Rotary Longmont Twin Peaks

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Anniversaries

Sherry Ankrum June 26th Patrick Dowlin June 30th Thomas C Basil June 30th Kurt J Finley

Club Leaders



July 1st

Kirsten Pellicer Club President



Dean G. Lehman Club President-Elect



Ashley Nichols Kasprzak Club President-Nominee



<u>Keri Davis</u> Club Secretary



<u>Wendi A. Nafziger</u> Club Treasurer



<u>Carol Schack</u> Club Admin Chair

Richard Samson

Program

This Week

July 1- Rich Jacobi on Historical Eastside Longmont Neighborhoods

If you didn't order a lunch feel free to bring your own, but please join us!

You may also attend on Zoom at 12:15 pm: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9087643672

Last Week

Awards & Leadership Transition

Call to Order (Kirsten Pellicer)



- 1. Presentation of Grant Check to Liz Friedenson & Jake DiMartino from Colorado Friendship
- 2. Presentation of Paul Harris Fellows-

Judy Greer

Connie Nelson

Keri Davis

David Humenik

Sarah Schey

Dennis Coombs-PHF +1

Stephanie McKay- PHF +1

Paul Meese- PHF +1

Donna Mercier- PHF +1

John Sundberg- PHF +1

John Creighton- PHF +2



Membership Chair



<u>Charlene Santala</u> <u>Gearing</u> Public Relations Chair



<u>Larry Gearing</u> Club Service Chair



<u>Donna E. Mercier</u> Rotary Foundation Chair



Kent Schnegelberger Youth Services Director



<u>Dietra Porter</u> Club Immediate Past President



Steve Benscheidt Charity Fundraising Director

Anton Dworak- PHF +2

John Miller- PHF +2

Kirsten Pellicer- PHF +3

Steve Benscheidt-PHF +3

Mike Palmer- PHF +3

Laurell Richey- PHF +1, +2 AND +3

Beth Shipp- PHF +3

Charlene Santala Gearing - PHF +5 AND PHF +6

Larry Gearing - PHF +5 AND PHF +6

3. Presentation of Club Awards-

Larry Nelson Award- Presented to Anton Dworak

The Larry Nelson award is given to a club member who has demonstrated extraordinary service to the Longmont Community and Longmont Twin Peaks Rotary.

LeMoyne Monson Award- Presented to Kurt Finley and Dietra Porter

The LeMoyne Monson award is given to a club member who has demonstrated extraordinary service to Longmont Twin Peaks Rotary. LeMoyne was a charter member of the Twin Peaks Rotary Club of Longmont, Colo. He served as Secretary from 1988 to 1997. He also was a Paul Harris Fellow and received the Four-Way Test Award in 1997. He always contributed much to the communities he lived and worked in.

Four Way Test Award- Presented to Smuckers and Rick Samson

The Four Way Test Award is given to a community member who exemplifies the tenets of the Four Way Test. Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

New Member Award- Presented to Charlene Santala Gearing

The New Member Award is given by the Club President to a recently inducted Twin Peaks Member who has demonstrated true Service Above Self with regard to the Club and community.

4. Recognition of Current Board (Kirsten Pellicer)

Treasurer- Wendi Nafziger

Secretary- Keri Davis

Past President- Dietra Porter

President Elect- Dean Lehman

President Elect Nominee- Ashley Kasprzak

Membership Director- Rick Samson

New Generations- PK Schnegelberger

Club Administration Director - Carol Schack

Service Projects Director- Larry Gearing

Foundation Director- Donna Mercier

Fundraising Director- Steve Benscheidt

Public Relations- Charlene Santala-Gearing

5. Thoughts about the 2020-21 Rotary Year (Kirsten Pellicer)

From Peanut Butter to Pandemic

First and foremost, I want to thank you all for having the confidence in me to allow me to lead Longmont Twin Peaks Rotary this year. It is an honor and a privilege to be a member of this club and an even greater honor to be trusted with its leadership.

Decades from now, we II be telling our stories of the COVID19

Pandemic. We II talk about lockdowns, toilet paper shortages, mask wearing, online education, and Zoom meetings. I imagine we II talk a lot about what was taken from us. But I hope we II also talk about the triumphs, the way families and communities came together to support each other. The way we strove to find ways to remain connected.

