



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Partners Mentoring Youth by Kathy Whitacre, MS, CRC Program Coordinator



Kathy Whitacre

Kathy Whitacre is the Estes Park Program Coordinator for Partners who helps match youth age 7-17 with positive adult role models to enrich lives and build community. Before joining Partners, Kathy worked 20+ years as a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and Flood Recovery Specialist. After a successful career helping people recover from traumatic injuries and events, Kathy now facilitates building enriching relationships between our youth, adults, and community. You can reach Kathy at 970-577-9348 or kwhitacre@poweredbypartners.org.

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>

Rotary Weekly Luncheon

Place: American Legion

Time: Lunch served from 11:30 - 12:00

Cost: \$20

Parking: American Legion and the church only

November 10 Duty Roster

Invocation: Virgil Holtgrewe

Song & Pledge: Dennis Gellhaus

Guest Intro: Mel Rueppel

Scribe: Madison Casey

Greeter: Mel Rueppel

Program Intro: Karen Thompson

November 17 Duty Roster

Invocation: Ben Van der Werf

Song & Pledge: Dennis Gellhaus

Guest Intro: Gregg Jurgens

Scribe: Pete Sumey

Greeter: Gregg Jurgens

Program Intro: Karen Thompson

Upcoming Events

Foundation Board Meeting

Quality Inn

Nov 17, 2022

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

Winter Fundraising Dinner

Twin Owls Restaurant

Dec 06, 2022

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Speakers

Update by President Dennis Gellhaus

Just a few quick comments this week. Last Thursday evening got a bit blustery with the snow coming in which probably hampered more people getting out and enjoying Carl's gumbo. It was terrific! Thanks Carl!

I hope everyone enjoyed their extra hour of sleep Sunday morning and turned clocks back Saturday night.

Remember you have until the 17th to double your contribution to your favorite non-profit with matching funds from our Foundation. Forms are at our weekly meeting, or contact Jack Boatman. Thanks.

Oh, yes - Scholarship dinner Dec. 6th at Twin Owls. Get your tables lined up!

Thanks for listening.
Dennis

Here's Our New Club Photograph November 3, 2022



Back Row: Bill Solms, Carl Robicheaux, Jim Whiteneck, Mike Connelly, Lee Lasson, Jim Austin, Guy Van der Werf, Ben Van der Werf, Pete Sumey, Jack Boatman, Doug Mann, Gary Nelson, Kevin, Mullin, Madison Casey, Gregg Jurgens, Dennis Gellhaus
Middle Row: Tom Gardner, Pete Sinnott, Mel Rueppel,
Front Row: Scott Thompson, Beth Weisberg, Wayne Newsom, Karen Thompson, Virgil Holtgrewe, Dawn Shields, Annie Slack, Scott Robbins, Michelle Mann, Barry Hannigan, Kathy Groesbeck, Karol Rinehart, Phil & Tara Moenning, Joe Bonoff

November 3, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Dennis Gellhaus rang the bell at 12:00 PM.
Jim Whiteneck gave the Invocation.
President Dennis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Madison Casey led in singing.

Visiting Rotarians:

Speaker Jeff Johnson and Gordon Slack, both from Sunrise Rotary
Joe Bonoff from Naples FL.

Guests of Rotarians:

Kevin Mullin introduced Gary Nelson.
Jack Overly joins us on Zoom.

Announcements:

Jack Boatman reminded the group that applications for charitable giving matching gifts are due on November 17. Application forms are on the table.
Tara Moenning reported that the Scholarship dinner is scheduled on December 6 at the Twin Owls restaurant starting at 5:00.
Carl Robicheaux has prepared 25 gallons of Gumbo for dinner at the

Nov 10, 2022

[Kathy Whitaker](#)

Partners Mentoring Youth

Nov 17, 2022

[Mark Solomon](#)

Veterans Community Project

Dec 01, 2022 12:00 PM

[Matt Veenker and Kat Stinson](#)

Raymond James Financial Planning

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Kevin Mullin

November 4

RJ Lara

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

Dale Bonza

December 1

Gary Hazelton

December 3

Chuck Bonza

December 13

Jennifer Comstock

December 16

Harry Livingston

December 18

American Legion starting at 5:00 tonight.

Happy Money:

Annie Slack is happy

- that husband Gordon is here along with Jeff Johnson.
- She thanked everyone who is walking with her while recovering from back surgery.

Karen Thompson appreciates Carl Robicheaux for preparing Gumbo.

Duty Roster:

- Pete Sumey is Scribe
- Dawn Shields is Greeter today.

A **Rotary Moment** featured Virgil Holtgrewe.

Virgil joined Rotary in 1959

- has served as President in clubs in Nebraska and Colorado.
- He was instrumental in forming PETS and RYLA.

Gordon Slack took a group picture.

