



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: October 8, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Don Foster has resigned after 56 years as a member of our club. His hearing loss has gotten to the point he can no longer enjoy meetings. We signed a card and will think of other ways to celebrate his long service.

The next 5th Thursday evening social will be October 29 at Kate's home. As she will be moving to a new home in Paonia soon, she wanted to have one last party "up on the hill."

The winner of the football pool was Frankie with 12 of 15 correct. Marsha also had 12 of 15 correct, but Frankie beat her with a closer guess on the Monday night game score.

Marsha and Jackie attended the District fall forum in Telluride. There were a number of round table discussions, which they found worthwhile. Our club received two awards. One was for the percentage of existing members staying in the club. The other was for the number of new members recruited during the 2014-15 Rotary year. Way to go team!

December will be an interesting month. 12/10 will be 5th Thursday. 12/17 will be a business meeting. There will be no meetings on 12/24 and 12/31. Becky Walton wants to have a Christmas party at her and Davis' home. Perhaps on 12/10?

Felix announced that the Board had budgeted for 2 scholarships in 2016. He encouraged us to consider a year end tax deductible donation to the scholarship fund. He would like the club to fund 1 or 2 more scholarships.

Jacquie is looking for a speaker for the 10/22 meeting.

There will be a highway cleanup on Nov. 7 starting at 9 am

10/17 is Octoberfest. There will be music, a costume contest, beer, brats and outstanding potato salad at the Living Farm Café from 2 to 6 pm.

PROGRAM:

Barb Heck introduced Randy Campbell speaking about The Rotary Foundation. Randy showed two short videos, which presented TRF supported projects, and then spoke about the Foundation in general terms.

In Pilar, Argentina, 3 RCs - 2 in Argentina and 1 in the US - established a day care center to teach children good hygiene. Grants came from TRF, USAID and a private foundation. The "Clean Hands Project" provided a box to each participating school that contained individual carrying cases with soap and other products for each 5 year old child.

There are 5.8 million deaf people in Brazil. One deaf girl in Sao Paolo wanted to be

a teacher. In 1977, some Rotarians created a school for the deaf. When she moved to this school she received help to adapt to her new environment. Now she is a teacher there. This and other schools for the deaf are Rotary's biggest educational project in Brazil.

There are more videos on the RI website; these two are but examples of the Foundation's work in the world.

TRF is the charitable arm of Rotary. The money for these good works comes from clubs and members. TRF's largest efforts are Polioplus, the Centers for International Peace and Understanding, scholarship programs, and Foundation grants.

Some Foundation grants are distributed within the districts. To be eligible for district grants, a club has to contribute an average of \$50 per member per year. Our club received such a grant this year for the "Kids in the Kitchen" project. The money we contribute to TRF annual fund sits in RI for 3 years, then half returns to the district for club projects.

Some club members contribute to TRF monthly by asking that their dues be increased by a certain amount. You can write a check to TRF and give to our treasurer, Kate. You can access your account on the RI website and have funds deducted from your bank account. You can donate stocks, real estate . . . TRF recognizes our contributions. When the amount contributed reaches \$1000, a member becomes a Paul Harris Fellow. From the proceeds of the Kids Pasta Project dinner, the club contributed \$19.50 to TRF in the name of each club member. Make this contribution grow! One club recognition that would be a feather in our cap is EREY- Every Rotarian Every Year.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

October 15 - Jacquie Gannon

October 22 -

October 29 - Fifth Thursday - Kate Zachman

November 5 - Doris Danielson

[Program directors, please let me know who your program will be. Thanks. - Ed]