



## ***THE SPOKES SPEAK - GEARED TO SERVICE***

### **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: January 11, 2018**

Club President James Schott presided over the meeting.  
Thanks to members Heck and Belmont for setting up.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Karri Polson announced openings for taking money for Basketball and Wrestling.
- Bain Weinberger announced the Super Bowl Pool for Bob Lario. It costs \$5.00 per square and it's a random drawing. Half of the proceeds will go to the Club and half will go to the person who has the right square - and the winnings cannot be donated back to the club.
- The Program committee now consists of Lisa Delany, Betsy Marston and Ben Lehman.
- Members are to consider going back to each club member providing Rotary speakers via alphabetical order. Kate Zachman is resigning from the Board and from being the treasurer. Sarah Bishop will be replacing her and she will be elected at the next board meeting.
- Next Board meeting is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> and will be a longer meeting (½ day if the Library room is available).
- President James Schott asked that everyone take a look at A Little Help proposal where Rotarians can provide services on a Saturday twice a year.

No visitors or key guests.

#### **PROGRAM: May Trumball and Alicia Michaelson from The Learning Council**

- This is a non-profit 501(C)(3) company which started 5-years ago offering educational opportunities in the valley. They have a "gift model" where there is no price tag on classes offered but instead the market value is put on the class—those who can pay do and others do set-up, clean-up or bring snacks. All the teachers are paid however, some teachers gift their classes.
- Last year there were 50+ classes that were offered in the North Fork Valley including permaculture classes and herb classes. Last year they offered one-third more classes than in 2015.
- May has been in Paonia between two and three years now.
- The Learning Council
  - Does a lot for our farming community here in the valley
  - They work with children at the North Fork School of Integrated Studies
  - Children learn about meal and meal preparation on Thursdays

- They serve a community Senior lunch on selected Fridays for those 70+ at The Trading Post
- They have in-school programs where they work in the schools bringing art and agriculture into classrooms
- They work with The Blue Sage and they do arts for all, including all school assemblies in Paonia and Hotchkiss K-8 and the Crawford Montessori School
- They work with the Health and Vitality Council
- They have taught sexual health education at the school in Delta
- They also have a community band with large puppets. The kids make the puppets and on New years Eve they had puppets of dragons, birds, elephants, giraffes and someone brought marimbas from Africa. All ages can play the marimbas in the schools and concerts.
- They offer agricultural workshops and classes and collaborate with VOGA where they go to farms to learn bee-keeping and growing grains.
- Many classes will be offered this year: March 30<sup>th</sup> is a community panel on seed-saving, country gardens, composting and mushroom growing. March 31<sup>st</sup> is a Seed-School on how to raise and grow seeds. To date they educated over 250 students in agriculture.
- They have figure drawing with a live model for all ages on Tuesday nights at The Blue Sage.
- They do practical arts from herb classes to solar classes to health classes to how to use Wordpress and how to make cheese.
- They like to show up at festivals, Solar Fairs, Visionary Fairs and other activities.
- They have a special logo on their fliers with upcoming activities
- They have lunches on Thursdays
- There have been 19 different languages spoken in this valley including some who have returned from the Peace Corp
- They value our local farmers so any food used from farmers in our area are paid market value.
- They are funded by people paying for services (they raised \$1,500 in October at a meal) plus they apply for grants—the Kampe Foundation Grant is a big one.
- Last year they were completely funded by the community.
- They have professionals and non-professional learners.
- There is a panel discussion for community income at the Paradise Theatre or The Blue Sage.

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

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**Jan. 25 - To Be Announced.**



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