Program:

Karen Thompson introduced speaker Jeff Johnston.
Jeff spoke about ways to avoid Internet Fraud



Jeff Johnston

Adjournment:

President Dennis closed the club meeting with the 4 way test.

Pete Sumey, scribe



Double Your Donation to Your Favorite Local Charity!

2022 Matching Charitable Donation Program

Due Date: November 17, 2022



The Rotary Club of Estes Park Foundation is conducting a matching charitable donation program this fall to supplement donations to local non-profits.

The maximum matching donation amount is **\$150** per member and the minimum donation amount is \$50. Rotary Club of Estes Park members will be able to apply for matching donations from the

Anniversaries

Jennifer Comstock

Matt Comstock

November 13

Rob Cohen

Sheila

November 27

Chuck Bonza

Dale

December 26

Dale Bonza

Chuck

December 26

Gary Hazelton

Kris

December 31

Kris Hazelton

Gary

December 31

Join Date

Virgil Holtgrewe

November 1, 1959

63 years

Jack Overly

November 4, 1979

43 years

Longley Parker

November 8, 2001

21 years

Tom Gardner

November 13, 2003

19 years

Don Widrig

November 16, 2000

22 years

Ben Van der Werf

November 18, 2021

1 year

Scott Robbins

November 18, 2021

1 year

Foundation between October 13 and November 17, 2022.

The Foundation will be providing matching donations to qualified 501(c)(3) organizations serving Estes Valley residents and in good standing with the Colorado Secretary of State.

The application form which provides detailed instructions is available on the club website and will be available at the weekly club meetings. You will also be receiving an email with the application form attached.

If you have any questions, please contact or email Jack Boatman (email: jack.boatman7@gmail.com / Telephone: 832-623-5647)

Virgil Holtgrewe's Rotary Moment



Virgil and Carol Holtgrewe

Our Methodist Minister in Hebron, Nebraska invited me to join Rotary in 1959. I did not know anything about Rotary and asked the president of the company I was working for if I could. He was a member of the Omaha, Nebraska Rotary Club. He said it was a good way to meet business people in the area, so do it. I became a MEMBER. During my membership in the Hebron Rotary, I served on different committees and was elected president.

We moved to Fort Morgan, CO in 1964 and because of my experience at Hebron, they asked me to be secretary. I served as secretary for 4 years. This is where we met Wayne and Pat Newsom.

Our family moved to Wheat Ridge, CO and I joined the Lakewood Rotary in 1959. Our two daughters were selected for the Youth Exchange Program and each went overseas for one year. One in South Africa and other in the Philippines. When asked to join the District Youth Exchange Committee, I accepted and became its chairman for two years. During the next years, I served on many different District Committees and became an Assistant District Governor and lead a Group Study Exchange to South Korea. I also helped to develop PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) for the District.

Carol was a great supporter of my involvement and encouraged me to be active in other Avenues of Service. District Governor Stan Black wanted to start a RYLA program in the District and asked me to explore the possibilities of creating one. Over the next two years I wrote the guidelines for a co-ed camp and it was started in 1987. This was when women still were not admitted to Rotary. RYLA is still going today with more than 10,000 campers attending to date. Before leaving the Rotary Club of Lakewood, I served on many committees and was elected President. It is these 45 years in the Lakewood Rotary that Carol and I both became ROTARIANS.

Doug Mann

December 1, 2016
6 years

Jim Austin

December 11, 2008
14 years

Gary Hazelton

December 12, 2002
20 years

Kris Hazelton

December 12, 2002
20 years

John Thomason

December 20, 2018
4 years

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[Bill Solms](#)

We moved to Estes Park in 2014 and joined the Noon Rotary Club of Estes Park. These have been 63 wonderful years of service resulting in International travel, attending three Rotary annual conferences and meeting fellow Rotarians from all over the world.

My Rotary Moment —

Carol and I were asked to chaperone a Youth Exchange Party at the 1984 District Conference held at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. Eleven o'clock was the curfew time and we finally got the 43 exchange student from all over the world to start the walk to the dorm. One of the student's had a radio "boom box" and was playing music. Walking in the middle of the street, making a lot of noise, the popular song at that time was "We are the World, We are the Children of the World—" The boom box was set down in the middle of the street and the students circled the music and sang, all arm in arm, along with the music. Carol and I stood on the side of the street, arm in arm, and cried to see what was happening. I believe I turned to Carol and said "This is Rotary".

Virgil H Holtgrewe

**So Long, Farewell, Aufwiedersehn, Goodbye
We hate to see you go
But know you are always welcome back**

Thanks for your years of service



**Longley Parker
Club Treasurer 10+ years!**

"Rotary provides such a great platform for individuals to grow and learn from others and be of serves to those near and far. I definitely believe I grew and learned a lot from the gifted members in our Club and with the quality of our members I am confident that our Club will continue to grow and do great things both locally and internationally. I wish I had time to say "Good Bye" to all the members personally, but things have happen very suddenly with the sale of our house here in Estes and the purchase of a new house in Adel, Iowa. We will be closer to our son, other family member and childhood friends. Estes Park has been very good to us, but our roots were always very deep in Iowa."

