

# 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 District Site



Posted by Rita DuChateau

## **Nicky's or Zoom? Your Choice!**

Your club is back at Nicky's! You can come to Nicky's for lunch and our meeting, or you can participate by clicking on the Zoom link to participate remotely. So, the choice of how to attend is yours. **Zoom link:** : <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369</u>

If you're going to join the group at Nicky's you will need to R.S.V.P. to Karol at kj.rinehart@centurylink.net BEFORE 5 p.m. Tuesday (Sept. 8). This will be the "drill" going forward, so remember to R.S.V.P. to Karol **before Tuesday at 5 p.m**. every week we meet. Attendance at Nicky's is limited to 25, food will be served rather than a buffet, price is still \$15. Those attending must have a meal. Please arrive as close to 11:30 as possible so meals can be served before the meeting begins.

#### What a great visit via Zoom by our District Governor! Chris Woodruff attended both our Board meeting and our regular meeting last week.

**Update from President Bill Solms** 

We are truly blessed to have such a talented and dedicated leader in our midst. We all sang praises for Rick Taylor who has tirelessly contacted, scheduled, supplied biographical information for introductions, and otherwise kept the necessary records for our meeting speakers. The majority of us do not see the need for a "speakers' committee," but there are some in our Club who are interested in sharing their contacts and resources to organize such a committee that would serve us all in positive ways. Should this group take on some volunteers, they will be looking for preferences we all might have for subject matters or topics. While Rick does not want to be on a "committee," he is enthusiastic about taking speaker contacts and suggestions from such a group or from anyone else who sends speaker information his way. It is my desire as President to encourage all of our members to contribute to the Club in their own ways not only to stay connected to the Club but also to each other and to our community. A special thanks to Rick for what he does and his willingness to encourage all of us to make our speaker programs the best they can be!! Bill Solms



### **Learn about LaPuente's work and mission**

This week's program

Posted by Rita DuChateau

This week's program will be presented by Lance Cheslock and Shanae Diaz from La Puente in Alamosa, Colorado. Cheslock is the executive director and Diaz is the volunteer coordinator director. They will present on Zoom. Click this link to join the program before

noon. **Zoom link:** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369. Zoom

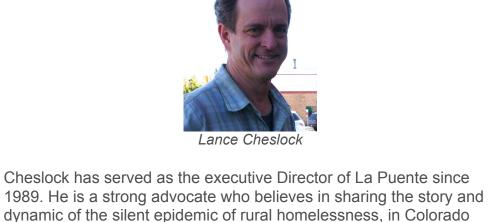
Our club has donated to LaPuente and several club members are

Host Scott Thompson will invite you to join the meeting.

regular volunteers at the Alamosa facility in the San Luis Valley. The vast and isolated region of the state experiences national high rates of poverty. Poverty begets hunger, homelessness and other crises that destabilize families. La Puente is the Alamosa community's response to address the effects of poverty by providing a safety net of services where individuals and families get what they need to stabilize, heal, strengthen and ultimately thrive. La Puente offers a network of services that include: an emergency shelter/soup kitchen, a food bank plus 14 pantries throughout the San Luis Valley, housing supportive services, youth stabilization services, homeless prevention and crisis intervention resources, street outreach, social enterprises and so much more.

the volunteers from our club. "La Puente's newest initiative is geared towards serving the most vulnerable in the community, the unsheltered homeless who are not actively seeking resources and are living on the streets, in abandoned houses and along riverbanks."

"Our club has supported La Puente with grants and assistance



and nationally. He loves listening to the stories of those who

experience and overcome homelessness and has enjoyed many

adventures going undercover to stay in homeless shelters throughout the United States and abroad. Posted by Rita DuChateau An easy way to help the Duck Race

Have you adopted your ducks? It's easy to adopt online at https://www.epduckrace.org/adopt-ducks/

1. Adopts 2 ducks for themselves

friends and family to adopt a duck.

aware that the Duck Race is still happening.

Lucky says that if everyone in the club:

2. Gets 4 friends/family to adopt. Based on our current active and honorary membership, we could have additional sales of:

70X2=140 (Members) 70x4= 280 (Friends/family) **Total: 420** 

Are you on Facebook? Post something today to encourage your

Send an email to your friends and acquaintances to make them

Not feeling creative? You can copy/paste this: This year's Virtual Estes Park Duck Race on Saturday, Sept. 19 will not take place in the familiar venues, but will deliver all the

excitement that comes with a traditional race. All you need to do is adopt a duck online at epduckrace.org and then tune in to Channel 8-The Rocky Mountain Channel to view a virtual race *proDUCKtion*.

