



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 27, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Highway cleanup will be Friday, 5/5 starting at 9 am at mile marker 5 on Rte. 133.

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.

The District Assembly emphasized publicity; our club needs a publicity chair. For example, we should publicize our support of A Little Help, our dictionary distribution, our awarding EMT scholarships, and our sending young people to RYLA.

A Rotarian from Carbondale claimed, at the young age of 92, to be the oldest Rotarian public radio DJ. District Governor Teresa corrected his statement, as she remembered our Felix Belmont as rightfully claiming that distinction by 6 going on 7 years!

Kate Zachman learned a secretarial tip at Assembly: enter club info into Club Runner and it goes directly to RI. Also, currently polio donations are being matched six times by the Gates Foundation and others.

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: [It seems I did not miss the eclipse program, as the scheduled April 27 program occurred on April 20 when I was out of town. - ED] Randy Campbell introduced Art Trevena, a geologist in love with astronomy. Trevena is a member of the Black Canyon Astronomical Society, who spoke about the upcoming solar eclipse. He reported that it has been 38 years since the last total solar eclipse affected the US. On 8/21/17 the path of totality will travel from northwestern Oregon to South Carolina. The closest sightings to us will be in Idaho, Wyoming and Nebraska. For example, Casper, WY will be in the center of the 72 mile wide total eclipse path. Millions of people will be traveling to see this celestial phenomenon.

The cause of an eclipse: the moon passes in front of the sun. As for safely viewing a solar eclipse, use a pin hole projection, eclipse glasses or solar filters on binoculars or a telescope. The eclipse takes about an hour and a quarter from beginning to totality, and lasts up to 4 minutes before starting back to full sunlight. This timing translates to the eclipse moving across the sky at 2300 miles/hour. Here in the north fork the eclipse will begin at 10:19 am and reach 89% at 1:10 pm.

Once the sun is 95% covered, the sky darkens to middle twilight, the air temperature drops, one can see stars and planets, and one can see the sun's corona, which is gases escaping from the sun,

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: May is youth services month. Rotary's programs are developing the next generation of leaders, providing funding to make the world a better place, and making peace a priority. Let's take a look at our youth oriented programs.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) - RYLA is a leadership development program for young people who want to learn new skills, build their confidence, and have fun. RYLA benefits include connecting with leaders in a young person's community and around the world to:

Build communication and problem-solving skills

Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in one's school or community

Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors

Unlock one's potential to turn motivation into action

Have fun and form lasting friendships

What's involved? RYLA events are organized locally by Rotary clubs and districts for participants ages 14-30. Depending on community needs, RYLA may take the form of a one-day seminar, a three-day retreat, or a week long camp. Typically, events last 3-10 days and include presentations, activities, and workshops covering a variety of topics.

Our club hosts a RYLA weekend for secondary school students to hone their leadership potential.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

May 4, Tamara Hardesty, regarding fundamentals of Islam and the situation in Syria

May 11, Nancy Zimmerman, Lands End Sculpture

May 18, Diana Yourell, ED of the Paradise Theater

