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## LAST MEETING:

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**GREG THOMPSON**, May 2nd Highway Cleanup at 9 AM. Meet at the storage area near mile 5.

Our website is being updated.

## PROGRAM:

**BARB HECK** discussed the Rotary flags and the their romance and meaning.

She also talked about the Rotary key which we use. Merle Dale, a deceased long time member of our club brought this from Kansas when he moved here many years ago. The key is heavy and has "Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 1923" on it. Merle had a 30 year perfect attendance record in Rotary.

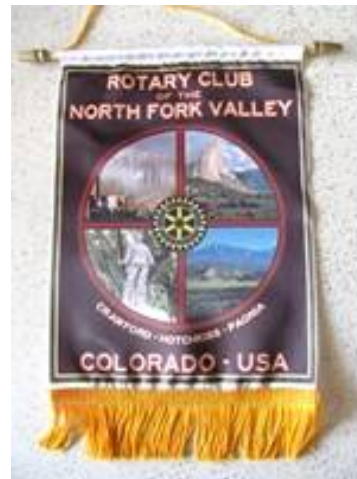
Our collection of Rotary flags is quite interesting. There are many countries represented including Tehran, Japan, Yukon Territory and many more. Tehran has to be more than 40 years old, since it no longer exists. Flags are of different shapes



and materials. Some clubs have coins rather than flags. There are over 20,000 banners in the Rotary archives,

The largest Rotary club is the Downtown Oklahoma City Club with 615 members.

Be sure to take one of our new banners if you visit another club. They are \$10 each.



Many banners tell a story. Ulli likes ours (and he was involved in it's formation) because it illustrates the North Fork Valley.

Bill thinks thinks we should have our banners hung on a felt backing.

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## THIS WEEK:

**TONY CERATO** will discuss the Rotary International Foundation.

## NEXT WEEK:

**MARY ZIMMERMAN** from Lands End Sculptures.

THE ROTARY BANNER subject brings to mind an occasion in down town Tokyo, at noon, where I made up in 1995. (That was exactly 50 years after I had served there before). I was very impressed with the club and do want our club to follow their example. They have a *visitor's committee* that takes charge of any guests. I was well cared for. They have a social time before their meeting. I was poured what they called *a good American drink ...a couple of times* (sure tasted like a Manhattan to me.) Then when the meeting started the visitor's committee placed me at their table

and interpreted for me. I was asked to get up to the podium and explain why I was there. There was another interpreter who told in Japanese what I said. I don't have any idea what he was saying or why the members laughed. Was a nice make-up and their banner is in our collection.

Be sure to take advantage of your opportunity to make up at another club. It is a great way to really get the best information on what to see in the area, even if there is no social hour.

*"We are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution."*

*Abraham Lincoln*

