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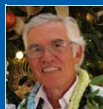
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Club Leaders



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Club President



[Cole Pokard](#)
Club President-Elect



[Carol Enright](#)
Club President-Nominee



[Annika N Van der Werf](#)
Club Secretary

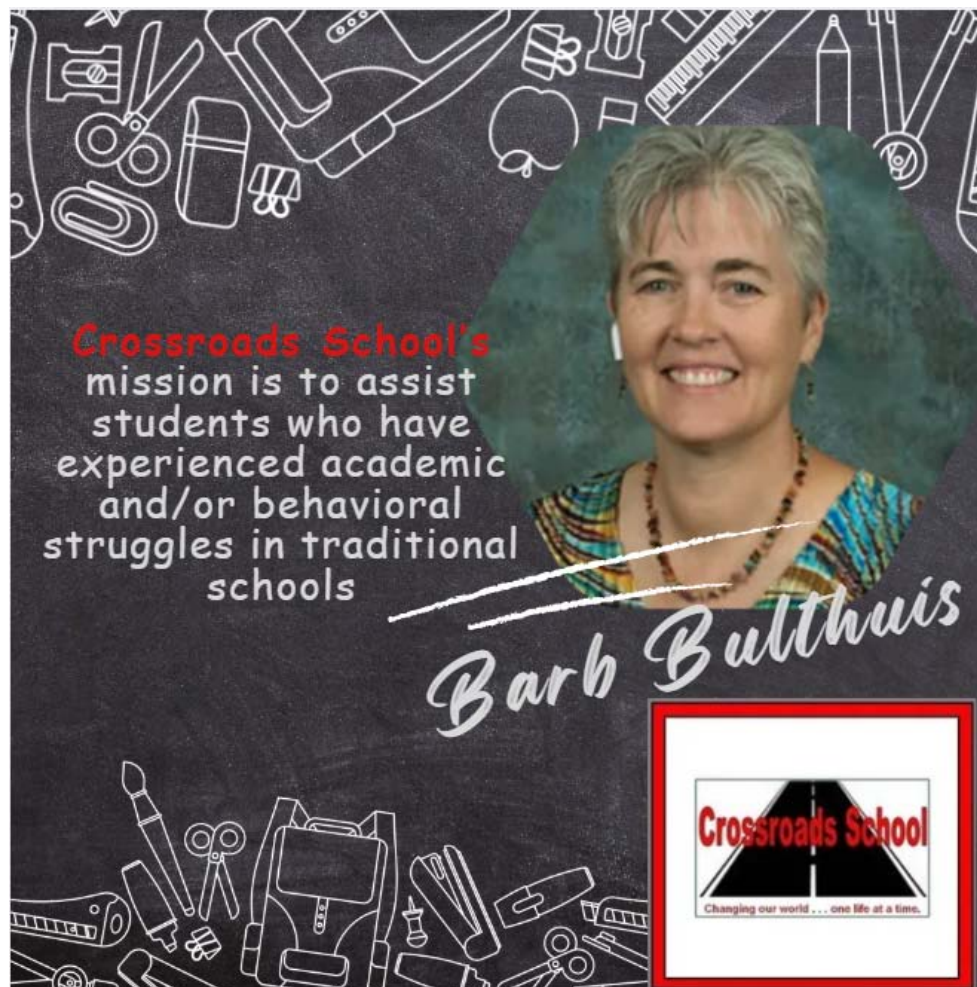


[Doug Linton](#)
Club Treasurer

[Gil Sparks](#)

Program

To attend on Zoom click [here](#).



Calendar/Announcements



Jan 23 to Feb 13 - OUR Valentine: Toiletries Collection

Jan 25th - 6 to 9 pm, Niwot Rotary Burns Dinner For Domestic



Club Admin Director



Steve Benschmidt
Charity Fundraising
Director



Daniel L. Gust
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Richard Samson
Membership Director



Charlene Santala
Gearing
Club Public Image
Director



Laurell Richey
Club Service Director



Emily Bauer
Sergeant-at-Arms
Youth Services Co-
Chair



Rebecca Lynch
Youth Services Co-
Chair



Donna E. Mercier
Club iPast President

Violence Shelters, Fox Hill Club. See Jane Wolford.

Feb 1st -

- 1. 9 to 11 am, Incredible Bag Packing at Colorado Friendship. See Laurell.**
- 2. 5 to 8 pm, Foundation Dinner with Rotary International President. See Larry.**

OUR Valentine Collection Underway!



