



# **THE SPOKES SPEAK - GEARED TO SERVICE**

## **Rotary Club of the North Fork Valley**

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**LAST MEETING:**    August 6, 2015

President Marsha noted that Norm had set up the room by himself. He received our applause. Perhaps next time he will receive our help . . .



**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The library gazebo is done! A fine crew of workmen finished the job of spreading gravel around the seating area. We will dedicate the project this week after our club meeting.

When you have the right tools, three shovels, a rake and a broom, and the right people, Bain, Greg T. Glenn, Ed, and Randy, the job gets done properly. Thanks guys!!

And while we are thanking folks, kudos to Norm and Jan for a splendid 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday gathering on July 30. Not only was the food excellent, but the views from their veranda of the changing light over the valley, as day turned to twilight, were awesome.

Doris had a happy/sad buck: a group of 22 friends and family of Barb and Mike Heck spent 2 weeks in the Cook Islands. (Barb and Mike met there a number of years ago.) They spent an enjoyable time on Aitutaki, pop. 1500, snorkeling, sea kayaking, and swimming inside the coral reef until Mike had a motor scooter accident resulting in a serious ankle break. He had to stay in a hospital on Rarotonga. A local surgeon reported the Cook Island doctor had done an excellent job of patching him up. Mike is recovering well.

**PROGRAM:** Kevin introduced Alecia Phillips, the Executive Director of the Black Canyon Regional Land Trust. The organization is based in Montrose with staff in Telluride and Paonia - Jeremy Puckett is their Stewardship Director. It covers Delta, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel, and parts of Mesa and Gunnison Counties. A land trust is a non-profit that works with private land owners to preserve the natural and cultural conservation values on their property. It is a voluntary, legal agreement resulting in a easement that stays with the

land, but is held by the land trust. The minimum size for a conservation easement is 80 acres, unless there is a very specific and important conservation value to be protected. Neighbors may combine their lands in a single easement. The trust can assist landowners in applying for a conservation easement.

There is financial compensation to the land owner in exchange for limitations on development rights. The value of the easement is established through federal and state agricultural property tax credits. In Colorado land trusts have received easements for producing agricultural lands, lands with historic features, public open space, scenic views, and critical habitat for plants and animals.

It is not an agreement with any governmental agency, does not give the public free access to private land, and is not a transfer of management responsibility. On the positive side, the character of the land is protected, habitat corridors may be protected, farmers and ranchers stay on their land, some easements are open to the public for recreational purposes.

The Black Canyon Regional Land Trust has preserved 51,000 acres over 10 years. That is the largest acreage of any land trust in Colorado. 60% of those lands - 188 properties - are in Delta County. Alecia named some of the local owners of conservation easements, including the Parks family, Elas, and the Living Farm. The trust hosts a Field Club, whose members are invited to visit special properties. Upcoming trips include seeing the fire hazards on Log Hill and visiting pre-Ute petroglyphs at the Shavano historic site.



Kevin, Alecia and Marcia after the program.

**ABOUT ROTARY:** The history of Rotary's mottoes

Rotary's official mottoes, Service Above Self and One Profits Most Who Serves Best, trace back to the early days of the organization.

In 1911, He Profits Most Who Serves Best was approved as the Rotary motto at the second convention of the National Association of Rotary Clubs of America, in Portland, Oregon. It was adapted from a speech made by Rotarian Arthur Frederick Sheldon to the first convention, held in Chicago the previous year. Sheldon declared that "only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best."

The Portland convention also inspired the motto Service Above Self. During a convention outing on the Columbia River, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, talked with Seattle Rotarian J.E. Pinkham about the proper way to organize a Rotary club, offering the principle his club had adopted: Service, Not Self. Pinkham invited Paul P. Harris, who also was on the boat trip, to join their conversation. Harris asked Collins to address the convention, and the phrase Service, Not Self was met with great enthusiasm.

At the 1950 RI Convention in Detroit, slightly modified versions of the two slogans were formally approved as the official mottoes of Rotary: He Profits Most Who Serves Best and Service Above Self. The 1989 Council on Legislation established Service Above Self as the

principal motto of Rotary, because it best conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. He Profits Most Who Serves Best was modified by the 2004 Council to They Profit Most Who Serve Best and by the 2010 Council to its current wording, One Profits Most Who Serves Best.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** August 13 - Jackie Parks, Jan Tuin, member, Delta County School Board

August 20 - Betsy Marston

August 27 - Norm Lewark

September 3 - Marsha Grant, District Governor, Bob Delevan.

