



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

**Thursday is our Thanksgiving Luncheon
Be Sure to Come!**



Veterans' Community Project

Our Speaker this week, Mark Solomon, will be talking about the Veterans Community Project. It is dedicated to supporting every man and woman who took the oath for our country. It is determined to make a difference in the lives of homeless Veterans, a task accomplished by the community for the community. Veterans Community Project is a 501(c)(3) organization founded by a group of combat veterans in Kansas City, Missouri who resolved to stand in the gaps of a broken system that left too many of their brothers and sisters behind. Our staff assists Veterans with navigating the VA and their benefits, identification services, mental and physical health referrals, financial counseling, and employment supports among other services.

VCP Village is a planned tiny home community designed to get homeless Veterans off the street and transition them to permanent housing.

VCP has a long-term goal of eliminating Veteran homelessness nationwide. Using Kansas City as the blueprint for achieving similar successes in cities across the United States, Veterans Community Project has officially begun its expansion starting with Longmont, Colorado; St. Louis, Missouri; and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

If you want to learn more about Veterans Community Project please go to this link:

<https://www.veteranscommunityproject.org/about>

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>

November 17 Duty Roster

Invocation: Ben Van der Wersf

Song & Pledge: Dennis Gellhaus

Guest Intro: Member to Introduce Guest

Scribe: PeteSumey

Greeter: Gregg Jurgens

Program Intro: Karen Thompson

November 24 Duty Roster

Invocation: **No Meeting**

Song & Pledge: **Thanksgiving**

Guest Intro: **No Meeting**

Scribe: **Thanksgiving**

Greeter: **No Meeting**

Program Intro: **Thanksgiving**

Upcoming Events

Foundation Board Meeting

Quality Inn

Nov 17, 2022

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

Duck Race Committee Meeting

Nov 17, 2022

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Winter Fundraising Dinner

Twin Owls Restaurant

Dec 06, 2022

[View entire list](#)

Rotary Weekly Luncheon**Place:** American Legion**Time:** Lunch served from 11:30 - 12:00**Cost:** \$20**Parking:** American Legion and the church only**Update by President Dennis Gellhaus**

The holidays will soon be upon us and my hope is that everyone will be able to spend quality time with family and friends.

- Our lunch this Thursday will be a pre-Thanksgiving meal.
- Thursday is the last day to donate to your favorite non-profit and receive matching funds from our Foundation.
- Beth Weisberg is receiving donations for Bright Christmas.
 - We have “adopted” a family with 5 children, so please consider a gift by December 1st.
- Salvation Army bell ringers are signing up! See Pete Sinnott or go to the Crossroads Ministry website.
- We are looking for 2 or 3 more Rotarians to on occasion be willing to set up our speaker system ahead of our meeting. This only takes 5 minutes to set up and take down.
- Remember the Winter Scholarship Dinner at Twin Owls December 6th.
 - Sign up your table!

I ran to Safeway on Saturday morning and was greeted by a group of school kids and sponsors at the door. I said, “what’s up”, and they handed me a list of food they were wanting to collect. After doing a little “extra” shopping I handed them a sack on the way out. We have been blessed with so much! How grateful it is to give back! And what a blessing to serve with the Rotary Club of Estes Park.

Enjoy this season.

Thanks for listening.
Dennis

November 10, 2022 Meeting Notes

President Dennis Gellhaus called the meeting to order.
Virgil Holtgrewe gave the invocation for Veterans’ Day.
Dennis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Madison Casey led song “God Bless America” for Veterans’ Day.

Announcements:

- Next week’s meeting has a special Thanksgiving menu.
- Rotary Foundation meets next Thursday, 1:30, at Quality Inn.
- Duck Race Committee meets next Thursday, 5:00, at Library in large room on main floor.
 - Agenda includes this year’s theme and ticket price.

Speakers

Nov 17, 2022

[Mark Solomon](#)

Veterans Community Project

Dec 01, 2022 12:00 PM

[Matt Veenker and Kat Stinson](#)

Raymond James Financial Planning

[View entire list](#)**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

Anniversaries

- Tara Moenning said annual scholarship dinner at Twin Owls is Dec. 6.
 - You can sign up here today or she can email form.
- Tara said we have 10 photos to vote on today to choose one for the Friendship Card.
 - The committee received 152 photos from 46 photographers!
- We welcomed Jack Overly on zoom today.
- Dennis announced anniversaries:
 - Wedding for Comstock's
 - Join Dates for Tom Gardner and Don Widrig.

