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Rotary Club of the North Fork Valley

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Meeting Thursdays at Noon in the Paonia Town Hall

District 5470

Club 1180 - Chartered 12/20/22

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LAST MEETING: June 22, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Marsha Grant thanked everyone for helping with the pancake breakfast. Somehow we need to gather more attendees.

Since last we met: The Thompsons hosted a most delightful 5th Thursday at their beautifully landscaped home. We sang Happy Birthday to Felix Belmont in absentia - he probably was recovering from the actual celebration of his 99th the evening before - and enjoyed a delicious cake.

Seven folks helped clean up Poulos Park, including one of our honorary members and a prospective member.

Jeff Skeels lead an expedition to re-hang the Paonia sign on the south side of the road at the east entrance to town. Great job crew! Skeels had pledged \$250 to fix the sign, which John Coombe matched. At least one other club member made a contribution.

The ReMax "Yard Sale" brought in \$1500 to benefit the North Fork Children's Christmas Party. Thanks to club members who donated items.

The club still needs a President Elect.

Randy Campbell is looking for a replacement as program committee chair to join Betsy Marston and Lisa Delaney, who are the other committee members. Give speaker ideas to committee members.

The club's facebook page is up. Put some posts on it.

Remember to feed the polio jar. Also, pay your dues.



PROGRAM: President Greg called the annual business meeting to order.

He said he had a great year and enjoyed being our President. He felt blessed with the help and service of others. He thanked the outgoing Board members, Marsha Grant and Doris Danielson. He then inducted James Schott as the 2017-2018 club president and passed the gavel to him. Looking back on his presidential year, past president Greg noted the establishment of the strategic plan, an action plan based on it and some progress: we are working on membership, we have initiated an exit interview when members leave the club, and noted trends in attendance; the scholarship committee is still reviewing the number of students it should support and at what level of funding; still need someone to focus on publicity, though Tamie Meck certainly keeps us in the news. John Coombe is working on a branding statement that will help people form an impression of who we are. We are a service organization that does what we talk about. Who knows this? We need to enhance awareness of our

organization and simplify our message.

The club budget for 2017-2018 was presented. There was a recommendation to the Board to reinstate the club's charitable donations in the coming year. A balance sheet was requested, as well as a report on our current CD value.

There were 37 programs during club meetings this past year. We hear about schools, archeology, coal mines, and the fundamentals of Islam among other topics.

Current club membership is 33. The international average is 36; the US average is 43. Overall Rotary membership is declining. The gender split in US clubs is 74% male; worldwide it is 81% male. Our club is very close to 50% of each gender, something that is frequently noted by our district governors. Doris Danielson will follow up with the people who attended the membership event. The membership brochures will be put on the website.

President James introduced his Board of Directors and said he was looking forward to his year as President. Congratulations, James! We stand ready to support you in any way we can.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: July is Rotary Changeover month as July is the beginning of the Rotary year. New club presidents, district governors and the Rotary International President take office and launch their programs for their one year in office. Unlike most other organizations, Rotary rotates its presidents yearly. However, usually there is a long period of getting ready to assume leadership. First one becomes the President Elect Nominee, then the President Elect, then the President, then the Past President. This was the path that Ian Riseley, our newly installed RI President, took. He is a member of the RC of Sandriggaham, Victoria, Australia. Now, in his case, as is most usual for our international presidents, he served in many Rotary positions at the club, district and international level before being elected President.

One interesting note about Rotarians serving on international committees and other RI positions, is that they do not lobby for those positions, they volunteer. If the position is appointed, one is selected by ones talents and capabilities. If the position is elected, the candidates' Rotary service and capabilities are presented to the electors, and a person is selected to serve.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

July 6 - Mike Gwinn, Mountain Harvest Creative

