



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 3, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The second annual Casino Night will be held Jan. 30 at the Glennie Coombe Gallery. Volunteers will be recruited in early January.

At the Board meeting on Dec. 1 the Directors established a committee to develop programs. Randy will chair the committee and solicit ideas from club members. We will still be responsible for lining up programs, but the committee will decide how we do that. There will be a business meeting on Dec. 17 to elect new officers and discuss use of a sizeable CD. Shall we use it to fund scholarships for the next 2 years?

Bain, who runs the football pool, won this week with 11 correct! He said anyone who wished to do so could review his tally.

OBSERVATION: There were 39 members and guests plus the swing choir in attendance. Many staff members from Bob's office were there. Bill Barton's son, David, noted his daughter had been awarded a Rotary scholarship from the Gunnison RC. There were lots of happy bucks including for the Paonia Eagles football team, who gave us three thrilling years of HS football. The team came within 7 points of a "threepeat" as class 1A champions. A tip of the hat to the Buena Vista team, who played a very determined second half. See you next year! Barb and Mike traveled to India, and for 3 days stayed in the same hotel as the Dalai Lama.

PROGRAM: Karri introduced Dee Holt and the PHS Swing Choir. The 17 members were impressive in their ability to sing together as one, and with exact intonation. They sang a fancy arrangement of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", followed by a Pentatonics version of "Mary Did you Know?" They ended with "A Charlie Brown Christmas" complete with "O Christmas Tree", "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "Christmas Time is Here", and the Charlie Brown theme. The choir usually performs a dance routine with this medley, but there was not space in our meeting room for them to move about. This program is always a favorite, bringing out members and guests alike.

THE FOUR SUPPOSES: In May, our Editor emeritus printed the following. I find it so compelling, I am inclined to publish it from time to time as a reminder to us all.

Suppose the membership in a Rotary club were limited to 15. Would you be in or out?

Suppose membership were good for one year only and re-election dependent upon the service you have given to Rotary during the past year. Would you be re-elected?

Suppose you were called on to tell why you thought the rotary club should keep you on its rolls. Have you a record of helpful service to offer in your defense?

Suppose every member of your club did just as much as you are doing now. Would your club be among the most active in R.I. or would it be disappearing into obscurity?

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
SEE YOU AGAIN, JANUARY 7, 2016**

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

January 7

January 14

January 21

January 28

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