Guests of Rotarians:

Gary Nelson is joining our club, guest of Karen Thompson. Teresa Mueller of Sunrise Club was introduced by Gregg Jurgens. Joe Bommess is a Rotarian visiting from Naples, FL, guest of Ben Van der Werf.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Pete Sinnott announced Salvation Army bell ringing time is approaching this year, with major changes. Gordon Slack has retired from chairing this organization for so many years. Now Crossroads Ministry will administer this for the Salvation Army

- Bell Ringing begins Thanksgiving weekend and then weekly Wednesdays thru Sundays, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM
- Only one location this year Safeway
- Only 1 hour shifts this year
- SIGN UP at Crossroads website on Home Page which has a link to sign up sheet.
- We need Bell Captains who supervise staffing and handle the day's money

For Scott, Dennis told some bad military-themed pun jokes.

Veterans' Day Celebration

Jim Whiteneck invited veterans to the Legion on Friday for free breakfast; 3:00 ceremony at the Veterans' Monument at the Visitors' Center; evening steak dinner at the Legion for only \$17.

Matching Charitable Donations

Jack Boatman reminded us next week is the last chance to turn in your donation checks to your favorite local charities to be matched by our Rotary Foundation up to \$150 per member. Or, mail with form to our PO box.

Happy Money:

- Carl Robicheaux is happy no more TV political ads.
- Annie Slack is happy to have visited Jack Overly and he is doing well.
- Karen Thompson is happy
 - Jack is on zoom today
 - Longley & Julie Parker's house sale closed today and they move tomorrow to Iowa.

**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

Doug Mann
December 1, 2016
6 years

- Dave Boon is happy to be back with us.
 - Fort Collins club had their event to raise money for young RYLA and made \$60,000!
 - He needs volunteers to counsel during the day the 124 8th graders attending RYLA next summer at the YMCA.
- Scott Robins is happy Gregg Jurgens and Teresa Mueller will be the finance team for the Duck Race.

Rotary Moment

Michelle Mann gave her Rotary Minute. She is a first-generation Rotarian.



Michelle Mann

Program:

Karen introduced Kathy Whitacre, Program Director, for Partners here in town. They place adult mentors with youth ages 7-17.



Kathy Whitacre & President Dennis giving her a Piece of the Rock

Adjournment

We concluded with the Four Way Test

Madison Casey, scribe



Last Chance!

Double Your Donation to Your Favorite Local Charity!

2022 Matching Charitable Donation Program

Due Date: November 17, 2022

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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Fund Development Director

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Big Duck

[Bill Solms](#)

Foundation Officers/Directors



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 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)

Michelle Mann's Rotary Moment



**Michelle Mann in Albania
Rotary Club's Treasurer**

I am a first generation Rotarian. I joined shortly after my husband, Doug, served as club President. With the international travel of my non-profit job, I'm now aware of the impact of Rotary around the globe. I've witnessed what Rotary does to help people, at home and abroad, particularly making a difference alongside Nehemiah Gateway's work in Albania. The club's involvement has improved the lives of many Albanian children, and their families. I am honored to have Ron Gordon as my sponsor. He leads the International committee. Through him and the rest of the International committee, I've seen how this club has a passion to help people everywhere. I've been so impressed and am grateful to be part of such an organization, and this club in particular.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

President

[Carl Robicheaux](#)

Vice President

[Anne Slack](#)

Secretary

[Tara Moenning](#)

Treasurer

[Gregg Jurgens](#)

Grants

[Jack Boatman, Carl Robicheaux](#)

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[Tara Moenning](#)

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**Please consider donating one hour of your time
Go to Crossroads home page and see link to sign up**

Duck Race Committee Meeting Thursday, November 17, 2022

Duck Race committee and interested parties come one and come all!!

- We will meet at the Estes Valley Library, Hondius Room starting at 5pm and ending promptly at 6pm.
- To be decided:
 - 2023 Theme
 - 2023 Adoption Pricing
 - other new interesting issues that only 2023 will bring!!

New members and old, join us to find out what this is all about; lift our non-profits in a time of hardship for them and lift the spirits of our town as well as your own!!!

Big Duck Bill Solms.

Please Support Our Bright Christmas Family

Dear Rotary Club of Estes Park members and friends,
The family our Rotary Club has “adopted” for Bright Christmas this year has five children ages 9 - 17, a mom, and a dad. We are going to need everyone’s help to meet this family’s need/wish list, so if you are able to buy gifts or gift cards, or simply contribute money to help purchase these items, any and all amounts are welcome and needed. If you would rather donate money than do shopping, please make checks payable to Beth Weisberg, let her know what to expect, and she will order what is needed. All gifts or cash donations must be turned in by no later than Thursday, December 1, so we need to get started right away. Please do not wrap anything – we will need to see what we have, to be sure all 5 kids receive relatively equal amounts from their need and wish lists. If you can provide gift bags or wrapping paper, that will help, too! Sometime between December 2 – 5, we will have a wrapping party. We will then turn in everything together, wrapped and labeled, to Bright Christmas on Tuesday, December 6.

