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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

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LAST MEETING: June 23, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We have a KPP dinner 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.

Susie Coombe was appointed to the Scholarship Committee to replace Sharon Compton, who is leaving our valley. We will miss Ms. Compton!

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

ReMax Mountain West is having their annual "yard sale" to benefit the North Fork Children's Christmas on July 9. Bring your donations to town hall 7/8 or ask for them to be picked up.

Bob Lario's driveway is complete.

RYLA was last weekend. We will have the students we sponsored visit a club meeting soon.

PROGRAM: This being the annual meeting of the club and the passing of the gavel, President Marsha began by thanking everyone for their help and support. She said she learned a lot about Rotary during her tenure as president, and enjoyed getting to know all the club members better. She gave special thanks to the Board of Directors and reported that Jackie Parks was leaving the BOD after serving for 8 years. She then gave the oath of office to Greg Thompson as president for the Rotary year, 2016-2017. Thompson presented a past president pin and a gift to Grant. The gavel was officially passed.

Thompson announced the Service Award from the District for our Kids in the Kitchen project. He and the BOD are working on the strategic plan, turning it into an action plan. He then hung the theme banner - Rotary Serving Humanity - of the new RI President, John Germ of Chattanooga, TN. Quoting Germ, Thompson said, "We need to do a better job of serving our cause. We have kept our light under a bushel too long." After completing the eradication of polio, Germ's major focus will be on Rotary's static membership. Thompson challenged the club to find what is needed for economic development in our area. "Look at area service organizations. We are the only one that is really active, so we need to shine."

Club service report: Thompson reviewed what Doris Danielson had reported at the previous club meeting, emphasizing our Jamaica project. What started with a garden, a playground, books and school supplies, and a breakfast program at Mason Hall elementary school has resulted in many gardens in the neighborhood, the graduation rate rising from 79th of 79 schools to 7th in four years, and the state

government providing a simple breakfast to all students. Membership report : with 35 current members we brought in 3 new members, lost 5, but 3 more are strong possibilities. The Rotary Foundation report: \$88 was collected in the Polio Plus jars around town; with a donation to every member from the Kids Pasta Project dinner, every member received a contribution toward a Paul Harris Fellow, qualifying the club for EREY; the club has 17 Paul Harris Fellows, with two new ones this past year. The Club Foundation report: the BOD withdrew \$7200 from the account to support scholarships for the NF Ambulance Association, Delta Montrose Technical College, and local graduating seniors. The Foundation also supported A Little Help of the North Fork Valley. The BOD is considering limiting the number of high school scholarships this year, but increasing the value. Financial report: the budgets for both the club and foundation will be approximately \$25,000 this year.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: The Rotary theme for July is Changeover. Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins 1 July? The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention. The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently." Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

July 7: Laura Lee Yates, author of Bound for the Western Sea, the canine account of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

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

