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## LAST MEETING:

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No meeting 12/26 or 1/2.

Jan 7/14 Board meeting at

Ulli's

12/29 holiday pot luck at Park's home. Watch Broncos.

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Nominations for BOD 2014-15:

\*Attendance secretary and Chair scholarship committee—

FELIX;

\*Recording Secretary and member ship chair—BARB;

\*Treasurer—KATE;

\*Foundation Chair—Karri;

\*Service Chair—Pam Bliss;

\*Fund Raising Chair—Ulli;

\*Other directors—Doris, Jackie, Marsha, and Norm

An election of these nominees will be held on 12/12/13. Peggy will remain on the BOD as past President; Glen, as current President Elect, becomes President in July . The next President Elect will be selected in January.

One can still make donations to the Rotary Philippines Relief Fund.

The club has a new banner, which Justin Hess designed and presented to the club. It features scenes from around the North Fork Valley.

## PROGRAM:

MAHALA GREER talked about the Americorps. She is a 2006 graduate from PHS and a Rotary Scholar. Then she went on to graduate from college in 2012 with a major in Spanish language and literature. (Your assistant editor, Sarah, can appreciate that experience and what it is good for.) She was selected to introduce President Obama at her school. In turn she was invited to be the guest of the First Lady to attend the January, 2012 State of the Union address.

After college, she became a team leader of the National Civilian Community Corps, one of three programs of Americorps. These volunteers become involved in one project and are like a national Peace Corps. The State and National Program participants also take on a

single project. NCCC teams go from project to project. The program is involved with disaster relief, environmental, energy-related, and other types of projects around the country. There are 5 campuses to serve 5 regions in the country. She was trained in the one in Iowa. Her 8 member team, one of 21 on that campus, consists of 18-24 year olds, whose academic achievement varied from "still studying for a GED" to a BA degree. Each corps member had training in a particular area. The first project was in Mansfield, OH where they refurbished a community center and some low cost housing. In Michigan, they worked with the Nature Conservancy on removing invasive species from an endangered wetland.

Next they attend summer camp for children with AIDS in Minnesota. With Habitat for Humanity, they painted houses and built trails in Iowa. Finally they helped muck out homes in Lyons, CO after the recent flood there.

Each Corps member earns \$4.75/day for food plus a small stipend of about \$3/day for personal needs. At the end of their year they receive \$5,500 education award which is used to repay existing student loans There is a sponsor at each of their projects who is responsible for finding housing for them, which ranges from

camping to comfy church basements.

Mahala believes she got a lot of real hands on leadership training to begin with. Then at each project site the team receives OJT specific to the task at hand. Mahala is now looking for a work opportunity in the Pacific NorthWest. She would like to be a program assistant at a university or with a non-profit.

She gave an excellent presentation without note and with great authority and presence.

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## PROGRAM TODAY:

CRAIG CHILDS,  
author, will do story time!



## NEXT WEEK:

JASON BEASON, Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory.

IT IS NOT WHAT WE EAT  
but what we digest that makes us strong; not what we gain but what we save that makes us rich; not what we read but what we remember that makes us learned; and not what we profess but what we practice than makes us ROTARIANS