

# ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH FORK

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**LAST MEETING: May 28, 2015**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Glen thanked all who helped on the highway cleanup last week.

*Mile High Sports* in Denver ranks Paonia High School as # 2 in the state.

**GO EAGLES!!!** Thirty four graduated from PHS this year and received a total of \$325K in scholarships.

July 13 will be the Rotary KPP dinner at the Blue Sage. Bring a nice bottle of wine over the next several weeks for the wine grab. We will sell the wine for \$20/bottle.

The Annual Rotary Scholarship Pancake Breakfast will be on Saturday, June 20.

We will have a float in the Cherry Day Parade.



Ulli reported on his trip to honor Joe Cocker. Joe gave a very famous concert in Dresden in 1985. Ulli and others put up a plaque at the place where to concert was held and which is now dedicated to that concert.

Sharon's guest and former Rotarian is likely to join our club.

## PROGRAM:

Our own busy lady, SARAH BISHOP, who is president of *The Mountain Harvest Festival (MHF)*, talked about just that.

MHF was begun in 2001 as a CD Release Party on a Saturday night with a farmer's market the following Sunday.

Now it is in it's 15th year with a broad mission and a number of objectives. It is a 501(c)(3) organization with an 8 member board of Directors.



**Our mission:**  
"CELEBRATE AND SERVE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES." This is done through:  
\*supporting agriculture and the arts ,

- \*collaborating with other local non-profits,
- \*providing educational opportunities,
- \*showcasing the bounty of the North Fork Valley of the Gunnison,
- \*bringing money into the North Fork community,
- \*and throwing one grand party the last week of September each year.

To distinguish the organization from its festival, it has a new name:

"MOUNTAIN HARVEST CREATIVE"

Throwing a big party is just one thing we do.

The organization is beginning to attract grant funds. Potential grantors were confused.

Then she listed 22 different organizations or events that they support in the process of showcasing the bounty of the North Fork Valley of the Gunnison. The festival, including all of our products and talents, advertises all over the Western Slopes and way beyond, bringing money into to North Fork community.

Bill's report to the town of Paonia shows: Approaching \$400,000 last year \$150,000 directly, conservative multipliers = \$370,000.

The festival attracts a lot of out of town visitors .

Throwing one grand party the last week of September each year, this year September 24-27.

Rotary has been involved since the beginning.

Harvest of Voices on Thursday will be broadcast live to the Paradise;

Art walk on Friday will be earlier in the afternoon;

Saturday— *Flight oh The Eagle* will

have a cow flop;

Plants R Us market on Saturday;  
Farm to table wine tasting dinner on Saturday night at Stone Cottage Cellars; and 12 bands at 4 venues Saturday night.

What does Rotary want to do this year?

Our Entertainment Guide will be published in August with all you want to know about the festival. 3,800 circulation. Sponsors receive ads in the E-Guide. If you wish to be a sponsor let me know by July 1.

So, MHC celebrates and serves our local communities. We are looking for more opportunities to do so.

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I HAVE DISCOVERD THAT SIXTY YEAR old tractors are like sixty year old marriages! They're both hard to take apart'

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The rise and fall of civilization will depend upon the thoughtfulness or thoughtlessness of men. The greatest thing that can happen to man or nation is to stimulate the individual or national thoughtfulness.

*The Rotarian* , February 1916

