



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Today's Complexities of the Russian and Ukrainian War

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.



Milt Garrett

Our speaker today has for 22+ years had experiences with clients in three countries simultaneously: Russia, Ukraine, and America. Working across Russia's eleven-time zones, he gained a perspective and hundreds of stories. He has been a consultant to more than 2400 clients, including in Crimea and 12 clients in Kyiv. (Eleven of those years were on behalf of three Rotary Clubs; one as a citizen diplomat.)

As a teacher at five Russian universities and with other persons in 225+ cities, he will have perspectives and some answers to the questions about the war between Ukraine and Russians. His sources for this presentation are: 1) overseas families (three Russian, one Ukrainian), 2) people here having emigrated from both countries, 3) his Russian staff that remain and one having been extricated, and 4) miscellaneous clients.

Today we will explore perceptions making this illegal incursion to Ukraine. We'll briefly examine the nine reasons Putin has invaded his sovereign neighbor. For those of us who ask: "Why does Ukraine Matter?", you will leave with an *extensive*, two-page list of 38+ possible reasons why. Our speaker's challenge today is, "Are we going to have a rules-based global order or the rule by the sword?" This 25-minute presentation is being offered by our own international club member, Milt Garrett. Dr. Garrett cautions us to remember, this

May 5 Duty Roster

Invocation: Anne Slack

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Pete Sumey

Greeter: Wayne Newsom

Program Intro: Dennis Gellhaus

May12 Duty Roster

Invocation: Pete Sinnott

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Barry Hannigan

Greeter: Carl Robicheaux

Program Intro: Dennis Gellhaus

Upcoming Events

Club Board Meeting

Wasson Room, Library

May 03, 2022

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Duck Race 2022

Nicky's/Riverside Plaza

May 07, 2022

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Presidents Night

Nicky's

Jun 16, 2022 5:30 PM

[View entire list](#)

subject is *very complex* and cannot be examined with great depth in the time allowed, yet the basic rationales will be exposed, and he will stay around to visit more for those of us wishing more.

Spoiler alert: This *is not* a political presentation.

Update by President Jim Whiteneck

Announcements:

- Friday, May 6, will be the 96th Birthday of our Estes Park Rotary Club!!! On this nearly 1 century of our Club's presence, it's a great time to reflect on all of the Rotary "doing good" we're involved with this Spring.
 - The Estes Park Town Spring Cleanup is going on as I write these notes.
 - Tara Moenning, hopefully, will give us an update on Thursday.
 - Disaster Relief Funds that Ron Gordon, Chuck Bonza, and the International Service Committee have raised are making a significant difference in the humanitarian crisis we see unfolding in Ukraine.
 - On our birthday, May 6, Josh the Otter's team will be reading to kindergartners hoping to inform & protect them from the dangers of running rivers.
 - On May 7 we'll be hosting our fabulous 34th Annual Duck Race!
- Thanks in advance to our Big Duck, Beth Weisberg, and the entire crew!
 - It is wonderful being "back in the river".
 - Hopefully the entire Valley will have a marvelous time!
 - In addition, we will be benefiting 66 of our Valley's charities with funds to help them carry out their missions.
- Scholarship presentations for the Estes Park High School senior class will occur on May 17!
 - Our Rotary Club Scholarship funds will be helping many young, bright, and energetic senior students achieve success in building their lives!

Of course, our successes are building on the great work of previous Rotary years...and we are striving to make a big difference in our Community, the Estes Valley, and in the World. Thanks for all your efforts! Overall, I believe our founders would be quite proud of what the Club they began has able to accomplish in these 96 years!

April 28, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Jim Whiteneck called the meeting to order.
Tara Moenning gave the invocation
Jim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements:

- Jim welcomed our members on zoom.