- When the Stay at Home order went into place, Dietra made sure wedare I say- pivoted to Zoom meetings and meeting in Thompson Park. We didnot miss a beat and we stayed connected as a club.
- Yes, the Chuckwagon Breakfast and Holiday Ball were cancelled, but we had our most successful Golf Tournament ever. And thanks to the creative genius of Steve Benscheidt, we supplied the citizens of Longmont with chiles and beer and began a new, fun, successful fundraiser.
- In a year when many clubs saw dramatic decreases in membership, our club lost a few members for various reasons, but Rick helped facilitate welcoming four more fantastic Rotarians to our ranks.
- Your Board recognized early on that the pandemic could pose financial hardship to our club members. Immediately, dues were revised and an Angel Fund was established to help those Rotarians who needed assistance with them. Our fellow Rotary members contributed over \$1000 to that fund, we ve provided assistance and will continue to do so and the balance will be given to the Twin Peaks Rotary Charity Fund. A special shout-out goes to Wendi who revised our club budget over and over again and Terry who has volunteered to do it going forward.
- Rotary Youth Exchange and RYLA may have been cancelled, but PK made sure we recognized our Students of the Month whenever possible and we met some fantastic young people. Additionally, we sent a student to the virtual World Affairs Summit- and when she runs for President someday, as she promised she would, we li be able to say we played a small part in her rise to the top.
- With the help of Beth and the Scholarship Committee, we were able to award college scholarships to many deserving St. Vrain Valley School District seniors.
- Certainly COVID could have been an excuse to have fewer interesting programs at our meetings, but our club embraced the opportunity to have diverse and varied presenters opened up by the wonders of modern technology. Special thanks to Ashley who took on several months and enthusiastically organized programming.
- We didn t get our traditional Christmas concert from the Hygiene Elementary choir, but thanks to Stephanie s organization and the generosity of our club members and the community, we were able to donate 200 individually wrapped children s books to kids at the Wild Plum Center and YMCA Preschool.
- When our District Governor encouraged a Day of Service, we partnered with the Longmont and Niwot Clubs thanks to the help of Keri and Myrna, we were able to help supply FIVE local nonprofits with Personal Care Items for their clients.
- Despite the fact that getting together was a challenge, thanks to our Service Committee, led by Larry, we served 300 meals to our community at the OUR Center, participated in two Habitat for Humanity Builds, cleaned at Dicken s Farm Park every month of the year (and found numerous interesting items in the process) and more.
- In a year where it would be understandable for giving to be reduced,

through the generosity of our members and our Charity Fund, we were able to contribute over \$3000 to help residents of the Pine Ridge Reservation get clean water to their homes. This donation will be matched dollar for dollar by the Running Strong Foundation. Additionally, we had several members make generous donations to Twin Peaks Rotary Charity Fund to help with community projects and scholarships.

- Our contributions to the Paul Harris Foundation and Polio Plus remained strong and thanks to the generosity of Twin Peaks Rotarians and Donna so organization, you can see that when it is all said and done, we welcomed six members as Paul Harris Fellows and 15 people have received additional recognition.
- Today, we celebrate so many fantastic Twin Peaks Rotarians thanks to Carol, Stephanie and the other members of the Awards committee. It feels good to be able to honor this tradition in person. I don think we were sure it was going to be able to happen!
- Basic needs in our community surged tremendously over the last year, and I am proud of our club for answering the call for help. Charlene was able to facilitate our Club receiving not one, but TWO District Matching Grants including the funding for the IncrEdibles program we presented today. She also had the fantastic idea of reaching out to Smuckers for much needed protein in the form of peanut butter for the OUR Center pantry. Through their tremendous generosity in donating the peanut butter AND financial support to Charity Fund, we were able to modify the grant and ALSO donate 480 packages of toilet paper for their clients as well.
- Nobody would blame us for losing momentum this last year- but instead we have tremendous energy to go forward and I am confident that Dean will help us do just that.

Clearly, I had no idea that I would have a Pandemic Presidency, and it has been an unusual experience to say the least. But I think everyone who has been President of our Club, or any Rotary Club for that matter, has faced challenges. That is what Rotarians do, we look for challenges in our community and around the world and we work to solve them. I couldnot be more proud of this club for doing exactly that. "

6. Introduction of the 2020-21 Twin Peaks Leadership (Dean Lehman)

Treasurer- Terry Schueler

Secretary- Keri Davis

Past President Kirsten Pellicer

President Elect- Ashley Kasprzak

President Elect Nominee- TBD

Membership Director Rick Samson

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- 7. 2020-21 Officer Induction and Passing the Gavel (Kirsten Pellicer and Dean Lehman)
- 8. Outgoing President Celebration (Dean Lehman)

Dean presented Kirsten with a lovely flower arrangement and shared words of thanks.



9. Thoughts about the 2021-22 Rotary Year (Dean Lehman) Meeting adjourned.

Announcements and Calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS and CALENDAR

7/19 Golf Tournament at Fox Hills

Social Media

Have you visited our Rotary Facebook page? https://www.facebook.com/longmonttwinpeaksrotary/