

ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH FORK

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LAST MEETING: June 25, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Miguel Jose S. Rodriguez, a Rear Admiral in the Philippino Navy will be our speaker on July 9. 43 years ago – 1972 – he was a Rotary exchange student with our Rotary Club. He stayed with Rachael and Don Foster. Apparently he had such an enjoyable stay that he is coming back for another visit!

The pancake breakfast served 142 guests. We have raised just under \$1400 so far. Please bring your ticket money to Kate so we can determine the net proceeds from this event.

The Poulos Park cleanup on July 1 attracted 5 volunteers – our current President, President elect, and 3 former Presidents. The work was done in an hour and one half. Mikel Altenhofen, who takes care of Paonia parks, has done a good job of keeping up that park during the year. The Rotary clean up was mostly cutting back the shrubbery, picking up a little trash, doing a bit of weeding, and cleaning out the back grate. Bring a pick ax for that latter chore next year. The biggest surprise was a bike hidden in the front shrubbery. The park is ready for Fourth of July visitors.

Fourth of July events: The club will have a float in the parade on Saturday, 7/4. Go to the bus barn at 9 am to locate our float, then come help us decorate it. We need lots of folks to sit on the float and pass out candy. Wear your Rotary gear.

We are organizing the Coal Shoveling contest again this year. The entrance fee is \$40 per team of two shovelers. Thanks to the generosity of the Mountain Coal Company, the club will receive the registration fees plus half of the bets placed. Mountain Coal is giving the club \$1000 to publicize the event. First prize is \$1000, second prize is \$500, third prize is \$250. The coal will be oiled this year to hold down the dust. If you are willing to volunteer for this event, see Jackie Parks.

Significant milestones: Felix will celebrate his 97th birthday on 6/29; his daughter, Louise, will celebrate her 68th birthday on July 4; and sometime in that first week of July, Felix and Pauline were married 75 years ago. Felix made a contribution to the club's scholarship fund in honor of those 3 milestones.

PROGRAM: This being the annual meeting of the club, President Glenn reported on the club's achievements during the year. He met his goal of increasing club membership by 3 new members; we gave 7 \$2000 scholarships to graduating seniors from Paonia and Hotchkiss High Schools; Casino Night was very successful as a new fund raiser. While the club has some challenges, it is clearly on a solid footing.

Glenn then inducted Marsha Grant as the 2015-2016 club president. He gave her a president's pin. President Marsha then presented Glenn with a plaque recognizing his service. She also hung the new Rotary banner on the bell and Glenn passed out theme pins. The new RI President is from Sri Lanka. His theme is "Be a gift to the world".

Budget review: The district has raised its dues by \$2 to \$20/month.

The club has applied for a \$1000 district grant, which we will match with another \$1000 to support the “Kids in the Kitchen” project. This is an after school program that will be held at Paonia Elementary School. There will be two sessions divided by age group. It was started by Ulli Lange’s daughter in law, Debbie, and is now being directed by two other women. The children will learn about preparing food and all the skills needed to do that, such as planning, good timing, some math, and chemistry.

Money has been allocated for 4 high school and one vocational school scholarships. The Board of Directors hopes to raise the money needed for these and other activities.

Some questions about the budget will be addressed at a later date.

The President asked for guidance to the Board regarding the appropriate use of the \$36,000 in the Club Foundation coffers. To spend or not to spend? Draw it down gradually, say for one scholarship/year? She asked for information on how the Foundation fund was created, its history, and any obligations we have about its use.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: July 9— Philippino Rear Admiral Miguel Jose S. Rodriguez.

July 16—ADG, Sam Kevan about his trip to Cambodia

July 23—Dave Mitchell, Celebrate the Fork

July 30—Fifth Thursday at Norm Lewark’s home

