



THE SPOKES SPEAK - GEARED TO SERVICE

Rotary Club of the North Fork Valley

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District 5470

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LAST MEETING: November 2, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bob Lario won the football pool with 13 of 13 correct entries - a first! and donated his winnings to the scholarship fund.

Nov. 11 is the Blue Sage Center's Gran Vin. [Pronounced, Graw(n) Va(n). The "n" is not actually pronounced. However, if we Francophiles pronounced it properly, you majority Anglophiles would probably would not understand us. So we bow politely to good communications!]

Welcome back Jim Cunningham. Stay well.

The KPP dinner raised \$939.

Salvation Army bell ringing at Don's market will be Nov. 25 and Dec. 2. Please sign up.

There will be no Casino Night fund raiser, as no one has volunteered to organize the event.

Mountain Harvest Creative thinks holding the Ducky Derby during MH Festival a good idea.

Barb Heck was elected President Elect. She attended a Women's March convention in Detroit and was very inspired.

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

PROGRAM: Jeff Skeels introduced Steve Morris, President of West Elk Mountain Rescue (WEMR). He leads a group of volunteers who put themselves at risk to find people in need of help in the back country. There are three rescue teams in the area - Paonia, Gunnison and Crested Butte - who work directly with the Gunnison sheriff's department. Delta County has its own rescue organization. WEMR covers a big service area, primarily centered on the West Elk Mountains. At 31 members, WEMR is the largest group working in Gunnison County.

Morris started as a lifeguard. Then through lots of training he became a climber and learned how to handle himself in the back country. He is an EMT with the North Fork Ambulance Assn.

Search and rescue organizations need lots of equipment and training. While Morris can conduct much of the fundamental training, sometimes training led by others is necessary. For example, WEMR volunteers train with helicopter organizations. They train in real situations, practicing avalanche safety, learning survival skills and first aid, becoming acquainted with maps, compass reading and GPS, and getting to know the terrain on foot. Drones may be helpful in the future.

Of primary concern is managing risks to rescuers. They always assess risk against potential benefit. The key to success is teamwork. The group averages 12 to 14 missions a year. However they have been called out over 20 times so far this year.

There is no cost for someone being assisted by WEMR unless there is a helicopter or ambulance involved. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization WEMR welcomes donations for equipment replacement

and professional training. They have received funding from grants, some DOLA funds, but nothing from the county. Support your local search and rescue team. You too might get lost!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: November is The Rotary Foundation month. Rotary Day at the United Nations celebrates two organizations' shared vision for peace and highlights the critical humanitarian activities that Rotary and the UN lead around the world. The event also honors people who make a positive difference in their community, their country, or around the world. Each year, about 1,000 guests attend.

Who attends? Rotary Day at the United Nations is open to the public. The audience includes:

The Rotary International president and directors, Rotary Foundation trustees, other Rotary leaders, and Rotary club members

Leaders from the United Nations

Experts from other non-governmental agencies

Renowned humanitarians

Young leaders who attend to exchange ideas, learn about the UN, and meet international leaders

Rotary Day 2017 Under this year's theme of "Peace: Making a Difference," Rotary will honor six Rotary members or Rotary Peace Centers alumni who have done outstanding work for peace, professionally or as volunteers. The event will be held Saturday, 11 November, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Rotary leaders, UN officials, and humanitarian experts will educate and inspire participants to work for peace at local, regional, and global levels. General and breakout sessions will address the UN Sustainable Development Goals and emergency and humanitarian assistance. A special session developed by and for young leaders will highlight the importance of education to peace. There will also be a welcome reception and tours of Geneva and the Palais des Nations. The event is open to Rotary members and guests but requires a two-part registration.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Nov. 9 - Chris Jacobson, Paonia Bread Works

Nov. 16 - Kristin Lynch, Western, Colorado Community Foundation

Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving (no meeting)

Nov. 30 - Elaine Brett, Space to Create

Dec. 7 - Jay Bagley and Julie Bennett, Rubicon Roasting and Root and Vine

