



## **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: November 12, 2015

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** [Your Editor was late to the meeting, so missed the announcements, but assume the following are accurate.] Barking Bargains and the Blue Sage are organizing a Santa's workshop to introduce children to Christmas shopping and money management. Bring small items to Rotary to be sold: candy, tooth paste, soap, etc.

The North Fork Children's Christmas party will be Dec. 12 at Memorial Hall. You should have received a letter announcing this event and the opportunity to support a child at \$50 each. Bring a check to Pam Bliss or send it to the NF Children's Christmas Fund. Volunteer to help out at the party and/or help wrap gifts on November 28. Marsha and Jackie have already assembled 140 bags of gifts and there are likely to be more to come.

The club's Christmas party will be Dec. 10 at Davis and Becky Walton's home.

**PROGRAM:** Glenn brought us today's program, a charming movie about the men who started Rotary in Chicago in 1905. It was filmed about that time, with written captions. A narrator and music were obviously added after the fact. The founding fathers were an impressive group of business leaders, many being president of their company. Several served as President of Rotary 1, as the Chicago club is known. Others served as Secretary for a number of years, or Treasurer, or became district officers, or served at the international level. As a number of the founding members were approaching retirement age, concern about recruiting younger members was growing, just as it is today. The film showed a gathering of the members at Paul and Jean Harris' home in the south side of Chicago. Some of the foliage looked to be fairly tropical for even the south side of Chicago! Rotary has a proud heritage, which the organization continues to enjoy and live up to.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

November 19 - Update on ambulance district - Kathy Steckel

December 3 - Annette Chosczyk

December 10 - Christmas Party - evening

December 17 - Business meeting



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