



# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

### Welcome to our Club!

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

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### Your club - your choice

You can come to Nicky's for lunch and our meeting or you can participate remotely by clicking on the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>.

If you plan to be at Nicky's you will need to **R.S.V.P.** to Karol at [kj.rinehart@centurylink.net](mailto:kj.rinehart@centurylink.net) **BEFORE 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17**. She can answer questions you may have on our meetings at Nicky's.

### Thursday's program:

#### Dr. John Meyer on when to call the chopper

Our program this week will feature Dr. John Meyer, Estes Park Health Chief of Staff. His program is "When to Call a Chopper - an Emergency Department Presentation."

Join the program by clicking on the Zoom link before noon: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>

Dr. Meyer describes his leadership style as "laid back and approachable" and that has worked for him as a leadership trainer at the YMCA, as a camp counselor, the captain of his football team and now in the Emergency Department. "I may appear laid back," Dr. Meyer adds, "but there are things that I actively want for this community. I want this town to have an excellent hospital with excellent patient care, and so do the other physicians."



Dr. John Meyer

A career in medicine was a natural choice for Dr. Meyer. "I have always had a passion for working with people and helping others," he says. "This, along with a passion for science made it an easy fit for me."

As a trained Emergency Medicine physician, Dr. Meyer's expertise is in helping people who've suffered an accident or serious sudden illness. To establish trust and open communication in these critical situations, Dr. Meyer treats each patient like a friend or family member. "I am open and friendly with everyone I work with, as well as patients." Immediately establishing rapport allows him to quickly address patient needs and take the proper course of action.

In his free time, Dr. Meyer spends time with his wife and two sons. In addition to going to the gym, skiing, and hiking, he enjoys listening to music, playing percussion, and "having as many laughs as I can dream up!"

Posted by Bill Solms

### Update from President Bill Solms

What a great program on the Stanley House and all of its history! I am curious to get a good look at the violin F.O.Stanley made located at our Museum.

We are also gearing up for a live Duck Race Festival on May 1, 2021; the first organizational meeting was held at 5 p.m. after our weekly meeting. Little Duck, Elizabeth Weisberg, is doing a great job, and I am also grateful to those who showed up to contribute their wisdom to planning and executing a new and fun event this coming year. Letters to our charities will go out this week, so if any of you all think another Estes Valley charity should be added to our list, please speak up this week directly to Larry Williams. Minutes of our meetings are being sent to those who attended the meeting and to those who were on the committee list last year; if you do or do not wish to receive them, please let me know!

Quackfully, your Prez.

Bill Solms



Posted by Dana Fritz

### November 12, 2020 Meeting Notes

President Bill rang the bell at 12:00 and followed with his Presidential Updates.

- He announced, as the incoming Big Duck, that a duck race meeting would be tonight at 5 p.m. via Zoom.
- He also announced two Community Service projects which will be covered in the Spoke.
- He thanked all our new members for stepping up and undertaking big commitments for our club.
- He covered birthdays, anniversaries and join dates. Virgil Holtgrewe was singled out for his 61 years as a Rotarian.

Virgil gave an invocation, followed by the Pledge Of Allegiance. Our visitors, Marianne Solms and JoAnn Batey, were introduced. Karen Thompson shared her joke of the day.

#### Happy Money

- President Bill gave \$20 from last week and Karen Thompson was happy to see Jack Overly.

#### Program

Rick introduced our speaker, JoAnn Batey, President of the Historic Stanley Home Foundation.

#### Adjournment

Following her presentation, the meeting was adjourned with Rotary's 4-Way Rest.

Dana Fritz, scribe



Posted by Beth Weisberg

### Projects will brighten the holidays for many

Just a reminder that the Community Service Committee is running two holiday projects, each with a short time frame:

Our Rotary club is "adopting" a family through Bright Christmas this year. The family has four young children, plus Mom and Dad, so plenty of need and ways to help give them a happy holiday. A needs and wish list, along with instructions, are contained in an email from ClubRunner which you should have received on November 12 at 7:30 p.m.

We have already received the vacuum cleaner and the microwave, so don't need those now. Some other Rotarians have already provided some of the toys and clothing for the children, but we still need much more. Please contact Beth Weisberg before you buy items, to find out what is still most needed. Also, if you aren't comfortable shopping this year but do want to contribute, checks and gift cards are most welcome. If you are going to order items online, please be sure to watch delivery dates. If you are ordering from Amazon and use Amazon Smile, choosing our foundation will send a small portion of the sale proceeds back to Estes Park.

Items should be wrapped and labeled with the name of the person it's for, and also "Family #50". Gifts can be dropped off on Beth's front porch ideally by December 7, and no later than noon on December 8, since Bright Christmas' collection ends at 4 p.m. on December 8 and we will need time to deliver the gifts to them.

We are also collecting non-perishable food for Crossroads this year in lieu of our usual holiday party. There will be a drop box in the lobby at Nicky's from December 1 – December 17. Details, including a list of the foods most requested, are contained in the same November 12 email from ClubRunner mentioned above.

If you have any questions at all, or want to deliver items, gift cards, or checks for either or both of these projects, please contact Beth Weisberg: cell phone (301) 787-7327. Many thanks to everyone for supporting these efforts!



### Members' Spotlight - Phil and Tara Moenning

Each week our Spoke is profiling a member of our Club in order to get to know them better and stay connected through these socially distant times.