Speakers

May 05, 2022

[Dr. Milt Garrett](#)

Today's Complexities of the Russian and the Ukrainian War

May 12, 2022

[Carl Robisheaux](#)

The Rotary Foundation

May 19, 2022

[Lee Varra-Nelson](#)

District 5440 Governor Visit

[View entire list](#)

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

- introduced his friend Jim Jonell, who is joining our club and has been oriented.
 - He reminded us that this is Rotary International Polio Week. RI is welcoming donations.
 - recognized a birthday for Tara Moenning.
 - No anniversaries or join dates.
- Rotary Club board meets Tuesday May 3.
 - Tara Moenning said Town Cleanup is this Saturday April 30.
 - Meet at 9:00 at Visitors Center, east side, to get a route and bags.
 - Should take 1.0-1.5 hours.
 - She brought routes and bags today too.
 - Complete by noon for town to pick up bags on roadsides.
 - Ron Gordon gave a Ukraine-Rotary Foundation report
 - the amount of donations continues to grow
 - our club has raised \$18,858.
 - Last week a bridge group had raised over \$500.
 - This week he received money from Estes Valley Quilters.
 - Big Duck Beth had 2 announcements:
 - We meet to post the prizes to the board Monday, May 2, 5:30, at Wheel Bar.
 - We have plenty of volunteers but more are welcome.
 - Bloody Mary's will be involved.
 - Duck Day breakfast is 8:00 at Nicky's.
 - RSVP to her so she can give them a count.

Guests of Rotarians:

Beth Weisberg introduced two guests who volunteered do the critical job of running the river behind the ducks:

- Karen McPherson of Estes Valley Nonprofit Resource Center
- Barbara Jo Limmiatis.

Sergeant At Arms

Bill Solms volunteered to be Sergeant at Arms for the day but did not show up, so we fined him!

Bill Smith told the joke for Scott who was gone this week in hiding after last week's.

Happy Money:

- Carl Robicheaux was happy that his grandson is home for the first time, after 167 days in ICU, since birth!
- Guy Van der Werf was happy to have been on vacation for the first time in three years.
 - They enjoyed 2 weeks at beach.
- Annie Slack was happy that a friend Candace visited
 - they hadn't seen her in 40 years
 - she worked for Gordon
 - they saw two moose at Sprague Lake

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

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

- Tara Moenning wished Gail Corrigan safe travels as they will set sail
 - she was happy for her time with us.

Program:

President Jim introduced the program.

Past District Governor, Chris Woodruff, presented a TED talk by a researcher on charity and happiness. He then told us about the broad and many areas Rotary affects through its giving and how we can donate.

Adjournment:

We concluded with the Four Way Test.

Madison Casey, scribe



Welcome to a New Member



Jim Jonell

Jim Jonell was born in Batavia, New York. He is married to Joanie and has two grown children: Kristina and Kevin. Together with Joanie they have 19 grand children. His Sponsor is Jim Whiteneck. He received his PhD in clinical psychology from Uppsala University in Sweden. He has a BA, M.Div., and MS as well. Before he retired, he was the owner and Clinical Director of the Jonell Institute, which specialized in treating high-risk adolescents and their families. He has taught on the faculties of psychology and medicine. He created and directed a student counseling center that serviced over 200 clients a week. The center trained over 30 mental health professionals in a six-year period. He directed research in the area of behavior and value changes that took place with university students after a two-year experience in group psychotherapy. He enjoys wildlife photography, his grandchildren and volunteering with Restorative Justice, Meals on Wheels, Hospice, Estes Valley Suicide Task Force and the Presbyterian Church of the Rockies.

According to club bylaws, if there are no objections within seven days of publication, Jim Jonell shall be considered elected to membership.

Disaster Response Fund Ukrainian Refugee Relief

We reported previously that all funds needed to be received into the Disaster Response Fund by 30 April 2022.

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

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](#)

President Elect

[Dennis Gellhaus](#)

However, Chris Woodruff, District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, has ensured us, that checks written to the Disaster Response Fund with **Ukrainian Refugee Relief** written in the "memo" or "for" section will go only to Ukraine.

These expedited disaster response grants can be used to supply water, food, medicine, shelter, and clothing.

As of April 28, 2022 contributions for the Ukrainian Relief totaled \$18,858.

Merchant Prize Collection Volunteers

thank you volunteers

Chuck and Dale Bonza, Bruce Brown, Madison Casey, Gail Corrigan, Milt Garrett, Dennis Gellhaus, Jane and Jay Harroff, Ardean Johnson, Tara Moenning, Mary Nolan, Jim Scritchfield, Bill Smith, Bill Solms, Karen Thompson, Ben Van der Werf, Jim Whiteneck, Beth Wiseberg

The Chamber of Commerce also helped. Last count was 323 prizes from 131 merchants. We could not have done it without your help!

