



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Welcome to our Club!

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

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Nicky's or Zoom?

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 **BEFORE 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20**. She can answer questions you may have on our meetings at Nicky's.

Posted by Rita DuChateau

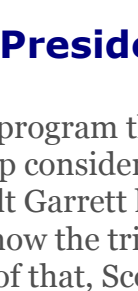
This week's meeting:

Club Assembly for committee work

Be sure to watch your email for important information on when, where and how your committee will meet this week. Our fourth meeting of the each month is set aside for committees to meet, so be prepared. If you haven't signed up for a committee or committees, here they are, with the names of the committee chairs. It's never too late to join a committee!

Club Administration - Karol Rinehart
Community Service - Beth Weisberg
Fund Development - Karen Thompson
International Service - Ron Gordon
Membership - Anne Slack/Dennis Gellhaus
Youth/New Generations - Sue Fereday

While not a formal committee, Rick Taylor welcomes your ideas for future programs.



Update from President Bill Solms

Thank you YMCA of the Rockies for a great program this past Thursday! I apologize that I had to squeeze in our Club's important membership considerations resulting in shortening a great program. I am glad we were able to give Milt Garrett his well-deserved recognition as his home Club. Also, due to Carl's direction, all will know the trivia question coming up this next week during our Club Assembly meeting. On top of that, Scott scored some laughs, and thank you all for your generous support of our Happy Dollars fund. Again, a big thanks for the International Committee's proactive move to get our \$1,000.00 Club donation to Polio Plus; we will stay the course until Wild Polio Virus is extinct!

Please join me on the 22d at 5 pm on Zoom to kick off plans for the 2121 Estes Park Rotary Duck Race Festival to be held May 1, 2121. I am open to new ideas, broad community participation, and making this a fun activity for all of us, both in the planning and execution of all the different moving parts. It will be important to make up for this year's lost community activity and for the additional anxiety and suffering caused by Covid-19, the fires, and divisive events nationwide.

Bill Solms



October 15, 2020 Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Solms at 12:00. Bill opened the mic to those who wanted to comment on the fire.

President's Announcements

- Duck Race Committee will meet October 22 at 5:00 on Zoom to plan 2021.
- October 24 is World Polio Day.
- Bill wished Happy birthday to Carl Robicheaux and happy anniversary to the Lassons.

Karen McClure gave the invocation. Bill led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no guests. Scott brought us the song online- one verse of "I'm Proud to Be An American" by Lee Greenwood, followed by "The Joke of the week, Bill's "Rotarian" magazine trivia question generated \$1 from Karen Thompson although she did get one of the three answers required.

Happy Money

- Tom Gardner gave \$28 for their excellent 28-day camping trip in Colorado and Utah.
- Annie Slack said the zoom District Conference was excellent. It was held for 3 hours and our International President gave an impressive speech. He emphasized the need to recruit younger members as Rotary average age worldwide is 75!
- Carl Robicheaux thanked everyone for supporting his gumbo sales at the Chamber of Commerce fundraiser. He thanked Scott Thompson for his two days of work with him and Karen for helping. He also offered happy money for our fire fighters.
- Karen Thompson is happy to have been involved in the gumbo event.
- Bill Solms was happy with his two pints of gumbo.

Induction

Milt Garrett was inducted into our club as his home club. He has worked worldwide consulting businesses for Rotary and has been a part of many Rotary Clubs-including ours. Milt gave \$5 happy money and a check for Paul Harris!

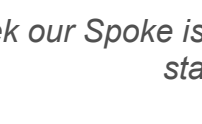
More Happy Money

Tom Maher gave happy money for anyone attending a Rotary meeting in Russia besides Milt and himself. No rivals on this.

Program

Rick Taylor introduced our speakers today from the YMCA of the Rockies: Susan Taylor, Program Director; Karen Lloyd D Onofrio, Historian and Museum Archives; Katie Kosmerl, Philanthropy Director. It was an excellent detailed presentation on the history of the Y worldwide and all the activities and programs at our Y.

Madison Casey, scribe



Member Spotlight - Karen McClure

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.



Karen McClure

I was born in Philadelphia (Mom a Dad had grown up in Swarthmore) and grew up on the Gulf Coast (Houston, Beaumont, New Orleans) until I went to college...Smith College. Got married during graduation and travelled to Omaha, NB. Spent all super holidays at the missile site; everyone else had small children at home. When we finally passed company with the Air Force we had a son and were expecting a girl. Stayed in Omaha until 1978 and then went to New Orleans (banking).

