



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Estes Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

Good News!
We can prevent some disasters.
We can be more resilient when disasters occur.
We must understand how to recover.



David Wolf, Fire Chief

David Wolf has served as the Fire Chief for the Estes Valley Fire Protection District since 2016. He has been active in the fire service for over 20 years, serving agencies in Pennsylvania, New York, Texas, and Colorado. David chairs the Volunteer & Combination Section for Colorado State Chiefs and is always looking for new ways to support the volunteer fire service. David has a wonderful program for you. He will be talking about Reachwell Info, NoCo Alert Information and RSG Action Guide...Ready, Set, Go. You don't want to miss this informative presentation.

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.

Update by President Dennis Gellhaus

My six month old grandson was wearing a T-shirt that said: "I'm New Here"! Announcing he's new to the world, (or at least his parents

October 13 Duty Roster

Invocation: Dave Evans
 Song & Pledge: Dennis Gellhaus
 Guest Intro: Jim Jonell
 Scribe: Madison Casey
 Greeter: Jim Jonell
 Program Intro: Jim Whiteneck

October 20 Duty Roster

Invocation: Pete Sinnott
 Song & Pledge: Dennis Gellhaus
 Guest Intro: Scott Robbins
 Scribe: Pete Sumey
 Greeter: Scott Robbins
 Program Intro: Dennis Gellhaus

Upcoming Events

[Pumpkin Distribution at the Elementary School](#)
 Oct 20, 2022 7:45 AM

[Foundation Board Meeting](#)
 Quality Inn
 Oct 20, 2022
 1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

[2023 Duck Race Kick-off Meeting](#)
 Wasson Room & Zoom
 Oct 20, 2022
 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[Community Service Committee Meeting](#)
 American Legion

were). In many ways we are all new here. New experiences, a new day! With so many new struggles and joys that we move through life with, maybe we can all celebrate the newness that surrounds us.

The new opportunities we have in sharing go a long way, in a small way, to make our world better. The joy of a child taking home a pumpkin, or a senior high school student receiving a scholarship help make our world better. These new things are coming up!

The scholarship dinner is coming up on Dec. 6th. Start asking some friends to help with this worthwhile cause. New opportunities can be a blessing for everyone when shared.

Thanks for listening.
Dennis

October 6, 2022 Meeting Notes

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

Guests of Rotarians:

Pete Sumey introduced Chris Davis

Announcements:

- Beth Weisberg announced the pumpkin distribution for elementary school kids
 - will be held on October 20
 - Volunteers should plan to arrive at the school by 8 AM
- Big Duck Bill Solms will hold the 2023 Duck Race Kickoff Committee Meeting on October 20.
 - It will be held live in the Wasson Room in the library
 - on Zoom starting at 5 p.m.
- Jack Boatman announced that the Foundation matching charitable program
 - will accept contributions up to \$150
 - is available from October 13 to November 17.
 - Forms available at the entrance.
- Jim Whiteneck promoted a performance of a visiting band at the American Legion.
- Chuck Bonza reported that the Ukrainian Resettlement Fund will be closing on Monday.
 - \$1,250 has been collected toward a goal of \$2,500.
- Karen Thompson reported that beer sales at the Elk Fest grossed over \$5,000.
- Carl Robicheaux says that November 3 will be Gumbo Day at the American Legion.
- Carl also reported that the golf tournament has grossed over \$20,000.
 - The drawing for the grand prize table built by Pete Sinnott was held to be awarded to a golf tournament sponsor.
 - The winner is Jim Whiteneck.

Oct 27, 2022
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

[Winter Fundraising Dinner](#)

Twin Owls Restaurant
Dec 07, 2022

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Speakers

Oct 13, 2022
[Steve Neilson & David Wolf](#)
Estes Valley Fire Protection District

Oct 20, 2022
[DG Lee Verra-Nelson](#)
District 5440 Update

[View entire list](#)

Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Jim Jonell
October 1

Carl Robicheaux
October 15

Jack Overly
October 16

Dennis Gellhaus
October 20

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



Karen Thompson picking the winner with Carl Robicheaux & Dennis Gellhaus
Table made by Pete Sinnott won by Jim Whiteneck

Happy Money:

- Scott Thompson announced that visitor Chris Davis has joined Thompson Group.
- Jim Austin is celebrating 48 years in Estes Park.
 - He survived the Elk Fest due to the organizational skills Karen Thompson displayed in organizing the beer sales.
- Annie Slack is happy that the Stanley Museum social event was successful.
- Virgil Holtgrewe was happy to be able to present his birthday check in person.
- Bill Solms is happy that
 - Gregg Jurgens will serve as treasurer for the 2023 Duck Race
 - and especially happy that wife Marianne will be coming after extensive treatment following surgery.
- Madison Casey urged members to take advantage of the Matching Charitable Grants program offered by the Foundation.
- Mel Rueppel spent
 - his anniversary in Copenhagen
 - his birthday in Oslo.

