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Rotary Club of the North Fork Valley

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Meeting Thursdays at Noon in the Paonia Town Hall

District 5470

Club 1180 - Chartered 12/20/22

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LAST MEETING: October 5, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kids Pasta Project dinner will be held on 10/30 at Delicious Orchards. We need 50 people to attend. Donation jars will be set out for our different projects instead of holding a silent auction. Make your reservation at kidspastaproject.org.

Kathy Swartz, SEI CEO in attendance. Time to sign her up as a corporate member.

Sarah Bishop reported that the vandalism in Poulos Park seemed to be under control, so the club will move forward with helping the town with its renovation.

The Paonia Chamber of Commerce Octoberfest will be held at Edisea Warehouse on 10/14.

Peggy Szvetcz won the football pool and donated her winnings to the scholarship fund.

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

PROGRAM: Jeff Skeels introduced Andrew Forkes Gudmunson, Associate Program Director for Citizens for a Healthy Community (CHC). The 500 member association has a mandate to protect the community from negative oil and gas development impacts. It seeks to stop new leases and ensure current leases are properly managed.

It recently issued a report, "Economic Impact of Natural Gas Development on Delta County", in response to the proposed North Fork Mancos Master Development Plan (NFMMDP). The report challenges the belief that oil and gas development in the county would be an economic plus. Development should be compatible with the local economy, which in Delta County is based on agriculture, recreation and tourism. See attached report. [NOTE: The Estimated Delta County Revenues table shows the following: NFMMDP ~\$350,000; Agritourism ~\$93,000; Recreation ~\$720,000; Property Taxes ~\$2,700,000. The website for the full report is <http://www.chc4you.org/new-report-economic-impact-natural-gas-development-delta-county/>]

Publicly available information about potential economic impact of oil and gas development is hard to come by. CHC is trying to get community discussion going, based on what it has been able to discover in its report. Ironically, most of the county, state and federal income anticipated from the NFMMDP will go to Gunnison County, while most of the impact of the project - 70,000 heavy truck round trips, increased emergency services, and potential damage to our watershed, etc. - will occur in Delta County. CHC will add to its report as it may discover new information.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: October is Economic and Community Development month, one of Rotary's 6 major themes.

New Ugandan club takes on challenges of a growing economy. Despite three years of strong

economic growth and a burgeoning middle class, the central Ugandan city of Entebbe is still mired in high poverty rates, inadequate health care, and water insecurity. When Michael Muriithi moved there about a year ago, he knew a Rotary club could address these problems. "This is where Rotary is at its best, finding solutions to these problems," he said.

Instead of joining the Rotary Club of Entebbe, Muriithi worked with its members to establish a new club that would address concerns of one of the city's largest villages, Nkumba. Muriithi began recruiting members in early 2013. "I called my friends and colleagues and asked if they were interested in starting a new club. Once they saw how much impact we could have on the community, they not only joined but began to spread the word to their friends. It wasn't hard -- they were excited to get started," says Muriithi. The Rotary Club of Nkumba was officially chartered in December, becoming the 75th Rotary club in Uganda. The club has a young base with the average age of 35, according to Muriithi.

Members decided to focus their activities on improving health care in Nkumba and the surrounding area. The club raised more than \$2,000 to construct a new latrine pit for Nkumba's Kitala Health Centre after the old one was closed due to unsanitary conditions. The center is the only public medical facility in the area, serving a population of almost 600,000, most of whom can't afford private health care.

Instead of hiring someone to do the demolition, club members decided to do the work themselves. "We made a promise to be a hands-on club, so along with other volunteers, we did the work ourselves. This built camaraderie among our members. It also increased Rotary's visibility to the public."

Club members also turned their attention to clean water. They funded the rehabilitation of a major water well, resulting in an increase of 40 percent more clean water. Muriithi says they are planning on improving four more wells by the end of the year.

"I'm proud to be a part of this new adventure and excited at what we can achieve," he says. "But our success will only be defined by the work we do. This club is made of the people who are dedicated to making a change. That's the Rotary way."

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Oct 12 - Business meeting (cont.)

Oct. 19 - Kathy Steckel or Katie Hedley, North Fork Ambulance Assoc.

Oct. 26 - Steve Smith, Paonia Bread Works

Nov. 2 - Steve Morris, West Elks Search and Rescue