All my friends from high school had married each other. I got divorced. I went into residential real estate where I stayed for twenty years. In Denver! All that moving around on the Gulf Coast prepared me! John was in College at Tulane; Kristin was starting CSU.

My volunteer world was centered on starting education programs in zoos and nature centers: Fontenelle Forest, Henry Doorly Zoo, Louisiana Nature Center. They are still operating! I joined the Junior League and, of course, the Smith College Alumnae Club. Taught at all the education programs and recruited volunteers for all. Served as president of virtually every organization of which I was a member.

Joined Rotary because my grandfather Lewis was a Rotarian. Earned a Master's degree in Education from LSU in New Orleans. Now married to long-time friend, David Sidley Evans. Turned 80 last birthday. Onward!

Submit your photo for 2021 Friendship Card

It's time to enter your best work in the photo contest for the 2021 Friendship Card. There is no charge to enter, and the winner will receive photo credit on the card and two 2021 Friendship Cards. The deadline for photos is October 26, 2020.

The Friendship Card, which provides discounts at local businesses, debuted in 2019, replacing the long-time Rocky Card. The Rotary Club of Estes Park re-established the card as a fundraiser for club projects and community grants. A recent \$500 grant to the Community Corner Café will help fund its operations.

"In its first year, almost 700 cards were sold, and we anticipate that number will increase as people become aware of the value the card brings to local shoppers," said Karen Thompson, fund development director. "In 2020, 71 local businesses participated by providing some type of discount to cardholders. Rotary is very thankful for all the participating businesses, especially the Estes Park News for their continuous advertising throughout the summer."

To enter the photo contest, email a favorite Estes Valley/RMNP photo in high resolution, jpg format to estfriendshipcard@gmail.com. A panel of judges will select the winning photo. Cropping and slight color correction are allowed for photos, but photos with anything added or taken away through a photo editing program will be rejected. All decisions of the judges are final. The winner will be notified by email. The winning photo may also be used in other marketing materials for the Friendship Card. Owner of the photo will receive no compensation other than photo credit and two 2021 Friendship Cards.

The 2020 Friendship Card costs \$10, is valid until December 31, 2020, and is available for sale at Nicky's Restaurant, Rocky Mountain Gateway, The Village Store at National Park Village, Safeway Guest Services, MacDonald Book Store, and Quality Inn.



Proceeds from the Friendship Card fund Rotary club projects and grants, including a \$500 award to the Community Corner Café. Bruce Brackman, Community Corner Café representative, recently accepted the grant from Karen Thompson, just in time for the 2020-21 season of free meals for all every Friday beginning October 2. Meals will be provided on a take-out only basis at the Shepherd of the Mountains Church.

Posted by Rita DuChateau

E. P. Rotary Club marks progress toward a polio-free world Urges Rotarians, residents to help end the paralyzing disease

Rotary Club members in Estes Park are taking action to raise awareness, funds and support to end polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that still cripples children in parts of the world today. World Polio Day is Saturday, Oct. 24.

The club has donated \$1,000 to the Rotary International Polio Fund, and club members are encouraged to make online and mail-in donations. To add a donation to this worldwide effort, go online to <https://www.endpolio.org/> and select the Polio Fund, or send a check made out to The Rotary Foundation with Polio Fund in the memo line, to The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Dr., Chicago, IL 60693. To download a form to send with your check, click on this link: https://clubrunner.clubrunner.ca/files/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/24/files/homepage/donationformpolioeradication/123_contribution_form_en_20201009005509.pdf

When Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988, polio paralyzed 1,000 children every day. Great progress has been made against the disease since then, with the number of cases reduced by 99.9 percent. Polio is currently present in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. The initiative has vaccinated 2.5 billion children in 122 countries.

A highly infectious disease, polio causes paralysis and is sometimes fatal. It can strike people of any age but mainly affects children under five. As there is no cure, the best protection is prevention. For as little as 60 cents worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against polio for life. After an international investment of more than \$9 billion, and the successful engagement of over 200 countries and 20 million volunteers, polio could be the first human disease of the 21st century to be eradicated.

"And we remain committed to the end," said Ron Gordon, International Service Director for the Rotary Club of Estes Park. "We encourage everyone to make a donation to bring about the end of this disease in our lifetime."