Scholarship Recognition

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

Do You Know Anyone for RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Treasurer
[Longley Parker](#)

Secretary
[Jennifer Comstock](#)

Sergeant-at-Arms
[Mel Rueppel](#)

Past President
[Bill Solms](#)

Club Administration Director
[Karol Rinehart](#)

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](#)

Foundation Officers/Directors

President
[Carl Robicheaux](#)

Vice President
[Anne Slack](#)

Secretary
[Tara Moenning](#)

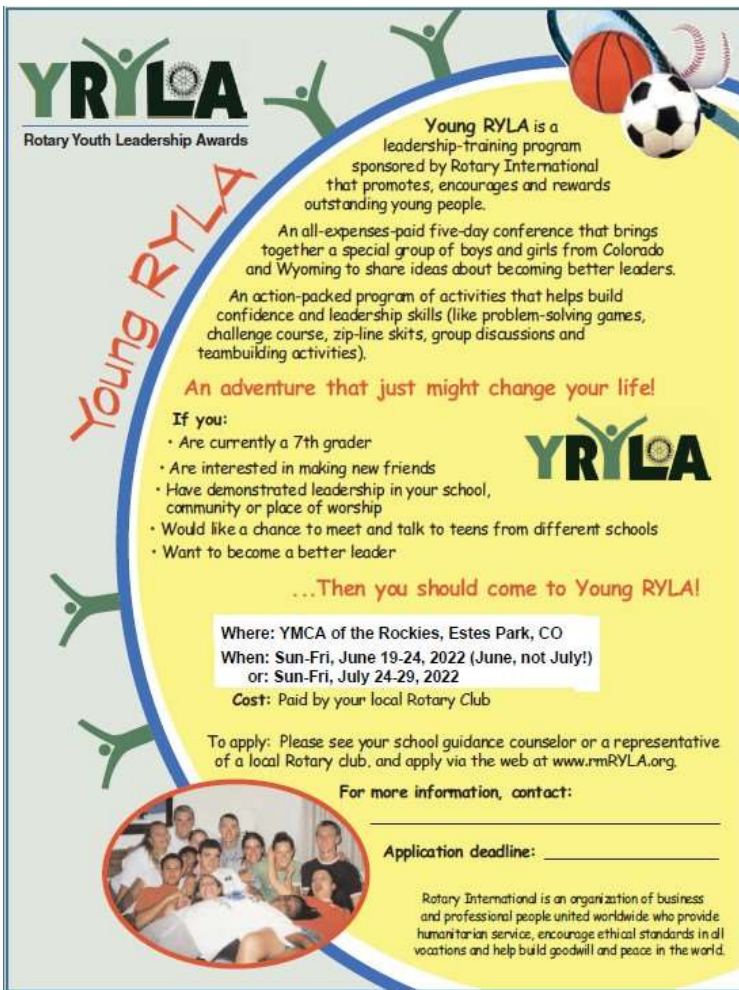
Treasurer
[Gregg Jurgens](#)

Grants
[Jack Boatman, Carl Robicheaux](#)

Scholarships
[Tara Moenning](#)

Ernie Altick Program
[Kathy Groesbeck, Dave Evans](#)

Investments
[Madison Casey](#)



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: _____

Rotary International is an organization of business and professional people united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Trustees

[Tom Gardner](#)

[Brad Rosenbaum](#)


[Anne Slack](#)

[Bill Solms](#)



Rotary Software for Clubs & Districts
 Powered by ClubRunner →

ClubRunner
 for iOS and Android
[Learn More >](#)



RYLA
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

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

An all-expenses paid six-day conference that brings together a special group of young men and women from Colorado, Wyoming and Western Nebraska 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, 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.

For more information, contact: _____

Application deadline: _____

Rotary International is an organization of business and professional people united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.



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 its 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 participating in the smile.amazon.com program.



Bulletin Editor

[Anne Slack](#)

(If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor)

Subscribe to Bulletin

Subscribe to our eBulletin and stay up to date on the latest news and events.

[Click here to sign up!](#)

2021-22 R.I. Theme



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rotary Club of Estes Park Welcomes You!

Learn more at: www.clubrunner.ca/estespark
Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/estesparkrotary