OUR Valentine Collection

Top hygiene and toiletry needs for the OUR Valentine Collection:

Feminine Hygiene Products
 Adult Diapers
 Toilet Paper
 Bed Pads
 Baby Wipes
 Shampoo and Conditioner
 Deoderant
 Bar Soap
 Toothpaste
 Toothbrush

The OUR Valentine Collection starts on the 23rd and end of February 13th! Sarah Schey will also receive products at Independent Financial (17th & Pace) from 9 am to 5 pm, before February 12th. She will then deliver to our meeting on Feb. 13th.

New Member Spotlight--Steve Smith

[We are bringing back the popular Member Spotlight feature. As new members are inducted into club membership, watch for their 'Spotlight' to learn more about each one. And if there is not a brand new member to cover, we will loop back to include others who joined in recent years.]



**Steve Smith was inducted into membership on November 14, 2024.
Continue reading to learn more about Steve.**

Member Spotlight On Steve Smith

1. Where did you grow up? What's one of the best things about that place?

I grew up in Newark, Delaware, a college town not unlike Boulder. I enjoyed the fact that there is plenty of water there and deciduous trees. Delaware also has some nice beaches. I have found that telling people I grew up there is a great way to end a conversation: most people have not been there and don't know anything about it. No one goes there on purpose. That strikes me as funny. Anyway-an OK place to be from. Colorado is better.

2. What was one of your favorite jobs? Why?

Running an auto repair shop was both challenging and rewarding. I trained people, solved problems, got to know my customers and, eventually, their kids. I still get called in occasionally to work on old collectible or muscle cars from the 60s and 70s. Fun stuff. In the 1980s I volunteered for an ambulance service and got my EMT cert. In the late 80s I was head of the Nederland Lions club, which was an integral part of the town. During that time, I learned how to crank out a few hundred pancakes in a morning.

3. Which present or past Rotary club member inspires you? Why?

I joined this club as a result of attending SOSSAS classes and was invited by Carol Enright. I see lots of value and potential in these classes. I believe that an attitude shift and more community engagement is needed and this is a great way to encourage that.

4. What's one item on your bucket list you haven't done yet, but hope to do soon?

I would like to become fit enough to do a triathlon. I have a ways to go, but I am working on it.

5. What's your favorite dish that you cook?

I am very good at boiling water.

6. What is a new activity/hobby that you have tried recently?

Good question--I need to add a couple of items to this list. Perhaps get a keyboard and learn to play.

7. If you could be on any game show, which game show would it be?

Not a game show enthusiast.

8. What is one of the most interesting places you have visited?

Many locations in Canada, which my wife and I like a lot. We have been to Quebec and to Paris and I have tried my darndest to speak French while there. I have a Jeep and get into the Colorado backcountry. We live in an exceptional place.

Photo Fun!



Our students of the month: **Jacoby, Natalie, Hadley and Lili** in the area of Scholastic Achievement. Impressive!

We induct new member, **Daniel Branan, PhD** (Analytic Chemistry) retired USAF Major, former instructor at the Air Force Academy; and currently an online research instructor for Western Governors University. Welcome, Dan!



Beth Kroger, a member prospect talks about the JILA, a world-renowned and award-winning physics institute, delving into cutting-edge research in quantum information science & technology, atomic & molecular physics, laser physics, biophysics, chemical physics, nanoscience, and precision measurement at UC Boulder. She is their Chief Operating Officer.

President Larry Gearing ad-libs since our presenter didn't show up.

Tom Basil updates us on the Veterans Community Project and their readiness to install flooring next month.

The day ends at the **Sunset Club** with **Chair Elect Sarah Schey** inducting three new members:

Alida Eide, former Rotary Exchange Student to Denmark, who is wearing her Rotary Blazer in this photo. She is a Molecular Biologist and Analytical Biochemist, now leading Quality Control for AGC Bilogics

Caleb Eastman and **Valerie Eastman**, creators of MRFEED, a hyper portable Air Traffic Control (ATC) radar system that can be put in areas affected by wildfires. The device can self-organize and automatically mobilize where fire suppression efforts are most likely to require aerial support; and founders and owners of Winterwind Technologies.

Welcome to these amazing new Rotarians!

The Salvation Army and Our Center

By Larry Gearing



Charlene and I had a great experience ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on December 4. Later we received an invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast co-hosted by The Salvation Army Longmont Unit and OUR Center on Saturday, January 18, 8:00 – 10:00am at the Moose Lodge.

We've never been to the Moose Lodge, so we thought it would be a good experience. It was! We had a great breakfast and learned a lot about how The Salvation Army - Longmont Service Extension Unit works with Our Center.

The money collected is deposited with The Salvation Army, but all the money except for a small tithe comes back to Our Center in Longmont. We plan to get Marc Cowell as a speaker in the future to talk about this partnership and the future of needs at Our Center.

