



## **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:** March 16, 2017

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Jackie Parks reported on the success of last year's Beta Sigma Phi fundraiser for school supplies: 25 back packs filled with goodies, half the cost of a saw for the PHS shop class, and 15 chairs for the HHS computer room.

Felix Belmont noted that the Delta Montrose Technical College had announced its scholarship recipients. The funds our club provide go to nursing or EMT scholarships for North Fork students. See the latest DCI for the announcement.

PHS is asking us Rotarians to take tickets for the spring baseball games. There are 5 slots left for games in April and May at volunteer park. Games are usually in the afternoons. Please sign up with Karri Polson. BTW, Paonia beat Delta 4 to 2 on 3/21. Paonia is ranked #1 in 1A and Delta is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in 3A. Way to go Eagles!

Jacquie Gannon will host 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday on 3/30 at 41282 Lamborn Mesa Rd.

President Greg encouraged members to attend the 4/20-22 district training and conference in Glenwood Springs. This is a great way to become familiar with our Rotary District and Rotary International. James Schott is planning on attending the Thursday and Friday sessions and invited others to join him.

Felix Belmont wants to step down as club secretary. Somebody else needs to step up.

Give speaker ideas to Randy Campbell.

The club's facebook page is up. Put some posts on it.

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

Lisa Delaney was inducted as a new member. She has a degree in urban planning and works at the First Colorado National Bank. Welcome, Lisa!

Barb and Mike Heck met a friend of Ulli Lange's in the airport at Punta Arenas, Chili on their way to Antarctica. Indeed, a small world.

**PROGRAM:** Karri Polson introduced the PHS Swing Choir in a make up performance. Dee Holt, the choir director, announced the 27<sup>th</sup> annual desert show, "Music Through the Decades", at 7 pm on 3/24 and 3/25. This is the only fund raiser for the music programs at the high school. Tickets are available on line and at the door. The show always sells out. The choir will participate in a festival at Grand Junction at the end of April. It was named the best choir from a small school last year. The choir sang three songs: "Say Something, I'm Giving up on Yu," a medley from "Grease" (about the high school class of 1959 that your editor remembers fondly), and Billy Joel's "Piano Man". Great entertainment!

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: March is literacy month. Education and literacy throughout Rotary's history: In March 1930, Ray Lyman Wilbur, the United States Secretary of the Interior, asked Rotary and other service organizations to take an active leadership role in the reduction of illiteracy in the United States. Rotary Clubs across the US took Wilbur's request seriously:**

The Rotary Club of Martinsville, Virginia, sponsored a talent show with proceeds supporting adult literacy classes.

Members of the Rotary Club of Blairsville, Pennsylvania offered a class on reading and writing for local adults.

The Rotary Club of Ada, Ohio, surveyed the educational needs of children and adults in a nearby farming community and with the help of other local service organizations, began offering classes in reading and writing.

During the 1930-31 Rotary year, Rotary clubs began to recognize the importance of supporting general education. The Rotary Club of New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, established a loan fund to help boys finish high school, and by August 1930 had helped to fund the high school educations of nearly 100 boys.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**3/23: Club business discussion on membership**

**3/30: 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday at Jacquie Gannon's home**

**4/6: TBD**

**4/13: Kristen O'Brien of Empowered Energy Systems talking about Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy program**

**4/20: Amy Lockner, USFS, reporting on beetle kill**

**4/27: Art Trevena, Black Canyon Astronomical Society, talking about the total solar eclipse happening this summer.**

