



## **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:** February 18, 2016

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Paonia Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Paonia Council candidate forum on March 10. It will be held in the community room of Town Hall.

The club received thank you notes from the Paonia Elementary School third grade students, thanking us for their dictionaries. Some highlights from their notes: "Thank you for the awesome dictionaries. Where did you get them?" "I have already looked up 9 or 10 words. What other amazing things do you do?" "I will keep my dictionary forever."

Bob said that he and Linda were looking for a new personal assistant to work with them at ReMax.

Ulli said the North Fork Recreational District is still looking for a new Board member.

On February 20, club leaders will present a scholarship check to the North Fork Ambulance Association to send an EMT to get an advanced training certificate. Our contribution will be matched, which probably means two EMTs will receive this advanced training.

Francois' key guest was invisible so he will have to try again.

**PROGRAM:** Randy introduced two of our members to tell us interesting things about themselves. Bain went first. He was born in Dallas, an only child of a travel agent mother and veterinarian father. He took flying lessons as a child, receiving his license as soon as he was old enough. He earned money as a youth working for a trap shooting business. He went to Austin College, where he met Nancy, though they did not get married until 20 years later. Working at a suicide prevention center led him to the field of psychology. He was a stamp certification worker for the state and then a case worker for child protective services. Having decided social work was no longer his calling, he went to the University of Texas to earn an electrical engineering degree. To help pay the costs of his degree program he worked at IBM. After graduation he went to Motorola and worked in a number of different departments. Then he returned to IBM for 10 years creating software for chip design engineers. He won an outstanding technical service award for a program he designed. For another 10 years he worked in the research division that was focused on micro processor design. He helped keep the researchers' systems going in areas such as data networks, servers, and software for testing equipment. He married Nancy in 1992 - the first for both of them - retired after 25 years in the work place and moved to Paonia. He said he used to sail in Austin. Now he is an active member of the Azura Yacht Club. (Ask him if you don't know about the AYC.) He is a DJ on KVNF. You can hear him the first Wednesday of the month on "My Generation" and on the second Saturday of the month on "Pickin'". He and Nancy will have lived here two years this April and

are “as happy as two pigs in mud, which we have plenty of!”

Next up was Doris. She was born in Boulder, but her family soon moved to California where her dad earned his PhD. She has a remarkable ability to remember things going back to when she was a baby. The family moved to Phoenix, Arizona where her father taught at the university. Her family was considered weird because they were vegetarians - she was sent to school with veggie sandwiches - and her father had a long beard. A trained ecologist, her dad took the family into the back country at every opportunity. They camped and back packed during every school vacation. Doris remembers decorating a bush with Christmas ornaments. Her memory of Phoenix was of a city of ~400,000 population surrounded by citrus groves and alfalfa and onion fields. With a current population of 4 million, most of the agricultural production is gone. She received a degree in elementary education from the University of Arizona and taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade. She got married and moved to Paonia in 1994. She did not continue teaching because she had a young family to care for. She became involved with the town’s comprehensive plan in 1996. As she was unhappy with the local public schools she tried and failed at home schooling her two children. So she and other parents got a Montessori school up and running in two years. She became involved with the Grand Mesa Citizens Alliance - the first group in the valley to take on the oil and gas industry here. About 9 years ago she and son Kai took up karate together. In three years she had her first black belt and earned her second degree in January. This is a sport she enjoys very much. Eight years ago, just as the market was crashing, she went into the real estate business to help pay her children’s college expenses. Both she and the real estate market are recovering. She is on our club’s Board of Directors and is the current President of the Paonia Chamber of Commerce. She likes to paint with water colors, travel, back pack, and hike.

[Some of the most interesting people I know are members of our club. Let’s hear from more of you! - ED]

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:** Through its six peace centers, Rotary is developing leaders to become catalysts for peace in their communities and around the globe. The Chulalongkorn program offers a three month professional development certificate to individuals already working in fields related to peace. Chulalongkorn, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, has graduated 355 peace fellows from 69 countries. Its curriculum emphasizes equal parts instruction and learning from peers.

Since completing the program in 2007, Meas Savath, of Cambodia, founded the Cambodian Center for Mediation, which provides training and social dialogue, building reconciliation between former Khmer Rouge and non-Khmer Rouge factions. Although the country’s brutal civil war ended more than 35 years ago, Savath says, there is still a lot of mistrust between the two sides.

“In my program, all parties are invited to share their experience and understanding, as well as their perceptions of the two groups, and afterward they have a relationship that didn’t exist before,” he says.

The 10th anniversary celebration culminates with the Innovating Global Peace Building conference at the end of this month. Program staff are also collecting short video testimonials from alumni that are being compiled. You can see the videos on the center’s website, and following #rotarychula10 on social media to get updates of the celebration.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

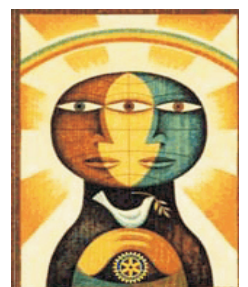
February 25 - John Gavan, DMEA and the Internet

March 3 - Jack Ferrell and Cassandra Shenk, Teens on Farms

March 10 - Burnie Zercher of Pueblo speaking about The Rotary Foundation

March 17 - Steve Lyons, on “Green Burials”

April 14 - Dr. Jerry Nelson, on "Climate Change and Food Security"



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