The recent bell-ringing effort brought in \$51,378.56.

Twin Peaks Flags

By Kent Schnegelberger



Dear Rotarians,

With President's Day (February 17) placement we are completing our second year of the flag program. We have 61 flags being placed. Since July we have added ten new subscriptions. The flag committee met right after

the first of the year and voted to release \$2,000 for scholarships during this year. Last year we were able to release over \$1,400 for scholarships. This program has been able to contribute almost \$3,500 in its first two years.

The committee wants to thank every member who has assisted in this program during this time. We have expanded to five routes and may soon add another route. This is not possible without the assistance of our fellow Rotarians. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Our next deployment will be on February 13. Flags will be at the meeting for teams to deploy or if some teams want to in the morning, please let PK know so that we can get you flags in the morning. We would like to have two people on each team, it makes deployment a little easier, but one person can since most routes are around ten flags. You can either email PK at ckschnege@msn.com or text him at 303-775-6556.

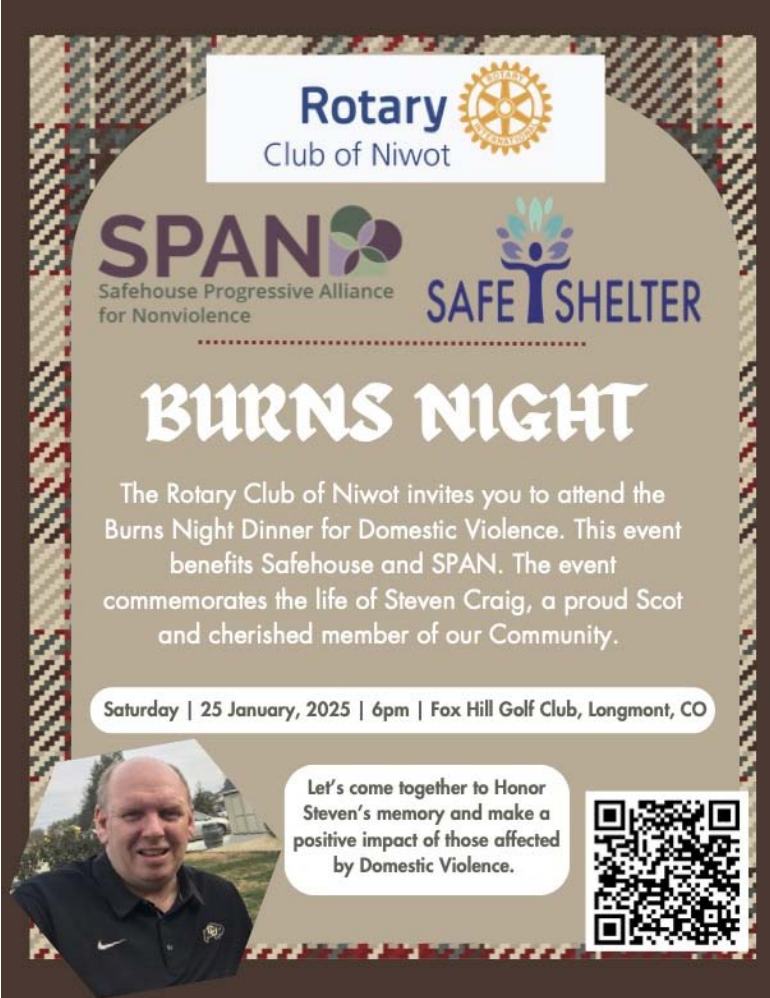
Bylaw Change Needed!

Rotary International has directed all clubs to use *Youth Service* rather than *New Generation Service* in their Bylaws.

It is a change back to what had been in place until a few years ago.

We will vote on this change at the January 30th meeting. Thank you.

Burns Dinner



The poster is for a Burns Night Dinner event. At the top, it features the Rotary Club of Niwot logo. Below that are the logos for SPAN (Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence) and SAFE SHELTER. The main title "BURNS NIGHT" is in large, white, serif font. Below the title, the text reads: "The Rotary Club of Niwot invites you to attend the Burns Night Dinner for Domestic Violence. This event benefits Safehouse and SPAN. The event commemorates the life of Steven Craig, a proud Scot and cherished member of our Community." The event details are listed in a white box: "Saturday | 25 January, 2025 | 6pm | Fox Hill Golf Club, Longmont, CO". At the bottom left is a photo of a man, Steven Craig. To his right is a quote: "Let's come together to Honor Steven's memory and make a positive impact of those affected by Domestic Violence." A QR code is located at the bottom right.

