



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Happy Thanksgiving!



No Meeting November 25, 2021

Update by President Jim Whiteneck

Announcements:

- Thanks to everyone who participated in our Visioning Meeting this past week! You provided wonderful insights and suggestions!
 - You still have time to take your last minute ideas to the Club before we start meeting as a Board for implementation.
 - Please pass any additional ideas along to me.
- I'm very grateful for our ad Hoc Committee who has put in many hours over several months in preparing for the Visioning process.
 - Gratitude goes to Jennifer Comstock, Annie Slack, Beth Weisberg, Dennis Gellhaus, Mark Lee, and our sage, Pete Sumey!
- Our deepest gratitude goes to Sally Parks who has been meeting with us since May. She has done an incredible job shepherding us through this process!
- My best Thanksgiving wishes to ALL of you and your families! I am most grateful for your friendships and all of the things you do for our local and extended community.

November 25 Duty Roster

Invocation: No Meeting

Song & Pledge: Thanksgiving

Guest Intro: No Meeting

Scribe: Thanksgiving

Greeter: No Meeting

Program Intro: Thanksgiving

December 2 Duty Roster

Invocation: Gregg Jurgens

Song & Pledge: Jim Whiteneck

Guest Intro: Scott Thompson

Scribe: Pete Sumey

Greeter: Karol Rinehart

Program Intro: Anne Slack

Upcoming Events

[Club Board Meeting](#)

Dec 07, 2021

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[Foundation Board Meeting](#)

Dec 16, 2021

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

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Speakers

Dec 02, 2021

[Beverly Bachman](#)

Estes Park Educational Foundation

Dec 09, 2021

[Kevin Mullin](#)

November 18, 2021 Meeting Notes

President Jim Whiteneck called the meeting to order.
Madison Casey gave the invocation
Jim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests of Rotarians:

Dennis Gelhaus introduced his wife Robbie
Ben Van der Werf introduced his wife Valerie
Guy Van der Werf introduced his wife Leslie
Darrel Huenergordt was visiting from Lincoln East Rotary Club
Scott Robbins introduced his wife, Mary.
Jim recognized and thanked Brad and Cindy of the Legion who serve us every week.
Jim is grateful to Sally Park who is donating her time to facilitate our Visioning exercises at our meetings.

Announcements:

- Our Legion chef Will Sturgess described the wonderful meal of duck and flank steak he prepared for us today before we are off next week for Thanksgiving.
 - He said he is starting a culinary program here that he started and built to 300 students in California.
 - He invites us to participate along with students, vets, first responders.
- Jack Boatman reported that the Rotary Foundation's matching grants program ends today.
 - Contact him immediately to get your donations to our local charities matched for up to \$300.
 - So far, we have \$8,000 from our members to be matched.
- Jim and Pete Sinnott said we need people to fill 4 slots to ring Salvation Army bells next Saturday the 27th—3 slots at Church Shops and 1 at Benbrook Plaza.
- Bright Christmas
 - Beth Weisberg said our club has adopted a family of mother and 4 children, ages 7-16.
 - We need the gifts from our members listed in the email.
 - We did get the vacuum cleaner.
 - Members can also write checks to Beth.
 - Members can donate directly to Bright Christmas but it won't count to support our family.
- Jim recognized birthdays of Thor Homme and Dale Bonza.
- It is Doug Mann's Rotary anniversary.

New members inducted: Annie Slack presided for an ailing Bill Smith and inducted Scott Robbins (sponsor Beth Weisberg) and Ben Van der Werf (sponsor Guy Van der Werf). Welcome!



Guy, Valeria, Ben



Mary, Scott, Beth

EPHealth Hospital Foundation

Dec 16, 2021
[Skip Neilsong](#)
Guitarist/Singer

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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

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

Trudy Collar
Curt Collar



Guy, Valerie, Ben, Mary, Scott, Beth, Annie, Jim

Sergeant at Arms, Mel Rueppel, informed us of the actions that can generate a fine. He then quizzed us on the Grand Canyon.

Happy Money:

- We are happy that Val is here today whose grandfather was Al Wasson, a prominent member of our club.
- Carl was happy that there was no Scott joke.
- Jennifer Comstock was happy that her husband Matt is getting over Covid and she did not get it.
- Ben Van der Werf is happy that their baby is due in 5 weeks.
- Michelle Mann is happy to have visited our club's playground in Albania and see it completed and in use by happy kids.
 - She and Doug are back now.
 - Doug came back with mild case of Covid.
 - She was happy to unpack after Pinewood Springs did not have to evacuate for the fire.
- Madison was happy to have had a fun trip to New Orleans.
- Bill Solms was also happy Pinewood Springs did not evacuate.

Karen Thompson showed a large mock up of the 2022 Friendship Card with the winning photo.

Instead of a program today, we divided into groups for visioning and planning what we want our club to be. We discussed membership, programs/meetings, Duck Race, projects.



