



**Events**

- January 2nd  
[Discover Rotary!](#)
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[Longmont Twin Peaks Board Meeting](#)
- January 9th  
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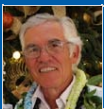
**Birthdays**

- Stephanie McKay  
December 18th
- Laurell Richey  
December 29th

**Anniversaries**

- Charlene Santala Gearing  
December 20th
- Dietra Porter  
December 27th
- Stacy S. Cornay  
December 29th
- Jeffrey Satur  
December 30th
- Don Renzelman  
January 1st

**Club Leaders**



[Larry Gearing](#)  
Club President



[Cole Pokard](#)  
Club President-Elect



[Carol Enright](#)  
Club President-Nominee

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

**Holiday Luncheon**

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*December 19th*

*Doors open at 11:30*

*Christmas Music, by the world renown pianist Susan Bennett, begins at 11:45 and continues until 12:25.*

*12:25 Welcome by Larry and Rich*

*12:30 - 1:15 Program by Jim Willard and holiday bingo with prizes*

*Cost: \$25. RSVP by Dec. 17th to Rick Samson*

**It's not too late to attend!  
Just let Rick Samson know!**

**Calendar/Announcements**

**Nov 29 - Jan 2 Humane Society Christmas Trees**

**Dec 19 - Noon,** **Holiday Luncheon** at Fox Hill Club. Pasta Bar. Piano music. Holiday Bingo! Sign up using sheets on tables or contact Rick Samson.

**Dec 26 – No meeting**



Doug Linton  
Club Treasurer



Gil Sparks  
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

*Be our Guest for a  
Special Event...*



**Jan 2 - 11:30 am,** Members new to Rotary; people curious about Rotary; prospects that have attended a meeting or two, you are **ALL** invited. Please let Cole Pokard know if you plan to attend. This is informal and fun way to learn about our club and Rotary International.

### Photo Fun!



**Students of the Month in Music; Guests enjoying the meeting; Holiday Trivia by Trivia Master Kay Spark!**



Sunset Rotary International Tree for the TLC Christmas Tree Festival; Book Wrapping at Sunset Club on Thursday; and Bell Ringing on Friday.



Books, books and more books! Thanks for all the donations, Rotarians; and thanks Sunset and Host Club members for getting the wrapping done.

## OUR Center Meal



**OUR CENTER**

*Paving the Road to Self Sufficiency*



**Thank you, volunteers!!**

**Students of the Month Music**



Congratulations to our Students of the Month,  
their teachers, counselors, principals and families!

### Lyons - Violet Straka

### Skyline - Sarah Miller (Teacher, Mr. Singel)

Sarah is an exceptional young woman who embodies the very essence of what this award represents – a well-rounded student with outstanding character and leadership qualities.

“Sarah was the winner of the Middle School Outreach Ensemble Composition Competition, sponsored by CSU in which Colorado middle and high school students, CSU students, and CSU music alumni had the opportunity to compose a piece to be performed at the 2024 MSOE concert. Sarah won the competition with her composition *More Perfect*. As the winner of this composition, Sarah also received three composition lessons with CSU composition professor and internationally recognized composer Dr. James David. Sarah also visited one MSOE Band full ensemble rehearsal, in which she was able to discuss her piece and meet the students. The students enjoyed learning *More Perfect* and we are excited that Sarah has the opportunity to have one of her compositions performed as a high school student.

Sarah’s piece gives equal opportunity to each instrument’s voice to be heard within the piece and they work together in melody and harmony. Sarah’s piece was written to characterize endurance and courage. It builds the themes in pairs of instrumentation and uses voice pairings to demonstrate working together. Overall, her piece has many ways to see, hear, and deconstruct what it means to collaborate and strive for a shared goal.”

*We are incredibly proud of Sarah’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 Sarah, a Skyline Falcon!***

**Silver Creek –Aian Lenski & Zachary Kaufman** (Band Director, Mr. Legg)

Aian Lenski and Zachary Kaufman are both extremely accomplished musicians. Aidan has been selected as an honor band and All State Musician and is the founder of the Silver Creek Percussion Ensemble, a group he started his Junior year.

Zach Kaufman has been recognized as an honor band member, as well as an All State Jazz Band, Concert Band, Orchestra and Choir member.

Zach and Aidan have both served as section leaders, student mentors, are the president and vice president of the Silver Creek Tri M Honor Society. They have played in musical pit orchestras at Silver Creek and Niwot High schools and have always looked for ways they can be of support to their band and the greater musical community in and around Longmont.

**Longmont – Jocelyn Escobar, violinist and vocalist** (Music Teacher, Mrs. Crim)

"Jocelyn Escobar is a cellist in the LHS Symphonic Orchestra and a violinist and vocal soloist in Mariachi Troyanos. Jocelyn participated in SVVSD Honor Mariachi and was featured as a soloist at the November 20th Honor Orchestra/Honor Mariachi festival. She volunteers frequently to perform at community events, and she is an amazing leader. Jocelyn is an inspiration to many younger students, and she is humble and kind. It is with great pleasure that I nominate Jocelyn Escobar for recognition at the Twin Peaks Rotary luncheon."

**O'Shay's in January!**

# Longmont!



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📅 Wednesday, January 15th / 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

🎫 RSVP below

Mike O'Shay's

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## Zoom Recordings



Oct 17 Youth Services and Students of the Month, [here](#).

Oct 24 Rocky Mountain Rotary Youth Exchange, [here](#).

Nov 7 David Neil and The Elusive Mountain Lion, [here](#).

Nov 14 District Governor Tamara Fennell, [here](#).

Nov 21 Paula Stone Williams, [here](#).

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

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

## Burns Dinner



The Rotary Club of Niwot invites you to attend the **Burns Dinner for Domestic Violence Shelters** event benefiting Safehouse and SPAN (Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence). The dinner and fundraising event is on January 25, 2025 from 6:00PM - 9:00PM at Fox Hills Country Club (1400 CO-119, Longmont CO) and commemorates the life of Steven Craig, a proud Scot and cherished member of our community. Join us for a heartfelt evening of Scottish tradition and community support.

### Why Attend?

- **Honor Steven's Legacy:** Celebrate the life of a remarkable individual who worked selflessly to make a difference in our community. Steven lost his life in a domestic violence situation.
- **Learn About the Impact of Domestic Violence in Our Community:** Keynote speaker District Attorney Michael Dougherty will provide an overview of domestic violence in Boulder County
- **Support a Worthy Cause:** Proceeds from this event will directly benefit local domestic violence shelters, helping to provide essential services to survivors.
- **Experience Scottish Culture:** Indulge in a delicious meal accompanied by traditional Scottish music and poetry, inspired by Robert Burns, Scotland's beloved national poet.
- **Connect with Your Community:** Spend an evening with friends and neighbors, united by a common cause.

Let's come together to honor Steven's memory and make a positive impact on the lives of those affected by domestic violence. The Burns Dinner for Domestic Violence Shelters promises a night of warmth, camaraderie and support for our community.

Tickets are \$100 with proceeds benefiting Safehouse and SPAN. [Register for the event and buy your tickets here.](#)



In memory of Rotarian Steven Craig

## Twin Peaks Update & Social Media

### Twin Peaks Update:

Editor/writer: Charlene Santala Gearing

Writers: Wendy Frick, Alex Rushford,

### Social Media - Check these out:

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