



# **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:** July 16, 2015

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Kids Pasta Project dinner on July 13 raised \$350 from the dinner and \$520 from the wine grab. The remaining wines were sold at the meeting today for \$160. A total of \$1030 will be sent to The Rotary Foundation to support international projects.

Fifth Thursday will be at Norm Lewark's home on July 30. More details to come.

BOD Meeting - The Board approved the minutes of its last meeting and sent them to Bain to put on the website.

Gazebo - The gazebo at the library, a project begun when Norm was President, needs some sprucing up prior to its dedication in August. On July 30, several folks have volunteered to spread some more pea gravel under the structure. Then the library will install a table and benches. While the gazebo may be used for many purposes, its initial objective was to serve as a location for children's book clubs to meet.

**PROGRAM:** Karri introduced speaker Dr. Sam Kevan. He is a physician in Delta, a member of the Delta Rotary Club, and our area Assistant Governor. He presented a slide program on his most recent trip to Cambodia. He was part of a medical mission that included dentists, eye specialists and other medical personnel, who teamed up with local medical staff, primarily nurses. They would typically go to a town, set up a clinic for a week or so, see patients there, then travel to more remote areas to treat people. They did not perform surgeries or other hospital type procedures. They saw tens of patients a day. On one 12 hour day they saw over 100 patients.



Sam has taken several trips to Cambodia as part of this medical mission. What he showed the club were pictures that illustrated the various aspects of the country. He traveled quite a bit, seeing lots of rice growing areas, the capital, Phnom Penh, the ancient site of Angkor Wat, as well as more remote sites. In

the towns, the primary method of transportation was a motorcycle dragging a cart. The markets were full of vegetables and fresh meat.

Thanks, Sam for sharing your journey with us.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** July 23—Dave Mitchell, Celebrate the Fork

July 30—Fifth Thursday at Norm Lewark's home

August 6 - Kevin Parks, speaker host

August 13 - Jackie Parks, speaker host

**DG BOB DELEVAN** will be visiting our club on September 3. Let's be sure there is a big turnout.

