



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter



Enjoy Family & Friends

No Meeting This Week

Update by President Dennis Gellhaus

Our next meeting is December 1st. Coming up is the Scholarship Dinner on the 6th, so I hope your reservation is in for this wonderful evening.

I was sorry to miss our Thanksgiving luncheon last Thursday, but living in Estes sometimes the weather dictates our travel plans. We were able to catch our flight before the weather deteriorated and plan to enjoy Thanksgiving with our sons and families in Austin. Best wishes to everyone for a joyful time of giving thanks.

Thanks for listening.
Dennis



November 24 Duty Roster

Invocation: No Meeting

Song & Pledge: Thanksgiving

Guest Intro: No Meeting

Scribe: Thanksgiving

Greeter: No Meeting

Program Intro: Thanksgiving

Meeting Set-up: No Meeting

December 1 Duty Roster

Invocation: TBA

Song & Pledge: Dennis Gellhaus

Guest Intro: Member to Introduce

Scribe: Madison Casey

Greeter: Scott Thompson

Program Intro: Dennis Gellhaus

Meeting Set-up: Mark Lee

Upcoming Events

[Winter Fundraising Dinner](#)
Twin Owls Restaurant
Dec 06, 2022

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Speakers

November 17, 2022 Meeting Notes



Rotarians enjoying a Thanksgiving Luncheon

President Elect Karen Thompson rang the bell at 12:00 PM.
Ben Van der Werf gave the Invocation.
President Elect Karen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Madison Casey led the singing.

Visiting Rotarians: Joe Bonoff from Naples FL. This is Joe's last visit before heading back to Florida.

Guests of Rotarians:

- Jean Austin and
- Pat Newsom are visiting today
- Jim Whiteneck introduced Gary Nelson for his third visit
- Chris Davis is making his second visit
- Jack Overly joins us on Zoom.

Announcements:

- Beth Weisberg announced that the club is sponsoring a family of five children.
 - Please help with the many needs of these young people.
- Tara Moenning is taking signup sheets for the Scholarship dinner on December 6.
- Annie Slack completed new club membership lists for everyone to take home.
- Jim Austin is soliciting funds for the club sponsored shelter box.
- Bill Solms announced the Duck Race Committee meeting this afternoon.
- Carl Robicheaux announced the Foundation Board meeting at the Quality Inn this afternoon after the club meeting.

Happy Money:

- Ben Van der Werf is celebrating his first year as a club member.
- Scott Robbins is also celebrating his first year as a member.
 - Scott is serving as Little Duck,
 - He is looking for his Little Duck volunteer for
 - when he becomes Big Duck.
- Jim Austin wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

Anniversaries

Jennifer Comstock

Matt Comstock

November 13

Rob Cohen

Sheila

November 27

- Bill Solms thanked
 - Scott Robbins for his hard work as Little Duck,
 - Jim Austin for his years on the finish line,
 - Mark Lee for his work in Duck Central.
- Pete Sinnott asked for help with Christmas Salvation Army bell ringers.
 - Karen Thompson volunteered to be a captain.

Duty Roster:

- Pete Sumey is Scribe
- Gregg Jurgens is Greeter today.

Program:

Karen Thompson introduced speaker Mark Solomon, who spoke to the group about the Veterans Community Project. It is a project that provides Tiny Homes to our homeless Veterans, men and women that were willing to die for our country yet were now living on the streets.

Adjournment:

President Elect Karen closed the club meeting with the 4 way test.

Pete Sumey, scribe



Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed



Please consider donating one hour of your time
Go to [Crossroads home page](#) and see link to sign up

Update on Bright Christmas for Our Adopted Family

So far our Rotary Club has collected about ½ of what we need to fill our Bright Christmas family's wish list. This is no small task, as there are 5 children and 2 parents in this family.

- We have now ordered all of the comforters and the soup bowls they requested

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

Jim Austin
December 11, 2008
14 years

Gary Hazelton
December 12, 2002
20 years

- One of our members has bought golf tees, golf balls, and a round of golf for 17 year-old Devon. Thanks to 6 very generous members' checks so far
- We have about ½ of the cash we need for the rest of the family's needs and wishes.
- We still need all of the other items on the list, along with as many gift cards and/or more checks as possible, if we are going to make this Christmas bright for this family.
- Everything has to be received by no later than December 1. Since we have no more noon meetings before then, if you are willing to participate even in a small way please let Beth know what you would like to contribute, so she can plan what we can afford to buy.
- Please email Beth at weisberg.family@verizon.net with any questions or pledges.
- Checks should be made payable to Beth Weisberg, so she can buy items off the wish list with the money.
- Beth will be happy to pick up items, checks, or gift cards from you at your home, or you can leave them on her front porch and let her know they are there.
- Most important is to let Beth know what you are planning to donate, so she can budget for and order what is most needed.

Please help our club make this a happy holiday for our adopted family if you can – contributions in any amount are welcome.

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

Kris Hazelton

December 12, 2002

20 years

John Thomason

December 20, 2018

4 years

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Big Duck

[Bill Solms](#)

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- **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**

A heartfelt request to the membership to help support our students in their academic efforts by attending the dinner. This is a win/win event.

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

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- 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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