



The Spoke

Rotary Club of Estes Park's Newsletter

Table Topics & Community Service Committee Meeting



Dennis will lead us through table topics provided with the purpose of getting to know each other better!
Community Service Committee will also be meeting. There are decisions to be made and a number of updates.

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

Community Service Committee Meeting Thursday, October 27, 2022 DURING TODAY'S MEETING!

The Community Service Committee will meet at the American during our noon Rotary meeting on TODAY 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.

Update by President Dennis Gellhaus

October 27 Duty Roster

Invocation: Dale Bonza

Song & Pledge: Dennis Gellhaus

Guest Intro: Pete Sumej

Scribe: Barry Hannigan

Greeter: Pete Sumej

Program Intro: Dennis Gellhaus

November 3 Duty Roster

Invocation: Jim Whiteneck

Song & Pledge: Dennis Gellhaus

Guest Intro: Dawn Shields

Scribe: Pete Sumej

Greeter: Dawn Shields

Program Intro: Karen Thompson

Upcoming Events

Community Service Committee Meeting

American Legion

Oct 27, 2022

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Winter Fundraising Dinner

Twin Owls Restaurant

Dec 06, 2022

[View entire list](#)

Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Jim Jonell

When you have 500 pumpkins lined up to be cherished by 500 children, you have good day! Watching these small children trying to lift a pumpkin as large as they are is well worth it. Some ended up moving to a bit smaller pumpkin while others rolled them into the school or got assistance from one of the interact kids or adults. What fun! To their credit, I didn't see any pumpkins dropped!

Special thanks to Safeway for their yearly donation of pumpkins. And to Susan Fereday, Beth and her committee for all of their work. And thanks to all the helping hands that unloaded and set out the pumpkins.

Again, remember the Scholarship dinner coming up December 6th at Twin Owls. Let's fill up the place!

Thanks for listening.
Dennis

October 27, Meeting Notes

President Dennis Gellhaus rang the bell at 12:00.
The Invocation was given by Dennis Gellhaus.
President Dennis led the Pledge
Madison Casey led in singing.

Guests of Rotarians:

Scott Robbins introduced:

- Sue Yowell from Sunrise Rotary,
- Pete Princehorn, guest of Tara Moenning
- District Governor Lee Varra-Nelson.

Announcements:

- President Dennis informed the group that the Foundation board meeting was cancelled.
- Big Duck Bill Solms announced the first planning meeting for the 2023 Duck Race today at 5:00 in the Wasson Room and on Zoom. Bill is considering "Down the River" theme for the race.
- Foundation Charitable Matching Gift forms are available on the table.

Happy Money:

- Grant wished a Happy Birthday to President Dennis and Jack Overly.
- Jim Austin thanked members who participated in the pumpkin distribution at the school this morning.
- Sue Yowell is recruiting help for the projects at the 2023 District Conference here in Estes Park/
- Chuck Bonza was interviewed on Rotary's work for the Ukrainians resettling in Estes Park by Welcome.USA.
- Ben van der Werf announced that his son has lost his first two teeth, and is letting the world know about it.

New Member Induction

Jim Whiteneck inducted Ruby Bode to our club. Ruby's sponsor is Tom Maher (not pictured). District Governor Lee Varra-Nelson presented a special magnetic backed Rotary pin with a warm welcome as well! Welcome!

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

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



Jim Whiteneck Ruby Bode Dennis Gellhaus

Program:

President Dennis introduced District Governor Lee Varra-Nelson who presented an update for District 5440.

Adjournment:

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

Pete Sumey, scribe



Pumpkin Distribution at Estes Park Elementary Last Thursday, October 20th.



Rotarians and High School Interact Students Getting the Pumpkins Ready!

Pumpkin distribution at Estes Park Elementary School was a huge success. Sue Fereday hauled the pumpkins from Safeway to the school with her office staff assisting -- thanks to Sue and her helpers! Estes Park High School now has an Interact program in coordination with the Student Council, and 12 Interact high school joined 15 Rotarians at the elementary to set up the "pumpkin patch" at the elementary school and help the excited children pick their own bright orange pumpkins. It was a beautiful day, and lots of fun to watch the kids' (and teachers') happy faces. Even more fun to watch the kids rolling their pumpkins downhill to their buses (and dropping a couple). Amazingly none of the pumpkins broke! Thanks to the Safeway for generously donating 500 pumpkins, and to Safeway manager Jared Allen for making sure everything went smoothly. And thanks to all of our Rotarians and Interact students who lent a multi-generational feeling of goodwill to the day!

Double Your Donation to Your Favorite Local Charity!

**2022 Matching Charitable Donation Program
Due Date: November 17, 2022**

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

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

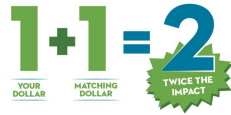
November 18, 2021
1 year

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[Dennis Gellhaus](#)

President Elect



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)

Enter the Photo Contest for 2023 Friendship Card Rotarians are Eligible to Enter!



The Rotary Club of Estes Park invites submissions to a photo contest for the 2023 Friendship Card for Local Discounts. There is no charge to enter, and the winner will receive photo credit on the card and two 2023 Friendship Cards. The deadline for submitting photos is Friday, October 28, 2022.

The Friendship Card 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. The card has raised approximately \$30K since its inception. Projects that have benefited from these funds include CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), EVICS, Blue Santa, the MRI project at EPH, and Bright Christmas, just to name a few.

Over 75 local businesses participate in providing some type of discount to cardholders. Each business displays a window decal announcing participation in the program.

Rotary is very thankful for all the participating businesses, especially the Estes Park News for their continuous advertising throughout the summer.

Entering is easy. Photos capturing favorite scenes from the Estes Valley or Rocky Mountain National Park can be emailed in high resolution, jpg format to epfriendshipcard@gmail.com. A panel of judges will select the winning photo. Cropping and slight color

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Trustees

correction is allowed for photos, but judges will reject photos with anything added or deleted through a photo editing program.

All decisions of the judges are final. The winner will be notified via email. The winning photo may also be used on other marketing materials for the Friendship Card. Owner of the photo will not receive any other compensation other than photo credit and two 2023 Friendship Cards.

**SAVE THE DATE
SCHOLARSHIP DINNER AT THE TWIN OWLS
STEAKHOUSE
DECEMBER 6, 2022**



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!

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