



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 - Chartered 12/20/22

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LAST MEETING: July 27, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Club members were asked to sign up to participate in the Ducky Derby event on August 12. The PHS Booster Club as event co-sponsor will sell 100 tickets this year and every year. The Minnesota Ditch company will release enough water to float the ducks.

The Delta Montrose Technical College thanked the club for the \$1500 scholarships given to two North Fork nursing students. Each year our club provides scholarship funds to support NF students in nursing or EMT programs.

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; and a pianist. Greg Thompson will continue to manage the highway cleanup project. Service above self, folks!

Put some posts on the Club's facebook page.

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

PROGRAM: Lisa Delaney introduced Aaron Clay to speak about HopeWest. Clay is a life long resident of Delta County, having grown up in Hotchkiss. He has been practicing law for 37years. He is currently serving on the Planned Giving Council of HopeWest/Hospice. For thirty years he has been associated with HopeWest, the area Hospice and Palliative Care organization, which originated in England.

The hospice services of this organization are completely covered by Medicare. Keeping people in their homes is more economical than sending them to an institution to die. Most people want to die at home, so hospice services are brought to them there. Currently there are 70 patients in Delta County receiving end of life hospice care. Fifteen families are receiving transitional services - help to families of the deceased with the grieving process and a counseling program for children. Camp Good Grief also helps young people cope with loss and is free of charge or the fee is based on family income. Lots of volunteers help professional caregivers with in home care that does not require a license. Many widows participate.

HopeWest now has a \$30,000,000 budget. Medicare supports \$28 million, while the remaining \$2 million come from for profit enterprises, special events and donations. Spoons, a restaurant at HopeWest's in patient facility in Grand Junction, and Heirlooms for Hospice in Delta contribute all their profits to HopeWest. Denim and Diamonds, the annual fund raising gala held in Delta, Montrose and Grand Junction also supports the organization. Legacy giving is a major source of donated funds.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: August is Membership and Extensions Month, which means it's time to celebrate your Rotary club, your members, and the good you do in your community and around the

world. There are many ways to join in the celebration, but here are a few activities to get you started:

Say it loud, say it proud! Let everyone in your social network know that you are a proud member of Rotary by changing your Twitter and Facebook profile to the I'm a Proud Member of Rotary graphic. Copy and save the graphic as your profile picture for August.

Exchange ideas. Do you have successful membership strategies that have worked well in your community? Share them on the Membership Best Practices Discussion Group.

We Are Rotary. Using the hashtag #WeAreRotary, post photos to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or Vine of your club members at work in your community or abroad to show how Rotary makes a positive impact in the world.

Making a difference. Rotary clubs are known for the high-impact service projects they undertake locally and globally. Share stories about your service projects and how they improve lives on Rotary Showcase. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to see what Rotary members around the world are doing to celebrate Membership Month.

What does Rotary mean to you? Rotary members have pushed polio to the brink of eradication, delivered clean water to those in need, improved their local communities, provided scholarships to the next generation of peacemakers, and continued to do good in the world.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Aug 3 – Rob Miller of Pickin' Productions

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

Sept 7 - Quarterly business meeting

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