Phil and Tara Moenning

Phil was born and grew up in Indianapolis, and Tara was born in Evansville, Indiana. We met at Indiana University, and married when we graduated. Phil with an MBA in Marketing and Tara with a BS in Medical Technology. We lived and worked in several places in Indiana, Minnesota, and New York. Phil worked in several department stores as a buyer, store manager, and director of stores while Tara was employed in hospital laboratories. We adopted four children and now have 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Phil had vacationed in Colorado since 1946 and did his undergraduate work at the University of Colorado. Our family also vacationed here for many years, so we knew we wanted to live here. In 1987 our dream came true. Tara started working at the hospital and Phil began developing Aspen Brook.

Of course you don't grow up in Indiana without loving basketball, football, and fast cars. Phil has missed only two Indy 500 races in 74 years (until this year, now 3). It is a tradition for our family to get together for a mini-reunion every year for this event.

We joined Rotary in 2008, and Gladys Van Drie was our sponsor. We have been involved in numerous Rotary events, the PHD Board of Directors and the hospital Foundation, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, well as the Estes Park Museum Friends and Foundation Colorado Creative Tablesitting events.

Posted by Rita DuChateau

### Amaro Tan summer camp a success

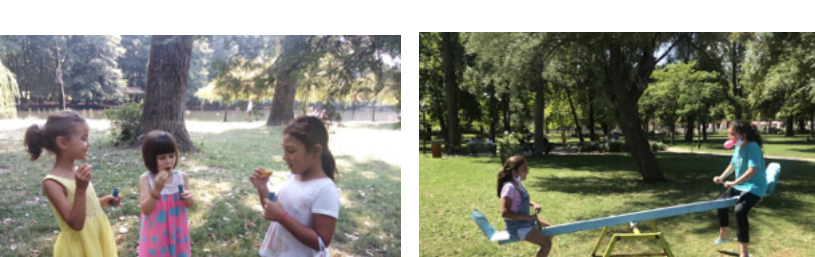
The October edition of Compact, Nehemiah Gateway's newsletter, included an article, "Summer Camps in Corona Times," which featured the Rotary Club of Estes Park. How and why, you ask?

Our club has sponsored the Amaro Tan summer camp for low income, at-risk Roma, Balkan Egyptian and Albanian children for three years. This year's camp was held in August and hosted 30 children, ages 4-16, who were divided into age groups. The camp used an altered format due to COVID restrictions' while staying true to the spirit of the camp," the article states. Along with healthy outdoor activities, the children enjoyed breakfast and lunch during the three-week session.



The club has earmarked \$1,750 for the 2021 Bugmas Summer Camp for at-risk and learning-disabled children. Rotary District 5440 added \$3,500.

Ron Gordon, International Service Committee Director, and Jack Boatman, Foundation Grants Director, have worked with Nehemiah Gateway in the funding of 2018, 2019 and 2020 summer camps. District 5440 matching grants have also helped to fund the summer camps.



Photos courtesy of Nehemiah Gateway

Gordon and Boatman also worked with Nehemiah Gateway to apply for a \$35,000 Rotary International Global Grant which was awarded earlier this year. The grant will help Nehemiah Gateway to equip a new Children's Learning Center in Pogradec, Albania and to train staff. The center will welcome children with special needs for therapy services delivered by nurses and specialists. The global grant is a cooperative effort between the Rotary Club of Estes Park, The Rotary Club of Estes Park Foundation, Rotary District 5440, Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Pogradec, Albania.

The amount of District 5440 Grants and Rotary International Global Grants for which our club qualifies is directly related to the amount we, as individual club members, donate to The Rotary International Foundation. So, please keep that in mind as you consider your 2020 giving.

Way to go, Rotarians!

To read the latest Compact, click: [https://www.ng-usa.org/application/files/8516/0148/29/compact-43/ng\\_compact\\_US\\_102020.pdf](https://www.ng-usa.org/application/files/8516/0148/29/compact-43/ng_compact_US_102020.pdf)

### 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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### Nov. 19 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Tara Moenning**

Song & Pledge: **Bill Solms**

Guest Intro: **Karol Rinehart, Scott Thompson**

Scribe: **Rita DuChateau**

Greeter: **Karol Rinehart**

Program Intro: **Kevin Mullin**

### Nov. 26 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Happy Thanksgiving**

Song & Pledge: **No meeting**

Guest Intro: **Happy Thanksgiving**

Scribe: **No meeting**

Greeter: **Happy Thanksgiving**

Program Intro: **No meeting**

### Upcoming Events

**Foundation Board Meeting**

Zoom

Nov 19, 2020

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

**Duck Race Committee Meeting**

Nov 25, 2020 5:00 PM –

Dec 17, 2020 6:00 PM

**Club Board Meeting**

Dec 01, 2020

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**Foundation Board Meeting**

Dec 17, 2020

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

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### Speakers

Nov 19, 2020 12:00 PM

[Dr. John Meyer](#)

When To Call a Chopper

Nov 26, 2020

[No Meeting](#)

Thanksgiving

Dec 03, 2020

[Bill Solms](#)

Awards Presentation Program

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### Birthdays, Anniversaries

#### Member Birthdays

**Kevin Mullin**

November 4

**Dave Boon**

November 5

**Kathy Groesbeck**

November 7

**Peter Sinnott**

November 8

**Madison Casey**

November 17

**Thor Homme**

November 21

**Doug Mann**

November 30

#### Anniversaries

**Jennifer Comstock**

**Matt Comstock**

November 13

**Rob Cohen**

**Sheila**

November 27

**Trudy Collar**

**Curt Collar**

November 27

#### Join Date

**Virgil Holtgrewe**

November 1, 1959

61 years

**Bob Benight**

November 3, 1994

26 years

**Jack Overly**

November 4, 1979

41 years

**Longley Parker**

November 8, 2001

19 years

**Tom Gardner**

November 13, 2003

17 years

**Don Widrig**

November 16, 2000

20 years

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