



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: August 4, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS: James Schott, PE, gave the BOD meeting report. The club and its foundation have the same BOD, but operate separately. Davis Walton is on a 6 month leave of absence. A committee has been formed to develop an action agenda based on the strategic plan. Schott will have an exit interview with Bill Barton as Barton has recently resigned from the club.

The Ducky Derby on Sept. 10: Having still not found someone to provide food for this event, the BOD decided that we members will provide pulled pork, cole slaw and drinks. Sell tickets!

Alan Wells, a relatively new High Country News employee, was inducted as a new member. He remarked on the generosity of the community, and on its warmth and support from his first day in the valley. He rated us as awesome.

PROGRAM: Betsy Marston introduced Ken Nordstrom, the Environmental Health Director of the County Health Department. His job is to promote and protect public health through the enforcement of regulations. He conducts restaurant inspections, the results of which may be found on the county website. He also inspects septic tanks as well as sanitation at schools and other public facilities. He investigates complaints such as air pollution concerns.

Of primary concern is zoonosis, diseases carried by animals to humans. Some examples: 10% of the bat population carries rabies; prairie dogs, ground squirrels and other rodents can carry fleas which are the vector for plague; one third of the deer mouse population carries hantavirus. West Nile virus has been in Colorado since 1999. There were 101 human cases in 2015, but only 4 so far in 2016. This disease tends to be cyclical. It is endemic in the environment and is transferred from birds to mosquitoes. As for the zika virus, it was first detected in 1947 in a monkey population in Africa. The virus spread to Asia and South America, where infections exploded within the last year. It has now infected people in 51 countries. Colorado has a zika action plan, as there are now 1650 cases in the US. Health advisories go to local doctors so they know to be aware of symptoms of zoonotic diseases. 80% of people who contract

zika don't know they have it, though the virus will show up in blood samples. Our ability to travel the world as easily as we do is the main reason "exotic" diseases spread rapidly.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: The Rotary theme for August is Membership and Extension. Extension means the development of new clubs. Here are some ideas on what you can say to people you are trying to recruit to join our club.

Rotary is an international membership organization made up of people who share a passion for and commitment to enhancing communities and improving lives across the globe. Rotary members join clubs by invitation. With 35,000 clubs around the world, and others that meet online, Rotary makes it easy to get involved and start making a difference today.

With clubs in almost every country, our more than 1.2 million members embrace their diverse background and unite to exchange new ideas, apply expertise, and implement improvements that transform communities. Our members work locally and partner on international projects that address today's most pressing humanitarian challenges.

The impact our members make takes shape at Rotary club meetings and activities. These gatherings give you the chance to:

Change lives. You'll have the opportunity to discuss and act upon our community's greatest needs.

Connect with other passionate people. Rotary club meetings are a place to strengthen connections to friends and neighbors and form meaningful relationships that last a lifetime.

Invest in yourself. Our club offers conferences, guest speakers, and more – all aimed at helping you grow personally and professionally. **JOIN US!**

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

August 11: Linda Tullis - the New Creamery

August 18: Glade Hadden, BLM Archeologist - the Gunnison River petroglyph site.

August 25: Randal Palmer, Principal of PHS, about partnering possibilities w/ Rotary.

September 1: Teresa Anson, Rotary District 5470 Governor

September 15: McKenna Palmer and Cyrus Malek-Madani - our RYLA attendees

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