Rick Taylor, Longley Parker



Jim Whiteneck, Sally Park

We concluded at 1:30 with the 4 Way Test.

Madison Casey, scribe



Posted by Beth Weisberg

Bright Christmas

We're making a list and checking it twice ... Christmas will be here before we know it, and we are still in need of many donations to brighten the holiday for our adopted family #14.

We still have several gaps in their wish list. If anyone wants to participate, here is what we still need:

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

62 years

Jack Overly

November 4, 1979

42 years

Longley Parker

November 8, 2001

20 years

Tom Gardner

November 13, 2003

18 years

Don Widrig

November 16, 2000

21 years

Doug Mann

December 1, 2016

5 years

Jim Austin

December 11, 2008

13 years

Gary Hazelton

December 12, 2002

19 years

Kris Hazelton

December 12, 2002

19 years

Gordon Ulrickson

December 20, 2018

3 years

John Thomason

- Pedicure/manicure for Itzel (16 year-old girl) -- maybe a gift certificate to someplace that does nails in Estes Park?
- Barbie clothes for Kiara (7 year old girl)
- Still need all of the clothes on the wish list for the whole family, except for sweaters.
 - Itzel needs size 15 Juniors pants and XL Juniors shirts;
 - Jessie (male age 14) needs size 32 mens pants, Large mens shirts, and Large mens socks
 - Saul (male age 11) needs pants and shirts size Medium mens, and Large mens socks
 - Kiara needs pants and shirts size Large girls, and socks size Large girls
 - Mom needs size 13 ladies pants, Large ladies shirts, and a Large ladies sweater.
- Gift cards of any kind (for example Amazon, Visa, Kohls, H&M, Old Navy) or gift cards to any local Estes Park stores, especially those offering discounts to Bright Christmas families, would be great.
- So far we don't have anything for the single mom except for the vacuum cleaner.
- Gift cards for food (groceries, restaurants, or other food places) in Estes Park.

Please do not wrap the gifts. Beth needs to be able to see them so she can fill in what is still needed.

Please do put a note or yellow sticky stating who the gift is for.

How can you get items to Beth?

- Beth can shop for you! Just get her a check payable to Beth Weisberg in the amount you want to donate.
- You can take items directly to Beth
- Or, if you buy your own items, you can either
 - Drop them off at Beth's home (be sure to let her know so she can bring them inside)
 - or she will be happy to pick them up from you!
- You can bring gifts or checks to the Rotary meeting on Thursday, December 2.

If you have questions, need Beth's address or if you want to tell her that a check is on the way, please email her at weisberg.family@verizon.net .

The last day to get these items to Beth is **December 5** so she can deliver everything to Bright Christmas by December 7. If you want to donate to Bright Christmas efforts in general, you can write a check payable to Bright Christmas. Beth will be happy to deliver your check when she takes the gifts. But please note these checks will not be usable for our adopted family.

Thank you for everyone's help in making this holiday a happier one for our adopted Family #14!

Posted by Phil and Tara Moenning

Be Sure to Purchase Your Table!

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING DINNER

December 20, 2018
3 years

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Grants

Tuesday, December 7th 5 to 8 pm



*If we can sell all 25 tables, Carl Robicheaux will dress in any costume we desire!!!
Imagine a pink tutu!!*



Announcements:

It's time to purchase your table for the winter Rotary Scholarship Fundraiser dinner.

- The dinner will be held on Tuesday evening, December 7th, 5-8pm, at the Taharaa Mountain Lodge/Twin Owls Steakhouse, 3110 S. St. Vrain Ave.
- The dining room will be decorated for the holidays and will provide a beautiful setting for our event.
- The menu choices will be
 - Prime Rib
 - Salmon
 - Basil Pesto Pasta.
- A table for four will be \$715 (\$400 will be tax deductible); a table for six will be \$1070 (\$600 will be tax deductible).
 - Purchase a table(s) to enjoy with friends/family, or to entertain as a gift.
 - You may decide on your guests and their menu selections at a later date.
- A special musical presentation will be included for a portion of the evening.

We look forward to your joining us, Fund Development Committee

Posted by Longley Parker

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! At long last, credit cards can pay for your meals!

Announcement:

Beginning Thursday Dec. 9th the Club will start accepting credit cards to pay for meals, beverages and desserts at the weekly meetings. There will be a \$1.00 convenience fee added to cover the fees associated with the use of the credit cards. No changes in the cost of meals, etc if you pay with cash or personal check.

[Jack Boatman, Carl Robicheaux](#)

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Posted by Ron Gordon

International Service Committee Report

The project for the Amaro Tan playground in Albania is complete. Ron and Michelle will soon provide more information; a video is available on Facebook. See below to copy and paste.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=4531687456951754>

Have you been missing a Member?

During these times with Covid and isolation, maybe you have noticed members that are no longer attending meetings. If you know of a member you have been missing, please reach out to them and invite them to come back now that we can meet in person

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 be participating in the smile.amazon.com program.



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