughter, attempting to steal the spotlight from our Jokester, Scott Thompson. Bill then made several announcements:

- It's unlikely that Nicky's will be available for our club meetings until early July. Another venue is being considered.
- Presidents' Night is set for June 17. Karol Reinhardt is working hard on a plan for an in-person celebration. Details to follow.
- Volunteers are needed for the Estes Park Half Marathon on Sunday, June 20. Contact Carl Robicheaux for details.
- Duck Race Committee will meet at 5 p.m. today; Software Committee will meet at 3 p.m. today. Both will be held on Bill Solms' Zoom.
- Bill asked for an update on the Golf Tournament. Pete Surney said the committee has not started its planning meetings.
- Bill recognized May birthdays. As the honored members were not in attendance, he encouraged us to reach out with greetings. Bill said everyone is looking forward to in-person meetings.

Gregg Jurgens gave an invocation, a prayer for unity. Bill led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Scott Thompson welcomed two guests, Marianne Solms and Pat Newsom. He then offered up a timely joke on the Minsky Test. Bill challenged the club with a question from The Rotarian Magazine. No one had the answer, Ron Gordon tried, but, alas, guessed incorrectly.

### Happy Money

Lots of club members were happy today, garnering \$52 for the Foundation. They included: Madison Casey, who is celebrating his 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary, Ron Gordon, who is happy that Michelle Mann and Sarah Pita will be going to Albania this month and will present our program on June 3; Jennifer Comstock, who is thrilled that her daughter and boyfriend will soon visit; Anne Slack, who is happy about the Scholarship Awards Night at the high school; Jim Whiteneck, who is glad to have seen all six of his grandchildren recently; Rita DuChateau, who is happy to have visited family in the Midwest; and Tom Gardner, who is grateful to Lee Lasson for solving most of his computer problems.

In another departure from our typical agenda, Scott Thompson tried to stump the group with a trivia question on Don Widrig's code-writing. Rita DuChateau knew the answer, so Scott will donate \$20.

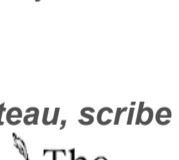
### Program

Scott Thompson introduced the program by Mayor Wendy Koenig. Our mayor provided an overview of the past year's challenges, lessons and triumphs. She encouraged club members to reach out to town trustees on topics of interest. Following her program, several members posed questions on Mayor Koenig's experience as an Olympian in 1972 and 1976. Other questions she addressed were funding for the fire district, the prospects for the upcoming tourist season, the status of The Loop and its possible impact of our Duck Race, and the new parking plan, which includes a barnacle applied to windshields of parking scofflaws' vehicles. Mayor Koenig accepted her first Piece of the Rock and said she would display it in her office.

### Adjournment

President Bill adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m. with the recitation of the Four-Way Test.

Rita DuChateau, scribe

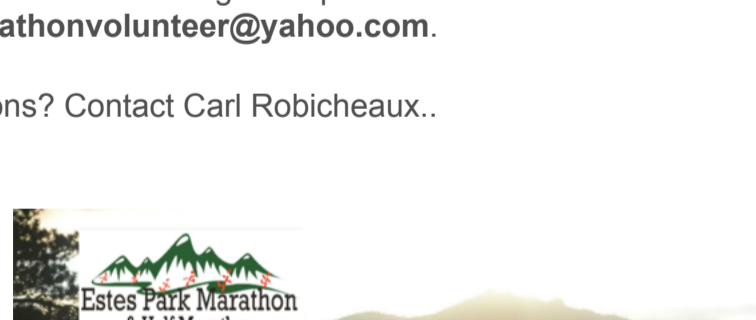


### Help needed!

Carl Robicheaux is recruiting volunteers to help with the Sunday, June 20 Estes Park Half Marathon. Plan to spend part of your Father's Day helping with this community event.

Contact for volunteering to help for the EP Marathon is: [epmarathonvolunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:epmarathonvolunteer@yahoo.com).

Questions? Contact Carl Robicheaux...



### Our club makes headlines for Global Grant

The latest issue of Nehemiah-Gateway USA's newsletter has a story on the \$35,000 Global Grant to improve the clinic in Albania and offer staff training to benefit children with autism. Our own Jack Boatman is quoted, "Our Rotary club is very excited to support Nehemiah Gateway on this project to help children in Albania."

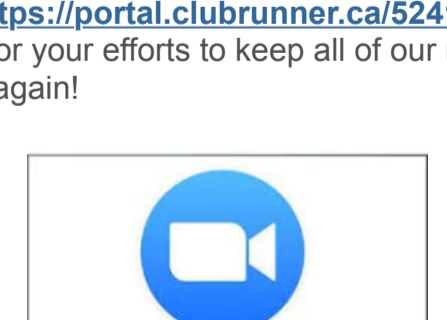
Stay tuned for a special program on our partnership with Nehemiah Gateway USA on June 3.