New Member Induction

Membership Chair Annie Slack asked Lawrence Trifiletti to come forward to join Sponsor Jim Whiteneck at the front of the room for his formal Induction into Rotary.
 Congratulations and welcome, Lawrence.



Jim Whiteneck presenting Lawrence Trifiletti his New Member Packet
Anne Slack and President Dennis Gellhaus clap and join the club as Lawrence is welcomed.

Program:

Dawn Shields introduced speaker **Kate Norton** who gave a program on "Days of Girls".

Adjournment:

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

Pete Sumey, scribe

Anniversaries

Tom Maher
Marilyn
 October 8

Lee Lasson
Sandy
 October 15

Jennifer Comstock
Matt Comstock
 November 13

Rob Cohen
Sheila
 November 27

Join Date

Tom Anderson
 October 1, 1981
 41 years

Brad Rosenbaum
 October 6, 2011
 11 years

Anne Slack
 October 10, 2002
 20 years

Tim McLemore
 October 10, 2017
 5 years

Kathy Groesbeck
 October 16, 2014
 8 years

Karen Thompson
 October 22, 2015
 7 years

Sue Fereday
 October 25, 2012
 10 years

Jay Harroff
 October 29, 1998
 24 years

Virgil Holtgrewe
 November 1, 1959
 63 years

Jack Overly
 November 4, 1979
 43 years



Want to be Part of Pumpkin Distribution at Estes Park Elementary?



Rotarians preparing 2021 pumpkins

Please join us at Estes Park Elementary School on Thursday, October 20, at 8:00 a.m. sharp, to help set up rows of bright orange pumpkins in the school's front parking lot! Teachers will bring their students out class by class starting at 8:30 a.m. that day so that each child can pick out a pumpkin to take home for free. Watching the kids' excitement as they come out and see all of the pumpkins more than makes up for getting up early that day. This will be the 35th year that our Rotary Club has organized this event, with our local Safeway donating 500 pumpkins to make it happen.

Email Beth Weisberg at weisberg.family@verizon.net with questions or to RSVP. RSVP's are appreciated but not necessary – just show up on October 20 to carry on this Club tradition and be part of this really fun Rotary project.

Double Your Donation to Your Favorite Local Charity! 2022 Matching Charitable Donation Program



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)

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

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Big Duck

[Bill Solms](#)

Foundation

2023 Duck Race Kick Off Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 20, 2023 at the Library Wasson Room



The first organizational meeting of the Duck Race Committee is Thursday, October 20th, at the Library in the Wasson Room

Time: 5:00 to 6:00 pm.

Bob Fulton will also host via

Zoom; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4211052104?pwd=RTZlQThrWVdFaTk5bm1SVkRHZG9sZz09>

Topics included will be:

- Theme for '23,
- Status report from Bob Fulton on software
- Status of Named Major Sponsors
- Assignments for DR Day responsibilities
- Input from the Committee as time permits.

All Rotary members and volunteers should attend to help make this next DR the success and benefit to Estes Valley it has been in the past....

Bill Solms.

Big Duck 2023.

Community Service Committee Meeting Thursday, October 27, 2022 immediately following noon meeting

The Community Service Committee will meet at the American Legion immediately following our noon Rotary meeting on Thursday, October 27. Please attend if you can. We will be making decisions about Bright Christmas, Blue Santa, and Give Next, and will have updates on Community Corner Café and the upcoming District Conference service project. Ideas for other service projects are always welcome! For questions, please email Beth at weisberg.family@verizon.net.

Friendship Card Photo Contest

Photographs for the 2023 Friendship card are soon to be advertised. Be sure to read the article in the Estes Park News, October 14, 2022 edition.

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