A Bright Christmas Family

OUR CLUB IS SPONSORING A FAMILY FOR BRIGHT CHRISTMAS!
the family has five children, ages 9, 11, 13, 14, and 17.

Foundation Officers/Directors

President

[Carl Robicheaux](#)

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[Jack Boatman, Carl Robicheaux](#)

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- 9 year-old is a boy
 - he would love to have a Tesla remote control car
 - Think Fun Gravity Maze Marble Game
 - a wireless controller for Xbox 360 (just the controller, not the Xbox)
 - an Operation skill game
 - for clothes he needs size 10 boys pants, shirts, and undies
 - his favorite color is red

The older four children also need clothes
request gift cards at Walmart or anywhere rather than try to match
sizes or styles for them.
Their wish lists are:

- for 11 year old girl
 - Crayola scribble scrubbie,
 - Bop it,
 - roller skates (size 8 womens)
 - earth science kit
- for 13 year old girl
 - Magic Mixins, crocs size 8 womens
 - Changeling mug
 - Marbling paint art kit
- for 14 year old girl
 - water color paper
 - air dry clay
 - large sketch book
 - sewing items
 - volumes 8-10 of My Hero Academia Manga books
- for 17 year old boy
 - camo gloves
 - golf balls/tees
 - a wireless controller for Xbox 360
 - a camo beanie
- for the parents
 - King size bedding
 - dishes
 - Beth is getting more details on the parents' request.

Beth will be sending an email to the full Club membership sometime
this coming week with more details,

- will include a list of local merchants who are offering
substantial discounts for this program.
- all gifts needed back to Beth by no later than December 1 so
we can fill in gaps and wrap everything.
- please do not wrap the gifts yourself, since we need to see
what everyone is getting to be sure to even things out among
the children.
- we will get together to wrap all of the gifts sometime between
December 1 and December 5.

- Final date to return the wrapped gifts to Bright Christmas is December 6, 2022

Enter the Photo Contest for 2023 Friendship Card Rotarians are Eligible to Enter!



The Rotary Club of Estes Park has received over 100 submissions to its photo contest for the 2023 Friendship Card for Local Discounts. A panel of judges will select the winning photo. All decisions of the judges are final. The winner will be notified via email. The winning photo may also be used on other marketing materials for the Friendship Card. Owner of the photo will not receive any other compensation other than photo credit and two 2023 Friendship Cards.

SAVE THE DATE SCHOLARSHIP DINNER AT THE TWIN OWLS STEAKHOUSE DECEMBER 6, 2022

Where: Twin Owls Steakhouse

When: Tuesday evening, December 6th, 2022, 5 pm to 8 pm

Price: \$150/person--\$90 for the dinner and \$60 tax deductible for the Scholarship Fund

Table Selections: for 4, 6, 8, or 10—please indicate your choice i.e. if you have four people, would you like to be seated with another group of four or six?

Appetizers: Fruit, Cheese, Assorted Crackers, Cajun Elk Bites, Bacon Wrapped Sea Scallops, Cash Bar

Salad Course with Bread-served to tables

Entrees: Prime Rib, Salmon, or Basil Pesto Pasta, Buffet style

Dessert Platter and Coffee-served to tables

We will need to know the names of your guests (please print) and their entrée selection

Dress: Business casual

Checks made out to: The Rotary Club of Estes Park Foundation can be mailed to POB 1854, EP, CO 80517 or hand delivered to Karol Rinehart

Entertainment: provided by the Estes Valley Chamber Singers directed by Rich Dixon

Questions? Contact Karol Rinehart at kj.rinehart@centurylink.net

Form for Scholarship Dinner:

A ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

December 6th , 2022, 5 pm to 8 pm

At the Taharaa Mountain Lodge/Twin Owls Steakhouse

Host name:

Host home Address:

Phone#

Host Email address:

Guest Full names & Entrée number selection:

Entrée Selections: 1. Prime Rib 2. Salmon 3. Basil Pesto Pasta

- Table for Four: \$600.00
- Table for Six: \$900.00
- Table for 8: \$1,200
- Table for 10: \$1,500 (40% will be Tax Deductible)

*Please indicate whether you would be willing to join another table of 4, 6, or 8

Dress code: business casual

Send completed form along with Check made out to:

The Rotary Club of Estes Park Foundation

PO Box 1854

Estes Park, CO 80517

*Special requests for table assignments:

Retain for your records:

First Names & Entrée selection numbers:

Entrée selections 1. Prime Rib 2. Salmon 3. Basil Pesto Pasta

Return to: Mail, or Karol Rinehart

Tara will be sending this form out by email to those she knows are coming to the dinner. Just let her know.

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