





## 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: April 20, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 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.

PROGRAM: [Unfortunately I was unable to attend the April 20 meeting, and I have no notes about Art Trevena's program. I know he is with the Black Canyon Astronomical Society and probably spoke about the total solar eclipse happening this summer. I am sorry I missed it. - ED]

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: During April, Rotary Maternal and Child Health Month, we're celebrating our commitment to improving the lives of mothers and babies around the world. Here are just a few examples of service projects that are aiming to create healthier lives:

The Rotary Club of Metro East Taytay in the Philippines partnered with a group of medical practitioners to provide free health services to more than 100 women who come from low-income families and were unable to afford health care.

In Nigeria, the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt GRA provided free health care treatment to mothers and children from more than 120 families. Women and children were tested and treated for various diseases and ailments and those whose conditions were severe, were referred to hospitals for further checkups and treatment.

The Rotaract Club of Kampala annually leads a Save a Mother, Save a Child in their community. This year the project aimed to educate expecting mothers, provide cervical cancer screening, family planning services, and HIV/AIDS testing and counseling.

Haiti has the highest rate of maternal and infant mortality in the western hemisphere. 91% of women deliver at home. Rotary members provided a fully equipped medical jeep carrying up to 12 volunteers to any region in Haiti. The jeep allows mobile clinics to be run in hard to reach places to provide health services to expecting mothers.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

4/27: Amy Lockner, USFS, reporting on beetle kill in nearby forests.