PROGRAM
Dec 29 - Club Fellowship
Inspiration: Dave Mills

CALENDAR
January - KidsPak meal delivery schedule pending TSD plans for early 2021
Feb 26-28, 2021 - P-E-T-S (100% Virtual)

UPCOMING PROGRAM
Jan 5 - “Scholarship Program Update” by our own Laura Armstrong
Inspiration: Phil Ashcraft

Birthdays • Dec 30 - Dave Clark, Holly Turner
• Dec 31 - Gary Small • Jan 1 - Glorie Magrum
• Jan 2 - Doug Rutledge • Jan 3 - Art Sward

Anniversaries • Dec 29 - Fran & Robert Bostwick • Jan 4 - Jeff & Ruth Swanty

Happy Holidays!

Rotary Club of Loveland
(meeting location when meeting in-person)
Tuesday noon; Mountainview Presbyterian Church

Rotary Satellite Group of Loveland
2nd Wednesday of Month, 6:30-8:00 pm
533 N Grant Ave. First United Methodist Church
Details: www.facebook.com/RotarySatelliteGroupofLoveland
Chris Johnston - chris@LCRealEstateGroup.com

Rotary Satellite Club of Berthoud
2nd/4th Wednesday of Month, 6:00 pm
Details: www.facebook.com/BerthoudSatellite
Jan Grack - jgredram@gmail.com

www.LovelandRotary.org
P.O. Box 1144, Loveland, CO 80538
District 5440, Club 1113
Chartered in 1920 as Club 685
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bob Tello (COVID Vaccine): Bob explained how the new mRNA vaccines for COVID-19 make antibodies and stimulate T cells to fight the virus. He also laid out the vaccine schedule for various groups, starting with healthcare workers and first responders. For more info, see covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine.

PROGRAM

Veronica Patterson, published poet, first Loveland Poet Laureate (2018-2020), and wife of our own Evan Patterson, shared her personal reflections on life, grief, writing, and the wonders of poetry. Some highlights:

• After reading her poem, “To Tell a Story,” she voiced her belief that all of us, in our own ways, are storytellers. It’s part of what makes us human.

• A poet is someone who looks closely enough at something… to be astonished.

• Love of family, childhood memories, and deeply felt loss are some themes that have inspired her poems.

• Veronica treated us to seven of her poems, including those dedicated to her youngest brother, her husband, and a beloved childhood dog named Ralph.

Winter Dessert

Outside, the snow folds deep and clean.
In kitchen steam, Frank and Alice from next door
boil maple syrup in a dark blue milky-way pot. Four of us,
two brothers and two sisters, race around the table
like hands on a wild clock. Then
drops of syrup harden in a glass of water
and the time is now. We stamp into boots,
punch into jackets, run out the door
to scoop snow from the bellies of drifts
into our bowls. Then the ladle dribbles hot syrup,
and its sweet tracery snaps
like frozen branches and I taste cold
secrets I still can’t tell.

The window behind me casts yellow
on indigo. I stand at the corner of light,
cold-tongued and astonished.

~ Veronica Patterson
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