



THE SPOKES SPEAK - GEARED TO SERVICE

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District 5470

Club 1180

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LAST MEETING: May 12, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The highway 133 cleanup was successful.

Randy Campbell has conducted a survey of what types of programs we would like. He has received some good ideas. Keep 'em coming!

Bill Bishop announced he had sold all but one of his and Sarah Bishop's pancake breakfast tickets in one day. He challenged other club members to do as well

Felix Belmont, chairman of the scholarship committee, presented a very comprehensive report on this year's scholarship program. Some highlights: 9 of 40 Hotchkiss seniors applied; 15 of 56 Paonia seniors applied. Six finalists were selected for \$2000 scholarships each. Winners from Hotchkiss were: Andrew P. Oviedo, Sophia M. Schelle, and Megan M. Lange. Winners from Paonia were: Taylor R. Carsten, Nathaniel Gomez, and Marisa N. Edmondson. Our scholarship program began in 1987 with two \$500 awards. To date the club has awarded \$213,000 to 158 students.

PROGRAM: Greg Thompson introduced Brian and Cindy Wegner. Brian is a retired Navy Captain, having been the commanding officer of several nuclear submarines. Capt. Wegner related in detail all his education and training to reach and maintain his rank. He graduated from the Naval Academy, attended nuclear power school, and studied at a land-based reactor plant. Once he was posted to submarine duty he was always studying for the next classification such as engineer and then command.

He then described and illustrated the set up of a nuclear submarine. Sonar can hear ocean noises up to 50 miles. The challenge is to hear other subs that are trying to be very quiet. Missile range is 600 to 1000 miles. Subs stopped carrying tactical nuclear missiles in 2004. There are some interesting challenges to be met: generating oxygen from desalinating water; getting rid of CO₂, CO and H₂. Ventilating once a week is necessary.

He ended his program with pictures of his trip under the North Pole.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: The April Rotary theme [there is no May theme] is The Rotarian Magazine. Below are excerpts from a lengthy essay Paul Harris wrote for the first issue of The National Rotarian.

Vol. I. January, 1911. No. 1. "RATIONAL ROTARIANISM", by Paul P. Harris, National President.

[Part 6] While it is my belief that business should be the cement that binds the parts of our structure

together, it should not constitute the entire structure. [There are] those who believe . . . that business should have no part in the club life of Rotary. [There are] those who believe . . . that business should constitute the entire club life of Rotary. [There are] those who believe . . . that life in Rotary should consist of a rational mixture of business with civic activities and good fellowship.

Perhaps near one or the other of these view points lies that which shall generally be accepted as true Rotarian philosophy, understood and respected by Rotarian and non-Rotarian alike. There should be no occasion for meeting behind closed doors. If Rotarianism cannot stand the test of trial before a jury comprised of the entire American people, then it lacks rationality and should be changed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- May 19:** Jeff Reichs, working on wave & tidal power generation
- May 26:** Gerald Espinoza, AmericorpVISTA working on Solarize Delta County
- June 2:** Monica Wiitanen, updates to Cottage Industry law
- June 9:** Paul Ramsey, A Little Help, organizing to serve seniors in the North Fork