### Is Zoom has 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.

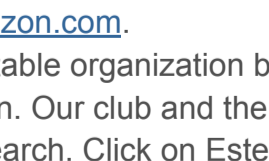
The document is posted on our club website's home page, under Home Page Download Files (left hand side of the page) for your future reference. Click on this link to be taken to our club's home page to read all about the world of Zoom, and think about printing it out for a friend! <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5241>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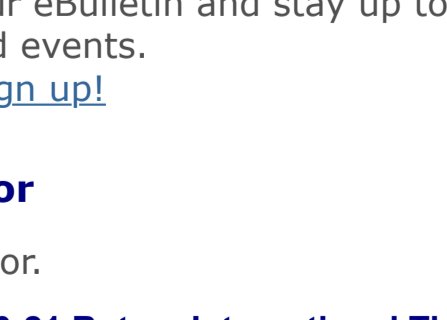
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### Bulletin Editor

No bulletin editor.

### 2020-21 Rotary International Theme



Rotary Opens Opportunities

### May 20 Duty Roster

Invocation: [Virgil Holtgrewe](#)

Song & Pledge: [Bill Solms](#)

Guest Intro: [Scott Thompson](#)

Scribe: [Madison Casey](#)

Greeter: [Scott Thompson](#)

Program Intro: [Anne Slack](#)

### May 27 Duty Roster

Invocation: [Dale Bonza](#)

Song & Pledge: [Bill Solms](#)

Guest Intro: [Scott Thompson](#)

Scribe: [Dana Fritz](#)

Greeter: [Scott Thompson](#)

Program Intro: [Bill Solms](#)

### Upcoming Events

[Scholarship Awards Program](#)  
Estes Park High School Auditorium  
May 19, 2021 5:00 PM

[Foundation Board Meeting](#)  
Zoom  
May 20, 2021  
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

[Club Board Meeting](#)  
Zoom  
Jun 01, 2021  
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

[Deadline for R.S.V.P. for Presidents' Night](#)  
Jun 04, 2021

[Foundation Board Meeting](#)  
Zoom  
Jun 17, 2021  
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

[Presidents' Night](#)  
Dunraven Inn  
Jun 17, 2021  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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### Speakers

May 20, 2021  
[Bill Solms](#)  
Club Assembly, Committee Work

Jun 03, 2021  
[Michelle Mann](#)  
Nehemiah Gateway

Jun 10, 2021  
[Rick Taylor](#)  
Endings

Jun 17, 2021  
[Karol Reinhardt](#)  
Presidents' Night Dinner - no noon meeting

Jun 24, 2021  
[Bill Solms](#)  
Club Assembly

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### Birthdays, Anniversaries

#### Member Birthdays

**Matt Comstock**  
May 2

**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

#### Anniversaries

**Virgil Holtgrewe**  
**Carol**  
May 8

**Madison Casey**  
**Marty Yochum**  
May 20

**Dennis Gellhaus**  
**Robbie**  
May 21

**Jeff Liddle**  
**Nannette Chisholm**  
May 21

**Pete Surney**  
**Lols**  
May 23

**Dave Evans**  
**Karen McClure**  
May 27

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**David Evans**  
May 27

**Dana Fritz**  
**Bill**  
May 28

**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

**Bruce Brown**  
**Marlene**  
June 17

**Jack Overly**  
**Mary**  
June 19

**Ron Gordon**  
**Vivian**  
June 19

#### Join Date

**Wayne Andersen**  
May 25, 2000  
21 years

**Lee Machin**  
May 31, 1973  
48 years

**Jim Whiteneck**  
June 1, 1994  
27 years

**Rob Cohen**  
June 1, 1990  
31 years

**Thor Homme**  
June 4, 2009  
12 years

**Jennifer Comstock**  
June 6, 2019  
2 years

**Jack Boatman**  
June 11, 2015  
6 years

**Barb Bibler**  
June 17, 2019  
2 years

**Harry Livingston**  
June 18, 1998  
23 years

**Ron Gordon**  
June 18, 1992  
29 years

**Dmitri Galcovski**  
June 19, 2014  
7 years

**Claudine Perrault**  
June 29, 2006  
15 years

### Executives & Directors

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[Bill Solms](#)

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[Jim Whiteneck](#)

Treasurer  
[Longley Parker](#)

Secretary  
[Jennifer Comstock](#)

Sergeant-at-Arms  
[John Thomason](#)

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[Dave Fvans](#)

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[Karol Reinhardt](#)

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](#)

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[Carl Robicheaux](#)

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[Dave Evans](#)

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[Gregg Jurgens](#)

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[Jack Boatman](#), [Carl Robicheaux](#)

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