



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](#)

 [Venue Map](#)

Nicky's or Zoom?

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:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>

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. 15)**. 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.

Sept.17 program:

Unanticipated: what I've learned in my first year as town administrator

This week's program will be presented by Travis Machalek, who serves as the Town Administrator of Estes Park. If you are attending via Zoom, click on this link before noon so that ZoomHost Scott Thompson can invite you to the meeting-<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7985707369>



Travis Machalek

Machalek has worked for Estes Park for five years. He was born in Fort Collins and raised in Laramie, Wyoming. Travis has worked in various capacities for city and county governments in Wyoming, Kansas, and Colorado. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Wyoming and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Kansas. Travis lives with his wife Ashley in the Estes Valley.

Posted by Rita DuChateau



An easy way to help the Duck Race



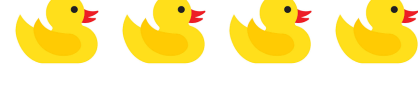
Just a few days until the ducks hit the virtual river. Just a few days to make this event a success for our 67 Participating Organizations. The first one on the list is our own Rotary Club of Estes Park Foundation. Have you adopted your ducks? It's easy to adopt online at <https://www.epduckrace.org/adopt-ducks/>

Lucky says that if **everyone** in the club:

1. Adopts 2 ducks for themselves



2. Gets 4 friends/family to adopt.



Based on our current active and honorary membership, we could have an additional 420 duck adoptions. Easy!

Are you on Facebook? Post something today to encourage your friends and family to adopt a duck. Send an email to your friends and acquaintances to make them aware that the Duck Race is still happening. **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](https://www.epduckrace.org) and then tune in to Channel 8- The Rocky Mountain Channel to view a virtual race **proDUCTION**. The Rocky Mountain Channel's free app can be downloaded at the App Store or Google Play. All broadcast links will be available at [epduckrace.org](https://www.epduckrace.org).

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 440 **Duck Bucks** certificates for local merchants will be awarded. All winners' names will be posted on [epduckrace.org](https://www.epduckrace.org) on race day. 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 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.

To adopt a duck or a flock, visit [epduckrace.org/adopt-ducks/](https://www.epduckrace.org/adopt-ducks/) and choose a Participating Organization to receive \$19 of each adoption fee.

Posted by Pete Sumey

September 10, 2020 Meeting Notes

President Bill Solms rang the bell at 12:00. Peter Sinnott gave the Invocation. Bill Solms led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest Introductions: Visiting Rotarians: Bill Kehl from Greeley, John Tessler from Sunrise Rotary. Guests: Speaker Lance Cheslock along with Shanae Diaz and Amanda Pearson.

Announcements

- The Rotary clubs social scheduled for September 22 has been called off.
- The bridge painting project is still on.
- World Polio Day is coming up.
- The 2020 club Nominating Committee has been selected. Members are Jim Whiteneck, Scott Thompson, Brad Rosenbaum and Pete Sumey. Anne Slack was selected but has asked to be replaced. A member at large from the club will be selected.
- New hospital CEO, Vern Carda, will present the program on October 1.

Happy Money

There was no happy money today.

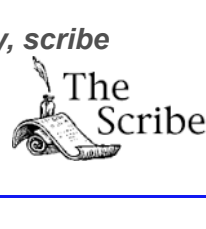
Program

Larry William introduced the speakers from La Puente.

Adjournment

President Bill adjourned the meeting with the 4 way test.

Pete Sumey, scribe



Member Spotlight - Virgil Holtgrewe

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.



Virgil Holtgrewe

Virgil H. Holtgrewe was born and raised on a farm in southeast Nebraska. After graduating from Talmage High School in 1948 he farmed the family farm raising corn, wheat, alfalfa, oats, cattle, hogs, sheep, and chickens.

He attended Wentworth Military Academy and graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1955. After serving two years in the Army Corps of Engineers, he was employed by Farmers National Company, a farm management company, to open an office at Hebron, Nebraska.

It was the Methodist Minister in Hebron who asked Virgil to join the Rotary Club in 1959. This was his first experience in a service club and enjoyed the fellowship Rotary had to offer. He served as President and as chairperson of other avenues of service.

In 1964, the Holtgrewe Family moved to Fort Morgan, CO. Wanting to be active in the community, he transferred his Rotary membership to the Fort Morgan Rotary Club. He served as club secretary and was active in other service areas.

1969 the Holtgrewe Family moved to Wheat Ridge, CO and started to work for Western Farm Management Company. Again, he transferred his Rotary Membership to the Rotary Club of Lakewood and became active in many different service areas. He served on many district and club projects and as club president in 2002-2003.

Wanting to expand his interest in service above self, he was asked to join the District Youth Exchange Committee. He became chairman of this committee and enjoyed the contacts with over 40 different Rotary District Youth Exchange Chairpersons all over the world. After the Youth Exchange experience, District Governor Stan Black asked Virgil to help start the RYLA (RotaryYouth Leadership Award) program. This was done and the first Rocky Mountain RYLA program was started in 1987 and has continued to the present time.

While in the Lakewood Rotary Club he became interested in the Paul Harris Fellow program of the Rotary Foundation. His first Paul Harris Fellow was a surprise gift from his wife Carol. This started his giving program and he has become a Major Donor.

After 54 years of professional service to the agricultural industry in Farm Management and Rural Appraisal, he retired in 2011. It was in 2014 Carol and Virgil moved to Estes Park to enjoy their retirement years. Again, he transferred his Rotary Membership to the Rotary Club of Estes Park and has enjoyed the fellowship but has scaled back service to the community Virgil and Carol have been married 65 years and have two daughter and two grandsons. In November of 2020, Virgil will have been an active Rotarian for 61 years.

Posted by Rita DuChateau

Friendship Card 2021 - Help needed for merchant calls, photo contest

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

- The first order of business will be calling the current merchants (75) that are in the Friendship Card program to see if they want to continue in 2021 and if there are changes to their discounts or offers.
- The second task will be to coordinate a photo contest to select the 2021 design.



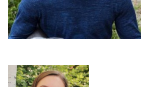
Karen needs a total of 10 volunteers to make phone calls. The photo contest could be handled by one person and a small committee of judges.

Interested? Contact Karen at skstthomp@msn.com

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/Thorpe 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 our 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.
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Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/estesparkrotary

Sept. 17 Duty Roster

Invocation: **Pete Sumey**

Song & Pledge: **Bill Solms**

Guest Intro: **TBD**

Scribe: **Rita DuChateau**

Greeter: **TBD**

Program Intro: **Rick Taylor**

September 24 Duty Roster

Invocation: **TBD**

Song & Pledge: **Bill Solms**

Guest Intro: **TBD**

Scribe: **Madison Casey**

Greeter: **TBD**

Program Intro: **Bill Solms**

Upcoming Events

[Estes Park Rotary Duck Race](#)

Sep 19, 2020

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

[View entire list](#)

Speakers

Sep 17, 2020

[Travis Machalek](#)

What I've learned in my 1st year as Town Administrator

Sep 24, 2020

[Bill Solms](#)

Club Assembly

[View entire list](#)

Birthdays, Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Karol Rinehart

September 5

Virgil Holtgrewe

September 22

Guy Van der Werf

September 25

Ron Gordon

September 30

Anniversaries

Mike Connolly

September 10

Philip Moenning

September 14

Tara Moenning

September 14

Brad Rosenbaum

September 26

Join Date

Larry Williams

September 21, 2006
14 years

Tom Maher

September 29, 1977
43 years

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