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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

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LAST MEETING: November 9, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Three club members will be participating in the North Fork Community Chorus concert at the Blue Sage, Sunday, 11/19 at 2:30 pm. Please come hear us!

Lisa Delaney has left her job at the bank and joined High Country News. She will be a busy lady.

The highway clean up was successful with ~5 volunteers. Bud Lite beat Coors Lite - cans, that is - ~25 to 1. 15 carcasses, mostly deer, were encountered.

Handing out dictionaries to third graders was a delight as usual. We have participated in this Rotary district project, probably since 2007. Best guess is we have delivered ~1200 of these books.

Bob Lario won the football pool again!

Kate Zachman's grand daughter, Rose Preble, was born 11/8/17.

Report of the BOD meeting: Past Presidents will meet as the nominating committee for BOD officers and directors, will present a slate of nominees later this month, with the BOD election set for 12/7/17 (later changed to 12/14/17 by the nominating committee). Barb Heck is reviewing the club bylaws. The membership committee will redo recruiting materials and organize a recruitment event.

We sang "Lili Marlene". Ulli Lange then sang it in German and explained the origin of the song. It was very popular in 1915 in Germany, but was adopted by the Brits and Yanks during WWI.

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

PROGRAM: Betsy Marston introduced Chris Jacobson of Breadworks. He moved to Paonia two years ago from a ski town at 8400'. He has found gardening here much more successful. He fell in love with Paonia and started his business. He found the people here to be very friendly. With 8 plus years of experience in the baking business, he established Breadworks, first through the Cottage Industry act, then as a commercial entity. He had a number of financial angels who helped him get started. His products are available at his store, Lizzy's Market and at Delicious Orchards.

His focus is on naturally fermented sour dough bread. Mix flour and water, then let it sit for a day or more and fermentation begins. He makes bagels, muffins, pizza, focaccia, boules, and baguettes.

While Jacobson does no marketing or advertising of his baked goods, he depends on Farm Runners - Emma Stopher-Griffin and Matt Kottenstette - to distribute his breads outside the valley.

His observations on starting a small business: start with no money, work with the county health department, ignore the lack of support for and appreciation of small businesses, also ignore the fact that the economy is rigged against small business. A success story in the making!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: November is The Rotary Foundation month. The 2016 Rotary Day at the

United Nations celebrated eight Rotary Responsible Business honorees, six individuals and two corporate partners whose inclusive business practices are bringing employment, mentoring, education, and innovation to their communities.

The individuals honored were: **Juan Silva Beauperthuy, Rotary Club of Chacao, Venezuela:** For 25 years, Beauperthuy has helped keep disadvantaged youths on the right track through Queremos Graduarnos, an education program focused on mentoring and skill development, with support from his engineering firm. Today, the program serves more than 700 students in 18 schools.

Jean-Paul Faure, Rotary Club of Cagnes-Grimaldi, France: To encourage young professionals and provide promising new businesses with training and funding, Faure launched a business contest called Le Trophée du Rotary. Now in its seventh year, the program has drawn support from a major bank and has kept past participants involved as mentors.

Suresh Goklaney, Rotary Club of Bombay, India: Goklaney, executive vice chair of a large manufacturer of UV water purification systems, has led efforts to provide clean water in rural villages and impoverished urban areas throughout India. The project has also established centers where local women can sell clean water to generate income.

Annemarie Mostert, Rotary Club of Southern Africa, South Africa: Mostert formed Sesego Cares, a Johannesburg-based nonprofit, in 2005 to offer education and job training, and to teach entrepreneurship and leadership development to women and children. She also worked with TOMS Shoes to provide 1.3 million pairs of its shoes to the country's poor.

Stephanie Woollard, Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia: After meeting seven illiterate craftspeople during a visit to Nepal, Woollard founded Seven Women to help Nepalese women make products to sell abroad. The program, which has trained and employed more than 1,000 women in the past decade, also teaches basic bookkeeping and computer skills.

Larry Wright, Rotary Club of Taylor, Michigan, USA: A master gardener, Wright started his landscaping business with a bank loan in the 1970s. In 2013, he led an effort to adapt a microfinance model that had succeeded abroad to offer microloans, business classes, and mentorship to entrepreneurs in Detroit.

The business partners honored were: **Coca-Cola Pakistan** has supported the Rotary Pakistan National PolioPlus Charitable Trust since 2010 to promote polio prevention and awareness, particularly through publicity and projects to provide clean water, in one of the few countries where polio remains endemic.

Mercantil Banco Universal supports a project that has trained 6,000 students in 40 universities across Venezuela in social responsibility and leadership, with the goal of encouraging students to use their academic knowledge to respond to the challenges of underserved communities.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Nov. 16 - Kristin Lynch, Western, Colorado Community Foundation

Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving (no meeting)

Nov. 30 - Elaine Brett, Space to Create

Dec. 7 - Jay Bagley and Julie Bennett, Rubicon Roasting and Root and Vine

Dec. 14 - Amy Williams, Ayurvedic Consultant and Yoga Instructor