Rotary Club of Niwot

SPAN Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence


SAFE SHELTER

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Tickets are \$100 with proceeds benefiting Safehouse and

SPAN. [Register for the event and buy your tickets here.](#)

Rotary Foundation Dinner With Rotary International President! Registration closes Thursday.

2025 FOUNDATION DINNER



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Featuring RI President Stephanie Urchick

Saturday, February 1 | Wings Over the Rockies Air Museum

[REGISTER NOW!](#) | Registration Closes Jan. 23rd!

5:00 pm Cash Bars Open | 6:30 pm dinner service begins | \$85 per person

To sign up, use the link within the district's monthly newsletter email or the District 5450 link in the upper right corner of our club's website--twinpeaksrotary.org.

January Students of the Month - Scholastics



Jacoby, Natalie & Hadley Lili

Lyons Hadley Larsen (counselor)

Hadley Larson is one of the most balanced, engaged and authentic students in our building. Currently, she serves on the Student Advisory Committee, advising the district's Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents. Hadley is co-editor of the Yearbook, an avid swimmer aiming to compete in college. She has participated in band for four years and is a member of Lyons's Leo, part of the local Lyons Community Foundation, engaging in volunteer work year-round. An outdoor enthusiast, Hadley is actively involved in River Watch, a Colorado water quality monitoring program, where she serves as a school leader. She also participates in Science and Leadership, a program she's been dedicated to throughout high school.

Her English teacher comments that "Hadley's dedication to learning is

evident each day in AP Lit. She thinks deeply about literature and writing and listens to the thoughts and insights of others in order to form a full understanding of the literature and skills we work on. She is a true leader."

Her Science teacher says that "Hadley is a person who stands out for her willingness to work, her abilities as a student, her kind way as a fellow student and just her genuine personality and love for learning."

Congratulations, Hadley. Lyons is so proud of you!

Skyline – Natalie Shaeffer (teacher, Mr. Duckworth)

Natalie Shaeffer is one of the top students in Skyline High School. She is currently ranked #1 in the Class of 2025 with a G.P.A. of 4.49. She is a member of the STEM program and challenges herself by taking a heavy load of honors and AP classes. While being focused on her learning in these courses, she is also supportive of her classmates. She is always willing to assist another student that is struggling, which aligns well with her desire to be a future educator.

Outside the classroom, Natalie is an active member of the National Honor Society. She helps organize service projects and volunteers her time on a regular basis. She is also a leader for the girls' soccer program. She has taken on the role of welcoming and supporting new players, while maintaining a starting role on varsity since her freshman year.

As a person, Natalie demonstrates a high level of integrity, determination, and compassion for others. She excels both academically and in all her pursuits due to her work ethic and character. Natalie is a young woman, who demonstrates the best of what it means to be a Skyline Falcon.

We are incredibly proud of Natalie's accomplishments and believe she would be a most deserving recipient of the Twin Peaks Rotary Student of the Month award.

Skyline is proud to call Natalie, a Skyline Falcon!

Silver Creek – Lili Wheeler (Counselor)

Lili has excelled in the classroom like few others and our school community has truly benefited from her consistent motivation, determined and responsible approach, and unfailing dedication. Her contributions are many and she always brings enthusiastic energy, a positive and conscientious attitude, and unparalleled work ethic to whatever she sets her mind toward accomplishing.

Lili is exceptionally organized, hard working, and deliberate in thought and action, yet she carries herself with grace, poise, and a joyful temperament that disarms those around her. She is a strong communicator and she exhibits a strong and earnest love of learning. In addition to a superior work ethic, quality character, and a dependable reputation her insight and kind, considerate, and mindful nature are obvious attributes that set her apart! Lili's initiative, motivation, and follow-through have been very impressive and I believe that she is the kind of person who consistently gives her best effort!

Longmont – Jacoby Barber Escobar, (counselor)

Jacoby is at the top of the senior class at Longmont High with a 4.61 GPA! He is looking to study mathematics, liberal arts, or psychology at NYU, Princeton, or USC. Jacoby doesn't know what he wants to do for a career pathway yet but is looking forward to the opportunity to explore education at a highly selective college or university. Jacoby loves storytelling and writing. He engages in storytelling in oral, written, and visual formats. He is also a stagehand for LHS drama and a sound technician for LHS concerts.

Zoom Recordings



Dec 5 Annual Meeting, [here](#).

Dec 12 Students of the Month Music, [here](#).

Jan 2 The Death Penalty, [here](#).

Jan 9 Big Bear Baked Potatoes, [here](#).

Twin Peaks Update & Social Media

Twin Peaks Update:

Editor/writer: Charlene Santala Gearing

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Social Media - Check these out:

- our club [Instagram](#)
- our club [Facebook](#) page
- our club [website](#) which includes a picture gallery and club documents