



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Welcome to our Club!

We meet Thursdays at 12:00 PM
 Nicky's Steakhouse
 1350 Fall River Rd.
 Estes Park, CO 80517
 United States of America

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Posted by Rita DuChateau

Your Rotary Club is BACK!

After an eight-week suspension of meetings to comply with COVID-19 guidelines for public gatherings, we are cautiously moving forward. Our first meeting will be held at President Doug Mann's office, 166 Virginia Drive, Estes Park. You are cordially invited to join a small group in physical attendance or a large group logging in on Facebook.

Our meeting will begin at noon on Thursday, May 7. It will not include lunch, but it will include goodwill and friendship! The number of people allowed in the conference room will be limited. Doug Mann will preside over the meeting. Our program will focus on what's happening during the pandemic with the Estes Park nonprofit community. Our speaker will be Laurie Dale Marshall, Executive Director of the Estes Park Nonprofit Resource Center. Thanks, Rick Taylor, for arranging this timely program.

Surprises and prizes are in store for those who attend either in person or on Facebook! So, here's what you need to know.

If you want to attend in person, contact **Karol Rinehart** at kj.rinehart@centurylink.net by 7 p.m. **Monday, May 4**. Karol is in charge of keeping the number of attendees to what is allowed. She will conduct a drawing, if necessary, to limit the size of the gathering.

To attend the meeting from your home, go to our club's Facebook page. Scott Thompson will be livestreaming the meeting for the club. (Thanks, Scott!) You don't need to be a member of Facebook to view the meeting. Our club's page is public, so anyone can view it. Here's all you need to do: Click on the link below at noon on Thursday, May 7 and get ready to celebrate Rotary!

<https://www.facebook.com/estesparkrotary/videos>

Look for the Facebook live video that is in progress and you will join the meeting.

See you Thursday!



Greetings from Arizona!

This email came to the club from one of our Sojourners:

Good luck with your first meeting and best regards to all the Rotarians, from Maribel Hale (staying at home in Arizona). -Phoenix Camelback Rotary Club.



Posted by Rita DuChateau

Duck Race moves to online sales Ducks to paddle September 19

Planning for a large fundraising event during a global pandemic has presented a few challenges for the Estes Park Rotary Duck Race Festival committee. While many spring and summer events have been canceled, the overwhelming benefit to the community of the annual Duck Race has kept the committee paddling along.

Rotary's belief in service has propelled the constant effort to reschedule the event to a time when it can be held safely. The goal has changed from mid-August to mid-September. Participating Organizations have been notified of the move to all-online sales to protect the safety of the many volunteers who traditionally process and handle paper Adoption Forms, checks and cash. Flexibility on the details of the event is an overriding consideration, so fans should be prepared for the possibility of a "virtual" race.

At the head of the flock for this year's event is Karen Thompson. She has convened Webex and email meetings of her committee and kept the large group focused on the goal: supporting Participating Organizations, especially during this time of need.

"We are waiting for approval from the Town and Fire Protection District to hold the race on September 19," Thompson explained. "We are hopeful restrictions will be lifted and we can safely run a great race on Fall River. If not, we have "Plan B" in place and can run a virtual race. Everyone's safety is of utmost importance, and that will be the deciding factor for a live or virtual race."

The online-only sales began in mid-April and will continue through Race Day. Committee member Larry Williams is available to answer questions from Participating Organizations at by email at lwill5442@yahoo.com or phone at (970) 586-3295.

"The Organizations have been contacted by e-mail and are responding well," Williams said. "The online purchasing process at www.epduckrace.org is straightforward. You don't have to go through your favorite Organization to support them. You can do it directly through the web site."

While the race may look different and the method of purchasing adoptions has been simplified for safety, the goal of service to the community has never wavered.

"We so appreciate the flexibility of all the participating organizations. This pandemic hasn't been easy on anyone, and I'm sure fundraising efforts have been no exception," Thompson said.

Last year's Duck Race raised \$128,700 for 67 community organizations. Over 6,700 ducks were adopted. In the past 31 years, the Estes Park Duck Race has returned more than \$2.7 million to Estes Valley organizations that serve residents of all ages.

Questions? Email DuckCentral@EPDuckRace.org or call 970-480-5002.