The Rocky Mountain Channel's free app can be downloaded at the App Store or Google Play. All broadcast links will be available

The broadcast will begin at 11 a.m. with a *Pre-Flight Show* featuring interviews, clips from historic footage, and appearances by mascot Lucky Duck and 'Big Duck' Karen Thompson, the leader of the 2020 flock. At 12:40 p.m., the broadcast will go live from the studios of Channel 8. You can adopt ducks right up until 1 p.m. Shortly after 1 p.m., watch the exciting *Tail Spin*, the live reveal of the top prize winners. Major prizes and over 400 *Duck Bucks* certificates for local

Duck Race website on race day, at epduckrace.org. Winners also will be notified by email. Major Prizes include: • Cash Prizes: \$2,000 and \$1,000 • Travel Prizes: Pine Lodge on Whitefish River near Glacier

merchants will be awarded. All winners' names will be posted on the

National Park, Explorer Cabins at Yellowstone National Park, and Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite National Park. All travel prizes are three-night accommodations for two people. Travel prizes, which have expiration dates well into 2022, include extras that vary between resorts. Delaware North, the lodging and concession corporation that includes the Ridgeline Hotel in

Estes Park, generously donated the travel prizes. To adopt a duck or a flock, visit <a href="mailto:epduckrace.org/adopt-ducks/">epduckrace.org/adopt-ducks/</a> and choose a Participating Organization to receive \$19 of each adoption

#### • District Governor Chris attended the board meeting and will address the club today. Two new member applications were approved.

**September 3, 2020 Meeting Notes** 

President Bill opened the meeting at noon and gave the following

announcements from the board meeting:

Program

• The board would like a speaker committee formed...after discussion, the club decided Rick would continue doing the outstanding job he has been doing without a committee. • Tom Gardner will be serving as a trustee on the Foundation

Tom Maher gave the invocation, followed by a song and the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no visiting guests. Visiting Rotarians were Bill Kehl from the Greeley club and David and Lisa from San Antonio, TX. Scott gave the joke of the day.

10/11/2020...information to follow. Following our speaker, President Bill asked for Happy Money Scott Thompson gave kudos to Rick for his excellent job as

He announced the District Assembly will be a virtual Meeting on

overview of district goals, priorities and strategic plans for 2020-2021.

President Bill introduced District Governor Chris who gave an

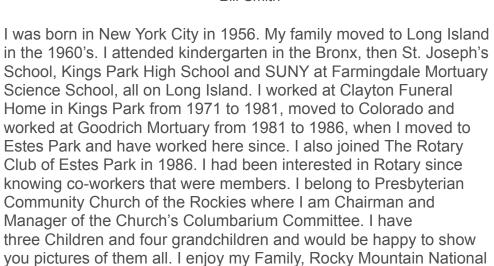
program chair. Jennifer was happy to have their San Antonio friends visiting. Jim Whiteneck is happy that Beth Weisberg agreed to chair the Community Service Committee. Tom Maher is happy he will be able to attend our meetings from Green Valley, AZ via Zoom.

• Karen Thompson is happy duck adoptions are coming in...the top three are: Knights of Columbus, Crossroads and our Rotary Foundation. The meeting was concluded by presenting DG Chris with his

Dana Fritz, scribe

second "piece of the rock" and reciting the 4-way test.

#### **Member Spotlight - Bill Smith** 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.



Park and traveling.

**Board approves two membership applications** At the Tuesday, Sept. 1, meeting, the club board reviewed and voted to approve applications from prospective members Jim Scritchfield and Michelle Mann. According to club bylaws, if there are no objections within seven days of publication, the applicants shall be considered elected to membership. Here is a brief summary of each applicant. For more information or to make a comment, contact President Bill or Membership Chair Anne Slack.. Jim Scritchfield:

I was installed into the Rotary back in December last year. I was asked to be a Co-Sheriff for the Duck Race and things were going well. Coronavirus closed things down in Feb/Mar. I started working at the Post Office in May but was unable to attend any of the zoom meetings due to my schedule. At that time it was determined that I could no longer be of service to the club and they removed me from

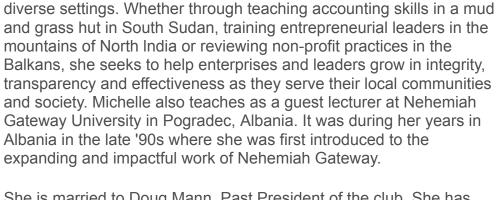
the active member roster. I left the PO position due to needing

surgery in Aug. Since then I have contacted Bill Solms re: returning to

be an active member. I am waiting for my surgery on the 15th so my availability will be very limited for a while. I look forward to returning and serving where needed.

