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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 - Chartered 12/20/22

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LAST MEETING: September 14, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jim Cunningham was inducted into membership in the club. He is a music supporter as well as a singer. Welcome, Jim!

Club agreed to take tickets at PHS sports events. Sign up with Karri Polson.

Kate won the football pool on a tie breaker, and donated her winnings to the club's foundation.

The cost of lunch will increase to \$10.75 as of the first meeting in October.

Visitors: Rotarian Laura Derby and Don Terrance visited again from Mt. Vernon, VA. Merilee Talbot was the key guest and talked a bit about her new business. Invite her back, Program Committee!

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

PROGRAM: Betsy Marston introduced Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry, the Delta County Community and Economic Development Director, who spoke about the Delta County Master Plan update. She has been in her position since May 1. Having received community input throughout the summer, the Planning Commission is now working on a draft plan it hopes to have completed by the end of the year. To accomplish this goal, the Commission will meet every Wednesday at 5:30 at the County Courthouse to consider individual topics. (The first Wednesday of every month the Commission meets in Hotchkiss.) It is starting with a set of draft goals from the consulting group that gathered ideas from the community. This group engaged 800 residents out of the 30,000 county population. The comments tended to be at the extremes of every issue - agriculture, energy, economics, zoning, infrastructure, transportation - with no focus on a middle ground. A big land use issue concerned locating industrial agriculture outside of residential areas. There will be another round of public hearings in November on land use planning.

Ackerman-Casselberry strongly encouraged our engagement in the Master Planning process. There will be U-tube recordings of the Planning Commission meetings. Send comments to deltacountyplan.com. John Coombe suggested that we Rotarians, who are prominent members of our community, should become active participants.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: September is New Generations month. (Following is a description of a RI program that clubs can participate in.) EarlyAct is a school-wide club for elementary and middle school students from ages 5-14. It is sponsored by a local Rotary club in the township where the school is located. The mission and operation of EarlyAct are closely linked to the ideals of Rotary and provide the foundation and natural succession into Rotary's high school level service club called Interact.

EarlyAct provides young students the opportunity for gaining an increased awareness and knowledge of their community and the world. At a young age, all students can easily be encouraged to be

caring and helpful. Their minds are open to recognize the dignity and worth of each individual, which builds respect for others. EarlyAct promotes understanding and the building of friendships among the club members.

EarlyAct also engages students in character-building activities and prepares them for leadership roles to identify and carry out projects that benefit their school, local and global communities.

The EarlyAct advisor is expected to facilitate at meetings, which can be held as often as once a week or as little as once a month, and to help the students develop two service projects during the school year. The sponsoring Rotary club members help facilitate and act as mentors and role models.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Sept 21 - Sarah Palmer - Center for Mental Health

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

Oct 5 - Natasha Leger, Citizens for a Healthy Community