With polio nearly eradicated, Rotary and its partners must sustain this progress and continue to reach every child with the polio vaccine. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk. Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million each year to support global polio eradication efforts. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to match that 2-to-1, for a total of \$150 million each year.

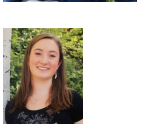
Rotary has contributed nearly \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to ending polio since 1985.

"The last few vestiges of this deadly virus remain in Afghanistan and Pakistan," said Bill Solms, Rotary Club of Estes Park President. "This year Africa was finally declared wild polio virus free after three years of no cases! We cannot relax our guard until the same occurs in these last two countries; until then testing, education, and vaccinations must receive our full support."

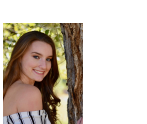
Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who unite and take action to create lasting change in communities around the globe. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to improve lives through service. From promoting literacy and peace to providing clean water and improving health care, Rotary members are always working to better the world. Visit endpolio.org to learn more about Rotary and the fight to eradicate polio. Three videos about the fight to eradicate polio are available on: <https://www.endpolio.org/resource-center-video>



Meet our 2020 Scholars



Galileo DuMont, Academic Scholarship
Biology/Chemistry/Pre-Med, St. Olaf College



Meghan Frey, Academic Scholarship
Nursing, University of Wyoming



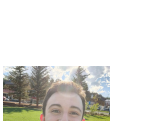
Sage Shumate, Academic Scholarship
Criminology, Boston University



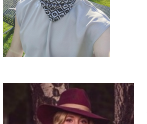
Paulina Tapia Bernal, Stanley Hotel Scholarship
Human Nutrition & Food Science, Colorado State University



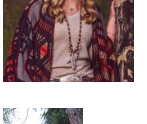
Esabella Burkhardt, Carver Family Scholarship
Psychology/Liberal Arts, Front Range Community College



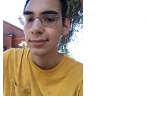
Jennifer Johnson, Lynn Coffman Scholarship
Business, University of Colorado - Boulder



Noel Villanueva, Brunson/Thorp Scholarship
Business Administration Management, University of Wyoming



Aubrey Kinley, Ron L. Kuhns Scholarship
Agricultural Business, Texas A+M University College Station

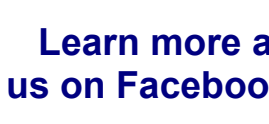


Matthew Turner, Brian Archibald Scholarship
Associate Degree in Art, Aims Community College

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 participating in the smile.amazon.com program.



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Oct. 22 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Madison Casey**

Song & Pledge: **Bill Solms**

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

Scribe: **Madison Casey**

Greeter: **Karol Rinehart**

Program Intro: **Bill Solms**

October 29 Duty Roster

Invocation: **No meeting**

Song & Pledge: **No meeting**

Guest Intro: **No meeting**

Scribe: **Fifth Thursday**

Greeter: **No meeting**

Program Intro: **Fifth Thursday**

Upcoming Events

Community Service Committee Meeting
Zoom
Oct 22, 2020
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Duck Race '21 Committee Meeting
Zoom
Oct 22, 2020
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

World Polio Day
Oct 24, 2020

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Speakers

Oct 22, 2020 12:00 PM
Bill Solms
Club Assembly-Committee Work

Nov 05, 2020
Carol Slack, District 5440 R.I. Representative
Paul Harris Giving

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Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Rick Taylor
October 7

Carl Robicheaux
October 15

Jack Overly
October 16

Dennis Gellhaus
October 20

Anniversaries

Tom Maher Marilyn
October 8

Lee Lasson Sandy
October 15

Join Date

Tom Anderson
October 1, 1981
39 years

Dana Fritz
October 2, 1997
23 years

Brad Rosenbaum
October 6, 2011
9 years

Anne Slack
October 10, 2002
18 years

Tim McLemore
October 10, 2017
3 years

Kathy Groesbeck
October 16, 2014
6 years

Karen Thompson
October 22, 2015
5 years

Sue Fereday
October 25, 2012
8 years

Jay Harroff
October 29, 1998
22 years

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Karol Rinehart

Community Service Director
Beth Weisberg

Fund Development Director
Karen Thompson

International Service Director
Ron Gordon

Youth/New Generation Services Director
Sue Fereday

Membership Director
Anne Slack

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