



## **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 11, 2017

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The highway cleanup took 50 minutes, thanks to Norm, Marsha, Pam, Bain, Mike, and Greg. We should thank Adolphus Busch for creating a service project for Rotary, as Bud Light cans were the most popular of the beer cans picked up.

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. Tell President Greg who you would like to invite so we may avoid duplication. 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. Each club member received 6 tickets to sell.

ReMax is holding its yard sale on 6/17 to benefit the North fork Children's Christmas party. Bring things to be sold to the Paonia office or call Bob Lario for pickup.

This year's \$2000 scholarship winners are: Kelsey Stroud and Triston Mautz of Paonia and Caralyn Littlefield and Lacey Rodriguez of Hotchkiss.

President Greg inducted and welcomed Jeff Skeels into the club as our newest member. Glad to have you on board, Jeff!

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:** Randy Campbell introduced Nancy Zimmerman of the Lands End Sculpture Center in Paonia. Established in 1990, the Center is a foundry, a job shop that works for artists, casing their sculptures. Some of their work is fairly sizeable, e.g., a life size gray whale now at Scripps Institute in CA, a 13' fisherman, 2 life size big horn sheep, and an 8' preying mantis on the roof of Mesa State University's biology building.

Zimmerman invited members to tour the facility (call ahead) early in the day to see them pouring metal.

An artist brings an original sculpture in clay, wood or another material. Using a lost wax process, the piece is eventually bronzed. The foundry makes its own bronze from copper, silicon and manganese. Zimmerman described the long, complex process to get from original sculpture to final, patinaed product. Every piece is produced using the same process. She brought several samples.



The foundry currently employs 9, highly skilled people. The artists frequently come and stay in the valley during the casting process so they may be consulted, especially on the patina and the welds on larger pieces that are not cast as a whole. For the largest pieces, such as a 14' globe with 6 life size people around it illustrating Rotary service themes, which was created for the Rotary Club of Tulsa, there is a lot of interior structure, as well as structure underground, to hold it together and in place.

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:** May is youth services month. New Generations Service Exchange is a short-term, customizable program for university students and young professionals up to age 30. Participants can design exchanges that combine their professional goals with a humanitarian project.

What are the benefits? Make connections with service-minded community leaders in another country; learn another language; build professional skills and gain international experience; travel and explore a new culture while giving back through service.

What is an exchange like? With a host Rotary district, planned activities can include networking, relationship building, humanitarian service, professional development, and leadership training. Exchanges last from a few weeks to six months; can be arranged for individuals or groups; need not be reciprocal.

How much does it cost? Costs vary by Rotary club or district. To reduce expenses, Rotary members often provide home stay options, arrange no-cost internship or job-shadowing programs, and offer other financial assistance.

Hosting a New Generations Service Exchange participant brings an international experience directly into your home and can be incredibly rewarding. Host families provide room and board and share their lives with exchange participants, involving them in family, community, professional, and cultural activities.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

May 18, Diana Yourell, ED of the Paradise Theater

