



## **THE SPOKES SPEAK - GEARED TO SERVICE**

### **Rotary Club of the North Fork Valley**

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Meeting Thursdays at Noon in the Paonia Town Hall

District 5470

Club 1180

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LAST MEETING: December 15, 2016

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Frankye Wist was recognized for her many years of service as our club pianist. She was accompanied by former Rotarian, Ron Wist. She remains an honorary member of the club, and when her health improves she will attend meetings again.

**HELP, we need a new pianist!**

Casino night will be January 28, 2017 at Shadescapes in Hotchkiss. It will be a dressy affair. There will be a silent auction. Bring auction items to Jackie Parks.

Bob Lario won the football pool by one point.

Assistant Governor, Sam Kevan, encouraged us to contribute to The Rotary Foundation as it is celebrating its centennial. Also, 2017 is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women in Rotary. He encouraged us to celebrate both anniversaries.

The club's facebook page is up. Put some posts on it.

Remember to feed the polio jar. Also, pay your dues!

**PROGRAM:** President Greg called to order a business meeting of the club. Club Director and Officer nominees for the calendar year 2017-2018 were presented for election as follows: Secretary, Felix Belmont; Treasurer, Kate Zachman, Directors, Pam Bliss, Randy Campbell, Glenn Dahlgren, Jacquie Gannon, Bain Weinberger, Karri Polson. Bill Bishop moved to elect these candidates; Ulli Lange, second. All club members approved. The position of PEN is still open. James Schott as current President Elect, will become President July 1, 2017.

The club approved a strategic plan in May, which was turned into an action plan based on a survey of members. Today the task is to set club goals in several areas. Membership Assemble a list of those who ought to be members. Then approach one on one. Talk about how it is fun to be a member. Have membership info available at our events. We lost a lot of folks in the last 20 years. We should find out why. Bring a potential member as the key guest. There are lots of new businesses in Paonia and they are bringing their jobs with them. Lots of entrepreneurs now at the Hive. We need younger members. Perhaps we should have periodic breakfast meetings to screen people and develop interest. Ulli Lange, Barb Heck, and Alan Wells formed a committee to help make all this happen. Either the President or the committee should interview members who are leaving the club.

The club agreed there should be someone in charge of Publicity.

The club agreed to a Survey of members to cite their reasons for being engaged and a club member.

Regarding the Scholarship Committee, Chairman Belmont asked for thoughts on whether to continue what we have been doing - giving 6 to 10, \$2000 scholarships - or whether we should reduce the number to 2 major scholarships. Ideas included making the scholarship unique and looking for students who exemplified Service above Self. Belmont also wanted to create a follow up procedure to learn what happens to our scholars after college.

The club agreed that John Coombe ought to be asked to work on a Brand Statement.

The club agreed we ought to Analyze trends in attendance.

Regarding Meeting and membership flexibility, there seemed to be consensus that the status quo was acceptable. However, corporate membership might suit the school district.

Next steps: The club will use its website and set up an info exchange/database that could include info on attendance trends, scholarship followup, and member recruitment.

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:** January is vocational service month. “THE OBJECT OF ROTARY is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society” (and three other areas).

This is a philosophical statement of Rotary’s purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of VOCATIONAL SERVICE is rooted in the Second Object (quoted above). As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into actions? Consider these suggestions: Talk about your vocation in your club, and take time to learn about fellow members’ vocations. Use your professional skills to serve a community. Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through your own words and actions. Help a young person achieve his or her career aspirations. Guide and encourage others in their professional development.

If you do any of these things, you are performing vocational service. And if vocational service motivates and energizes you, then you’re in the right place, because vocational service is the very essence of Rotary. It is what sets Rotary apart from other service organizations.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

January 5:

January 12: Mayor Charles Stewart, State of the Town of Paonia

