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LAST MEETING: July 7, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

In Kate's absence, please give your pancake breakfast money to Felix now so we can have a complete accounting of that fund raiser soonest. We received good reviews on the new pancake mix which used local eggs.

We have a KPP dinner at Delicious Orchards scheduled for July 25 and will be having a Wine Grab at that event. Marsha Grant will be collecting the wine as usual, so please donate a decent bottle of something everyone might like. We will have one very nice bottle in the collection. Bring wine to meetings and give to Grant or another board member.

We had a great 5th Thursday at the Grants.

Thanks to James Schott for the hay bales and international guests for our entry in the July 4th parade. Many people watching the parade thanked us for our service.

The Polio Plus jar is always on the club meeting sign in table. Please fill it up.

The Sept. 10 ducky derby tickets at \$10 each are available for sale. We will sell only 500. There will be \$500 in prizes for the first three ducks to cross the finish line. At 3:00 at the River Park there will be a festival with food, drink and possibly music. We are partnering with PHS students, who have already sold 40 tickets.

Felix celebrated his 98th birthday with an appropriate contribution to the scholarship fund. Yay Felix!!

PROGRAM: Randy introduced Laura Lee Yates, a Paonia librarian and author of Bound for the Western Sea, the canine narration of the Lewis and Clark expedition. While the book is based on fact, and Seaman, a New Foundland, was a real dog, who belonged to Lewis, the work is one of fiction. Yates thinks Seaman was a therapy dog for Lewis, who suffered from depression.

Yates started writing as a child, then became more serious about it in her 30's. She doesn't have trouble starting to write, she said, just stopping. The first people she met in Paonia were Ed and Betsy Marston, of High Country News. She subsequently wrote a book about the Willamette Valley in Oregon and another about Ft. Ross, CA, the southern most Russian settlement in the US. She found herself more involved in writing than publishing, so her writing did not enjoy a wide readership. However, she was sent to Russia as a kind of ambassador, where she visited a small town that some of the Ft. Ross ancestors came from.

For many years she worked in veterinary clinics, and always owned large breed dogs. Now she

owns a dog that is half New Foundland. Along the way she married Harry Harpoon, and eventually became a librarian, probably because she is a voracious reader. She hoped to have her book published by the Lewis and Clark centennial. When that did not happen, she decided to self publish under the title **Undaunted Press**.

After the Rocky Mountain National Rendezvous, a gathering of folks celebrating the ways of folks who lived before 1843 (one may not wear clothing manufactured after 1843, not even underwear - there will be inspections), Laura Lee and Harry will follow the Lewis and Clark trail to Ft. Clatsop, OR, where the 19th century expedition spent a winter. Dressed in period costume, they will visit Great Falls, Bozeman, Boise, and other stops to read from Laura Lee's book and hear music from Harry's CD, which he produced to accompany the book. Once they reach Ft. Clatsop, they hope to be part of the National Park Service's centennial celebration there.

To end her program, Yates read a passage from her book about Lewis' encounter with a grizzly bear. Her book and Harry's CD with a number of original tunes are now for sale.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: [The Rotary theme for July is Changeover. The official "handing over of the gavel" occurs during the International Convention.] United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon was among the first to welcome Rotary members and friends to the 107th Rotary Convention, heralded as one of the largest-ever gatherings of Rotarians and the most multicultural assembly of nonprofit leaders in Korea.

He offered a message of gratitude: "Rotarians do remarkable work around the world," Ban told the thousands of attendees gathered at KINTEX, the Korea International Exhibition and Convention Center in Goyang city, on the outskirts of Seoul. "You help the United Nations reach our goals, and you help the world understand the United Nations."

He described Allan Albert, the former Rotary president who, 70 years ago this month, participated in discussions that led to the formation of the UN, as "a passionate defender of human understanding who called for people to be real factors in real peace. Together we are working to realize this vision."

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

July 14: Caryn Gibson, Delta County Superintendent of Schools.

July 28: Jason Cleckler, CEO of Delta County Memorial Hospital

July 21: Reports by club members who attended the District Conference; Elaine Brett - pcoming Downtown Institute

July 28: Jason Cleckler Administrator of DCMH

August 4: Ken Nordstrom, Delta County Health Department director.

