



## **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: May 4, 2017

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The new member event will be on June 8 at 5 pm (no other club meeting that day) at Wiseheart Springs. Start thinking of potential members you could invite to this event. Pam Bliss has created an invitation card you can hand out. Club members will bring food to this event.

June 17 is the pancake breakfast. Marsha Grant is chairing the breakfast committee and is seeking volunteers to help.

Randy Campbell announced A Little Help's Service Saturday to be held on Sat., 5/13. Rotarians are encouraged to help out.

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:** [Apologies for no program notes. I was overwhelmed with service technicians and other helpers and had to miss last week's meeting. - ED]

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:** May is youth services month. Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students 15 to 19 years old are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

What are the benefits? Exchange students unlock their true potential to:

Develop lifelong leadership skills

Learn a new language and culture

Build lasting friendships with young people from around the world

Become a global citizen

How long do exchanges last? Long-term exchanges last a full academic year, and students attend local schools and live with multiple host families. Short-term exchanges last from several days to three months and are often structured as camps, tours, or home stays that take place when school is not in session.

What are the costs? Room and board are provided, as well as any school fees. Each program varies, but students are usually responsible for:

Round-trip airfare

**Travel insurance**

**Travel documents (such as passports and visas)**

**Spending money and any additional travel or tours**

Candidates are 15-19 years old and are leaders in their schools and communities. Hosting an exchange student can be incredibly rewarding for your family, bringing an international experience directly into your home. Host families provide room and board and share their lives with exchange students, involving them in family, community, and cultural activities. All host families are screened and trained.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**May 11, Nancy Zimmerman, Lands End Sculpture**

**May 18, Diana Yourell, ED of the Paradise Theater**

