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District 5470

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LAST MEETING: August 3, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS: We still need a gas grill for the Ducky Derby on Aug. 12. Talk to Susie Coombe. Members are encouraged to hang posters. The creek is running, so our duckies will float!

Doris Danielsen will host 5th Thursday on August 31.

The club still needs a President Elect; a Membership Chair; someone to replace Randy Campbell on the Program Committee; someone to organize the KPP dinner on 10/30; a pianist; and leaders for various club projects. Greg Thompson will continue to manage the highway cleanup project. Service above self, folks!

Today's key guest was John Blair. Can we woo him away from the Lions Club? Or perhaps he can be a member of both clubs . . .

Put some posts on the Club's facebook page.

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

PROGRAM: Betsy Marston introduced Rob Miller of Pickin' Productions. According to her, he knows what music we like. Miller is a booking agent for 12 bands. Most are located in the US; some in Europe. It all started in 2000 with Miller and members of the future Sweet Sunny South band hosting the Saturday afternoon "Pickin'" show on KVNF. Thinking there might be an audience for live Bluegrass music in Paonia, Miller brought Bluegrass and Roots music bands to the Blue Sage and eventually the Paradise Theatre.

When the gazebo stage was built in the town park, Miller started the "Pickin' in the Park" free music concerts in August. Now in its tenth season, these Thursday night concerts draw crowds that fill the space from the stage to the playground. These concerts are supported by members of the community, with the Kampe Foundation and now Alpine Bank as major sponsors. There is a supervised kids area; KVNF has the beer and wine concession; there will be 4 or 5 food vendors at each concert.

The musical lineup this August starts with Bluegrass, starring Peter Rowan. He started out with the "Daddy of Bluegrass", Bill Monroe, then moved to the west coast to the band, "Old and in the Way" with David Grisman, Jerry Garcia (yes, that Jerry Garcia!) and Vassar Clements. The opening band, which will also back up Rowan, is the Wooks, an up and coming BG band from Kentucky.

Next up is Reggae with Pato Bantan, and the duo, Freddie and Francine. The third concert features Ages and Ages, an Indie Pop and songwriters band, with opener Tiffany Christopher. Finally, local favorite Russ Chapman (all the way from Montana) will open for Session Americana.

Question of Miller: When do you know a band is good? He travels to conferences seeks out the bands that seem to garner the most attention. He walks around with other talent buyers and compares

notes with them. He listens to a lot of music, but wants to see videos of the performers as well. While he can't see all the bands in performance prior to hiring them, he feels he has been pretty successful in satisfying local tastes. While he wants to please everyone, he knows that is not possible. He stays away from the bands that are pushing musical edges. Bluegrass bands are the easiest to book. Funk dance bands are the most difficult.

During July, Pickin' in the Park puts on concerts in Ridgway. He claims the folks there are more into dancing than in Paonia - a bit of a surprise to this audience! Also, there are more tourists making the crowds twice as big as in Paonia. Because of the size difference, the budget for performers is larger.

When asked about why no donation jar, Miller said he did not want people to feel obligated to put in some money. "Just enjoy a free evening of music."

Miller is expanding his musical offerings to the Mad Dog in Crawford, Delicious Orchards, and a new festival in Moab.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: August is Membership and Extensions Month. [Whereas the following does not focus on membership recruitment, it does shine a light on what we do or don't do once we become members. While I have published this in a "Spokes Speak" previously, it seems appropriate to send it out again.]

THE FOUR SUPPOSES

Suppose the membership in a Rotary club were limited to 15. Would you be in or out?

Suppose membership were good for one year only and re-election dependent upon the service you have given to Rotary during that time. Would you be re-elected?

Suppose you were called on to tell why you thought the Rotary club should keep you on its rolls. Have you a record of helpful service to offer in your defense?

Suppose every member of your club did just as much as you are doing now. Would your club be the most active in Rotary International or would it be disappearing into obscurity?

[Tough words, food for thought or both? -ED]

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Aug 10 – District Governor, George Small, official club visit

Aug 17 – RYLA Youth presentation

Aug 24 – Anita Evans, the Nature Conservancy

Aug 31 – Fifth Thursday evening social at Doris Danielsen's home

Sept 7 - Quarterly business meeting

Sept 28 – Lisa Ganora, Director of CO School of Clinical Herbalism