Please let Beth know if you want to “reserve” any particular items, or send any questions to weisberg.family@verizon.net. We don’t have a lot of time, with Thanksgiving in the middle of this, and this is a large family (which we requested, at the suggestion of the Community Service Committee), so everyone please do what you can to help our brighten this family’s holiday!

Here is the complete wish/need list. (They know we won’t be able to

get everything.) This year for clothing over age 10, Bright Christmas is suggesting gift cards at Walmart, Kohls, Target, Ross, Amazon, Visa, or Master Card, rather than guessing at sizes/styles.

- Stonewall (boy, age 9):
 - Favorite color is red
 - Pants: boys size 10;
 - Shirts: boys size 10;
 - Undies: boys size 10;
 - Winter snow boots: size 6;
 - Twin size comforter set – camo if possible;
 - Operation Skill game;
 - Wireless controller for Xbox 360;
 - Tesla remote control car
 - Think Fun Gravity Maze Marble Game.
- Tara (girl, age 11):
 - Favorite color is purple;
 - Winter snow boots: womens size 8;
 - Gift cards for clothing
 - Twin size comforter set – purple if possible;
 - Crayola Scribble Scrubbie;
 - Bop It;
 - Roller Skates;
 - Earth science kit.
- Katie-Corrine (girl, age 13):
 - Favorite color is pink;
 - Winter snow boots: women's size 8;
 - Gift cards for clothing
 - Crocs: womens size 8;
 - Twin size comforter set – pink if possible;
 - Magic Mixins;
 - Changeling mug (any kind);
 - Marbling paint art kit.
- Scarlett (girl, age 14):
 - Favorite color is blue;
 - Winter snow boots: womens size 9;
 - Gift cards for clothing
 - Twin size comforter set – blue if possible;
 - Water color paper;
 - Air dry clay;
 - Large sketch book;
 - Sewing materials (likes sewing);
 - Volumes 8 – 10 My Hero Academia Manga books.
- Devon (boy, age 17):
 - Favorite color is red;
 - Winter snow boots: mens size 9;
 - Gift cards for clothing
 - Twin size comforter set – camo if possible;
 - Camo gloves;
 - Golf balls and tees;
 - Any gift certificate for playing access to Estes Park 18 hole golf course (Devon loves golf);

- Wireless controller for Xbox 360;
- Camo beanie
- Loves baseball, football, golf, and hunting.
- Mom: Large sweater (or gift card)
- Dad: 32 Regular pants (or gift card)
- Mom & Dad: King size comforter set or blanket – blue if possible
- Family: Cereal or soup bowls for 8 or 12.

Some of our local merchants are offering deep discounts for this program, as shown on the list attached above. Please patronize them if you can. As you can see, we will need as much help with this as possible.

Please let Beth know if you have any questions, and if you can give her an idea of what you plan to contribute, that will be much appreciated.

Happy holidays to you all, and thanks for helping to make this happen for “our” local family,
Beth!

Please Shop Locally at these Stores They support Bright Christmas

Here are local businesses that carry items that would make great gifts for children and offer generous discounts to Bright Christmas sponsors.

Present this sponsor form to the following LOCAL merchants and the discount will be applied.

Ask the merchant for the specifics in their store!

- **Rocket Fizz** - 356 E. Elkhorn Ave. Unit 3
 - 20% discount on unique candies, fun gifts and more
- **EP Sugar Shack and Fudge Factory**- 153 Virginia Drive
 - 25% discount on chocolates, ice cream and more
- **Rocky Mtn. Connection** - 141 E. Elkhorn Ave.
 - 40% discount on jeans, shirts, pj's and much more
- **Outdoor World**- 156 E. Elkhorn Ave.
 - 40% discount on outdoor, hats, gloves, etc.
- **Moosely T's** - 124 E. Elkhorn Ave.
 - 20% discount – PJ's, T shirts and great gifts for kids
- **Estes Park Mountain Shop**- 2050 Big Thompson Ave.
 - 25% discount on sports and winter clothing
- **Toy Mountain** - 160 W. Elkhorn Ave.

- 25% discount on games and toys

• **SportsHound and Buckles of Estes-** 160 W. Elkhorn Ave.

- 25% discount on sportswear and kid items

Sarah Walsh

**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.

Give to our Foundation while you shop!

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- 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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