



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 23, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Thanks, Jacquie Gannon for hosting a fabulous 5th Thursday on 3/30

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.

Community chorus performing 4/8 at 7 pm; 4/9 at 1 pm at the Blue Sage under the very able conducting of Stephanie Helleckson, our pianist.

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: President Greg convened the quarterly business meeting with a focus on membership. President Elect James reported on the results of the membership survey. He sent out 35 surveys and received 13 responses. See attached for the results. While Rotary started out as an organization focused on business connections, our club does not share that focus. With an average of 19 of 36 members attending each meeting, we may need a new approach to recruitment, including new membership categories. (Average attendance has dropped from 23 (60%) in the first half of 2015 to 19 (54%) during 2016.) Over the past two years, 7 members have become inactive. Annette Choszcyk sent a regretful letter of resignation as her job requires her to be out of the area most of the time. Non-attending members should be encouraged to join a Rotary Club where they work/live.

We could convene a breakfast meeting once a month to attract business people. We could consider offering business memberships. Doris Danielson, Alan Wells and Greg Thompson are the membership committee. They have suggested that every member recruit new members, emphasizing information about Rotary and the educational aspect of our programs - we have good speakers. "Where else in the community can you learn about what is going on locally?" People need to interact with others, face to face. The committee will prepare a special invitation card club members can give to potential member candidates. We will plan a May meeting with a particularly interesting speaker to invite our candidates to attend.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: April is Maternal and Child Health month.

SAVING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.

HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

KEEPING CHILDREN ALIVE DURING THEIR FIRST YEAR Rotary members teach mothers how to breast-feed, promote immunizations and regular checkups, and distribute insecticide-treated bed nets.

SUSTAINABLE PROGRAMS Rotary programs improve women's access to skilled health personnel: doctors, nurses, midwives, or community health care workers.

CLEAN BIRTHS Rotary members distribute clean birth kits and train health workers in safe delivery of babies.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- 4/6: Bob Hammond of CSU to talk about phylloxera, a pest that's threatening vineyards on the western slope.**
- 4/13: Kristen O'Brien of Empowered Energy Systems talking about CPACE - Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy program**
- 4/20: Art Trevena, Black Canyon Astronomical Society, talking about the total solar eclipse happening this summer.**
- 4/27: Amy Lockner, USFS, reporting on beetle kill in nearby forests.**