Michelle Mann has worked in the international world of non-profits for over 30 years. Her specialty is organizational development and the establishment of accounting and internal control systems for nongovernmental organizations. Widely traveled and having lived abroad

multilingual settings and is able to bring business skills into culturally



for a number of years in various countries including Albania, Germany and India, she is experienced in public speaking in

She is married to Doug Mann, Past President of the club. She has three children: Andrew, Abigail and Elly. Posted by Rita DuChateau Friendship Card 2021 -

these days? You know the one. She's Big Duck 2020, the Financial Development Director, and the Friendship Card developer/coordinator/marketer. Yes, it's Karen Thompson, and folks, she's asking for your help. The successful club fundraiser, the Friendship Card, will expire at the

end of December. A new one needs to be prepared for sale and

The first order of business will be calling the current

to their discounts or offers.

merchants (75) that are in the Friendship Card program to see if they want to continue in 2021 and if there are changes

distribution.

Have you noticed that a certain club member is wearing three hats

Help needed for merchant calls, photo contest

• The second task will be to coordinate a photo contest to select the 2021 design.



**Meet our 2020 Scholars** 

FRIENDSHIP CARD ACCEPTED HERE

judges. Interested? Contact Karen at skksthomp@msn.com

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

Nursing, University of Wyoming



College

Paulina Tapia Bernal, Stanley Hotel Scholarship Human Nutrition & Food Science, Colorado State University Esabella Burkhardt, Carver Family Scholarship

Sage Shumate, Academic Scholarship



Noel Villanueva, Brunson/Thorp Scholarship

Business Administration Management, University of Wyoming

Agricultural Business, Texas A+M University College Station

Psychology/Liberal Arts, Front Range Community

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



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

Aubrey Kinley, Ron L. Kuhns Scholarship



Foundation.

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

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**Sept. 10 Duty Roster Invocation: Peter Sinnott** 

Song & Pledge: Bill Solms **Guest Intro: TBD** 

**Scribe: Pete Sumey** 

**Greeter: TBD Program Intro: Larry Williams September 17 Duty Roster** 

**Invocation:** TBD Song & Pledge: Bill Solms

**Guest Intro: TBD Scribe: Rita DuChateau Greeter:** TBD

**Program Intro: Rick Taylor Upcoming Events** 

Estes Park Rotary Duck Race Sep 19, 2020

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM View entire list

**Speakers** 

Sep 10, 2020 **Lance Cheslock** La Puente

Sep 17, 2020

**Karol Rinehart** September 5

**Virgil Holtgrewe** September 22 **Guy Van der Werf** 

**Ron Gordon** September 30 **Anniversaries** 

**Carole Ann** September 10 **Philip Moenning** Tara

September 14 **Tara Moenning** Philip September 14 **Brad Rosenbaum Jennifer** September 26

**Tom Maher** September 29, 1977 including service visits from club members," said Bruce Brown, one of 43 years

> President Bill Solms

**Executives & Directors** 

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Youth/New Generation Services Director Sue Fereday Membership Director **Anne Slack** 

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**Foundation** 

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Scholarships

**Anne Slack** 

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Travis Machalek

What I've learned in my 1st year as Town Administrator Sep 24, 2020 Bill Solms Club Assembly

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**Birthdays, Anniversaries** Member Birthdays

September 25

Mike Connolly

Join Date **Larry Williams** September 21, 2006 14 years

Club Administration Director Karol Rinehart Community Service Director Beth Weisberg International Service Director Ron Gordon

**Officers/Directors** Carl Robicheaux Treasurer

Tom Gardner Brad Rosenbaum **Bulletin Editor** 

Rotary International RI President Home Rotary Global Rewards Joining Rotary **Rotary History Rotary Foundation** For New Members

Rotary Foundation. Our club and the Longs Peak club will

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**Rotary Club of Estes Park Welcomes You!**