Posted by Rita DuChateau

Generous response to COVID-19 fund

What an amazing club we call our own! Through the combined generosity of the club, enhanced by individual club members' donations, all matched by a club member's amazing generosity, we have sent \$8,300 to the Estes Park Health Foundation's special fund to support the COVID-19 response at Estes Park Health. This fund was established to help with the hospital's work to obtain additional personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff, care for the uninsured, acquire equipment, upgrade facilities, and other needs that may arise.

The most pressing need is to outfit four patient rooms with negative pressure systems. Negative pressure will prevent air from the room of an infected patient from escaping out into the building to infect other patients or staff. This project will cost \$45,000 to complete.

"This pandemic has impacted us all, through illness of friends and family in other areas, social restrictions that limit our interactions and travel, increased anxiety, unemployment, and economic fears," said Kevin Mullin, executive director of the Estes Park Health Foundation. "Our town is preparing for the threat caused by COVID-19, and our hospital foundation is pleased to support this preparedness."

"The Rotary Club of Estes Park's history of supporting local needs is a hallmark of this group. The Estes Park Health Foundation very much appreciates this grant," Mullin said. "The additional pledge of a club member to match donations will multiply the club's generosity and help the foundation to reach its goal."

For more information or to make a contribution, visit: giveioep.org/covid19. Contact Kevin Mullin with questions, at kmullin@epf.org or 970-387-8252.



ESTES PARK HEALTH FOUNDATION

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 is 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.



Rotary Quote of the Week

"Recent events have emphasized the desperate need for clean water in the Navajo nation. Around 175,000 people live on the reservation. As of Saturday, there were 698 confirmed cases of COVID-19. This number is expected to rise, as the Navajo government gets access to fast-result testing. In addition, 24 people have died. Health experts believe that lack access to water is a contributing factor in the spread of coronavirus in the reservation. About 40 percent of residents have no access to running water, which makes hand washing and intense hygiene difficult.

District 5440 Rotarians are impacting this need, providing clean, sustainable water for Navajo families – improving health, safety and quality of life – doing what Rotarians do best, serving others. We will continue to update you as work on the project moves forward. Thank you for making a difference!

– District 5440 Governor Partner Caroline Woodruff in the April People of Action Newsletter



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Bulletin Editor

No bulletin editor.

May 7 Duty Roster

- Invocation: **Scott Thompson**
- Song & Pledge: **TBD**
- Guest Intro: **NA**
- Scribe: **Dale Bonza**
- Photographer: **Scott Thompson**
- Greeter: **NA**
- Program Intro: **Rick Taylor**
- May 14 Duty Roster**
- Invocation: **TBD**
- Song & Pledge: **TBD**
- Guest Intro: **TBD**
- Scribe: **TBD**
- Photographer: **TBD**
- Greeter: **TBD**
- Program Intro: **TBD**

Upcoming Events

- [Club Board Meeting](#)
 166 Virginia Drive
 May 05, 2020
 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- [Duck Race Committee Meeting](#)
 To be determined
 May 14, 2020
 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- [View entire list](#)

Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

- Marsha Yelick**
 May 1
- Matt Comstock**
 May 2
- Tara Moening**
 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
- James Snedeker**
 June 6
- 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
- Jeff Liddle**
Nannette Chisholm
 May 21
- Pete Sumej**
Lois
 May 23
- Dave Evans**
Karen McClure
 May 27
- Karen McClure**
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
- Chip Sproul**
Carol
 June 18
- Jack Overly**
Mary
 June 19
- Ron Gordon**
Vivian
 June 19

Join Date

- Bill Solms**
 May 1, 1987
 33 years
- Wayne Andersen**
 May 25, 2000
 20 years
- Lee Machin**
 May 31, 1973
 47 years
- Jim Whiteneck**
 June 1, 1994
 26 years
- Rob Cohen**
 June 1, 1990
 30 years
- Thor Homme**
 June 4, 2009
 11 years
- Jennifer Comstock**
 June 6, 2019
 1 year
- Jon Thompson**
 June 6, 2019
 1 year
- Jack Boatman**
 June 11, 2015
 5 years
- Barb Bibler**
 June 17, 2019
 1 year
- Harry Livingston**
 June 18, 1998
 22 years
- Ron Gordon**
 June 18, 1992
 28 years
- Dmitri Galcovski**
 June 19, 2014
 6 years
- Claudine Perrault**
 June 29, 2006
 14 years
- Executives & Directors**
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- Program Committee Chair
[Rick Taylor](#)

Rotary Club of Estes Park Welcomes You!

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