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Fundraiser at Modern
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Club Leaders



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Tomorrow: Charity Fund Fundraiser!



Longmont Twin Peaks Rotary Charity
Fund's GroupRaise Meal at Modern Market
Tomorrow!

Where: Modern Market Eatery

Why: Modern Market will share a generous 30% of our *dine-in or take-out* orders tomorrow.

Sign Up: Today, indicate interest: we need 20 or more members to sign up via the link! Click [here](#).

Eating/Ordering Hours: 11 am to 9pm tomorrow!



Charlene Santala
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to volunteers who set up for the meeting and run the technology!

More volunteers are welcome and needed.

You will get excellent training and support. See Donna to learn more

Program

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

Blair Gifford, PhD

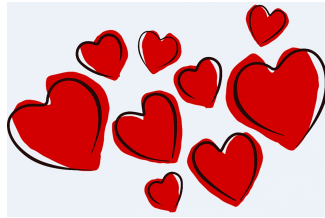
President, Castle Rock Rotary Club
Professor UC, Denver



Dr. Blair Gifford is a Professor of International Health Management in the Business School at UC.

Dr. Gifford will speak on a global grant project based in Kenya. The villages they have worked on show significant, measurable differences that are saving lives.

Calendar/Announcements



OUR Valentine Collection - Bill Smellage

Please personal care items!

(household- and travel-size) " soap, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, toilet paper, tampons, maxi pads

Feb 1 - 11 am - 9 pm. Fundraiser at Modern Market

Feb 3 - 9 am -11 am. Pack Incredibles Food Bags at Colorado Friendship

- See Laurell Richey to sign up.

Feb 8 - OUR Valentine Collection concludes

Feb 8 - 5 pm. After Hours at Pump House

Feb 13 - 7:30 am. Board Meeting at Front Range State Bank Community Room

Feb 17 - 9 to noon. Flag Installation

King Soopers Rewards account



**Have you set up your rewards account yet
and listed Longmont Twin Peaks as your organization?**

If not, please do! Click [here](#).

**The rewards funds will go directly to our Charity Fund.
Thanks.**

Opportunity Knocks!



Twin Peaks Rotary is currently seeking a third host family for Nelly!

Could you be the just right next home?

Do you like young people?

Do you enjoy learning about another country and culture?

Do you have a space in your home and your heart for a delightful, French speaking young woman?

Curious about this opportunity? Please let Jeanne Dworak or Donna Mercier know.

Emperor Penguins On The Move To Find Cooler Temperatures, Better Ice For Chicks



Nobel laureate, Dr. Russel Schnell, in his presentation (slides [here](#)) on January 25th, mentioned the effects of climate change on Emperor Penguins. In 2022, 95% of chicks drowned due to ice melting before they were ready to fledge!

Here is a related current story. *Just In From AP on 1/27/24:*

Penguin colonies seen for first time

Previously unknown colonies of emperor penguins have been spotted in new satellite imagery. Emperor penguins, considered “near threatened” with extinction, are the world’s largest penguins. They raise their chicks in Antarctic winter on patches of frozen sea ice. But if the ice breaks up before the chicks have fledged, most will die.

At least some emperor penguins are moving their colonies as melting ice from climate change threatens breeding grounds, according to research released Wednesday. One penguin colony near Halley Bay appears to have moved around 19 miles to the east, said Peter Fretwell, a researcher at the British Antarctic Survey. He said unstable conditions beginning in 2016 had made the old location perilous.

“Emperor penguins have taken it upon themselves to try to find more stable sea ice,” he said.

The four newly found colonies likely existed for years, but scientists hadn’t previously spotted them, said Fretwell. They are mostly small colonies, with fewer than 1,000 breeding pairs each, he said. Scientists currently know of 66 emperor penguin colonies. The newly spotted colonies don’t greatly change population estimates “fewer than 300,000 breeding pairs” but they help scientists understand where penguins might be moving, said Fretwell. It’s unclear whether any of the newly identified colonies could be breakaway groups from other larger colonies, said Daniel Zitterbart, a penguin researcher at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, who was not involved in the study. But it’s clear that a warming world means more “penguins will be on the move,” he said.

Pollinator Conservation Webinar Opportunity

A few years ago, Rotary International added Supporting Environment to the Areas of Focus. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development. Rotarians with a common interest in this new focus formed the Environmental Sustainability-Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) to promote projects and educate members and the public. A related subgroup quickly formed, devoted to educating members and the public on the critical symbiotic relationship between pollinators, plants and our food supply around the world.

During a recent Board of Directors meeting, we voted to renew our club's commitment to the Operation Pollination Pollinator Pledge that was signed during Ashley Kasprzak's presidency. As a result, we are in the communication loop about an upcoming free Pollinator Conservation 101 webinar being offered on Wednesday, March 6 from 7:30-8:30 am MT or Wednesday, March 13 from 5-6 pm MT. (See the flyer below)

**POLLINATOR
PARTNERSHIP**





POLLINATOR CONSERVATION 101

FOR: All who are interested in pollinator conservation including partner organizations that signed the **Mississippi River Operation Pollination Partnership**.

WHAT: Learn the basics of pollinator conservation and activities you can engage in to help pollinators, like:

- ✓ Building a Bee Friendly Garden – www.beefriendlygardening.org
- ✓ Signing a pollinator pledge with Operation Pollination: <https://esrag.org/operation-pollination>

WHEN:

✓ Wednesday March 6 8:30-9:30 central

REGISTER NOW

✓ Wednesday March 13 6:00-7:00 central

REGISTER NOW

**Virtual webinar will be hosted on Zoom;
please adjust for your time zone**

If the links on the flyer don't work for you,

a) To sign up for March 6, go to
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1kIWpk91QTefkB96B_Z3_g

b) To sign up for March 13, go to
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HLGbHMTvS9ivLsS0Ln8eog

As Chris Stein outlined in his recent email message to Ashley:

When the organization called the **Pollinator Partnership** (<https://pollinator.org>) joined ten other organizations this past Fall to sign the *Mississippi River Operation Pollination Partnership* (see photo below), they made a commitment to provide FREE "**Pollinator Conservation 101**" training for the other organizations who signed (**see attachment**). In addition, the **Pollinator Partnership** wishes to invite all individuals like you who are interested in this type of training (which will be just 5 minutes on pollinator basics followed by a list of **Things You Can Do** to help pollinators). You must register to attend this webinar. If interested, PLEASE register for this FREE training

I hope to see you there!

Chris

Christopher E. Stein, Program Manager
National Heritage Areas and Community Conservation Partnerships
National Park Service, Interior Regions 3, 4, and 5

ESRAG Lead, Pollinator Task Force

Member, Twin Cities Rotary EcoClub





Social Media

Check these out!

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

Public Image Committee:

Charlene Santala Gearing, Wendy Frick and Kay Sparks