



## **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 21, 2016

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There will be a meeting in the Town Hall Community Room on August 4, so our club meeting will be a picnic in the park at the shelter. Phyllis and Ashley will prepare sack lunches for us.

The Ducky Derby on Sept. 10: Sign up sheets were sent around for volunteers. We need to sell raffle tickets at City Market and Pickin' in the Park. Three Rotarians sold tickets at the BMW rally under our pop-up with a big ducky next to it. The club will rent ducks from th PHS Booster Club. We need to find someone to provide food for this event - Marsha is in charge.

August 1, the KPP dinner benefits Mountain Harvest Creative.

Sarah Bishop auctioned off a Zephyros Farm bouquet of flowers to Francois Pretorius - probably for his mother in law's birthday - who donated \$25 to the scholarship fund.

Elaine Brett announced the upcoming Downtown Institute to be held in Paonia on August 4 and 5. The event is a facilitated workshop that is put on by Downtown Colorado Inc. , which helps local business, community and government to work together. Topics include resources for economic development, branding, and marketing. These institutes are designed for small, rural communities. Go to the DCI Inc .org website to register. According to Brett, the State Department of Economic Development really wants to help us rural folks.

**PROGRAM:** President Greg introduced the 5 club members who attended the District Conference last month. Sarah Bishop - she attended a discussion on international projects. The minimum contribution that is eligible for The Rotary Foundation matching funds is \$5000. Bishop encouraged the club to partner with other clubs in our district if we wanted to participate in a Global Grant. Our district has a very high project approval rating. As this year is the centennial of TRF, we should get our communities involved in something that celebrates this milestone. On a different subject, a Rotarian in Durango is organizing a group to go on a cruise to Alaska next summer. If anyone is interested, see Sarah.

**Bill Bishop** - he attended a session on publicity and one on youth services. Facebook has now overtaken web sites as the place to tell our story. We need to state who we are and who we have helped. We should ask our scholars to report back after 5 years to tell us what they are doing. We should try to get a school principal into our club and consider starting a local Interact club.

**James Schott** - he was impressed with how big literacy projects were in some clubs. One club published a coloring book about the peach industry, which was a collaboration between an artist and an author. He thought we might be able to do something along the same lines.

**Marsha Grant** - regarding youth programs, she thinks Rotary Youth Exchange is the best thing Rotary does. She encouraged us to sponsor both an In-bound and Out-bound student. Finally, she suggested we need a PR person to communicate regularly with the District and elsewhere about what we are doing.

**Greg Thompson** - he thought a primary recruitment tool for our club is the quality of our weekly programs. We should emphasize our local speakers when looking for new members.

[I hope I attributed the above comments to the right person! - ED]

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:** The Rotary theme for July is Changeover. The official “handing over of the gavel” occurs during the International Convention.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**July 28: Beth Delahaunty, The Refinery**

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

**September 22: Jason Cleckler, CEO of Delta County Memorial Hospital**

