



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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Guest edited by Bain Weinberger

LAST MEETING: September 6, 2018

President Heck presided.

Thanks to Mike for setting up.

Glenn has Don's cards.

No Key Guest or other guests.

Announcements:

Barb:

- A week from Sunday (Sept 16th) is Rotary “Mr. Rogers Night” at Paradise Theater. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Rotary Club.

Sarah:

- Still filling ticket sales slots for Ducky Derby. No one signed up to work in park for Mountain Harvest Weekend.

Peggy:

- Jim Cunningham health is doing badly. He is at home and not likely to make it much longer. Prayers and thoughts are welcome.

Program:

Assistant District Governor Sam Kevan introduced today's speaker Chris Peterson, District Governor for District 5470. He owns and runs Alpine ACE Hardware located in Aspen, Carbondale and Clifton. He joined the Mt. Sopris Rotary Club in 2011.

He is a strong supporter of the Rotary Foundation. He has multiple Paul Harris awards and numerous other achievements within Rotary.

Chris Peterson then took the podium. He started by explaining that he is not a “natural” speaker. But his wife Vicky was already a Rotary member, and they hosted several Rotary parties at their house. Mr. Peterson said he liked the people and the goals of Rotary, and so he decided to join himself. He gradually built up his confidence meeting Rotary members. He even started going to other Rotary clubs to meet more people, including in other places such as Las Vegas where he went to a makeup meeting when he was there for a hardware convention. He eventually became Secretary of his club and then President. From there he moved up to the District level, eventually becoming Governor.

Mr. Peterson had distributed large nuts and bolts to each of the tables prior to his talk. He now referenced them and said that it takes several, working together, to make a strong frame. Combined with a plan and other materials, those nuts and bolts can become an important structure. Similarly, each member of Rotary is critical to the success of the entire organization. Rotary needs members to be active and contribute to the whole. Any structure starts with an idea, followed up by a plan.

Goal-oriented clubs that measure their progress are the most vibrant. Three key areas are Service, Membership and Organization.

Service includes partnering with other organizations to carry out projects, such as supporting scholarships for the benefit of the community. Service within the club is also important – it is the first bolt in the framework. Club goals can be uploaded to the district web site.

Membership is the #1 goal for Rotary this year. It is important because more members means more funds to carry out the goals of Rotary. The club needs to increase membership by 20% (to 34 members). According to the parable of the Fox and the Hedgehog, members are encouraged to know what they do well and have a passion for, and do only those things. New members should be recruited who share those passions. The book Perfect Engagement: How to Grow Membership encourages clubs to acknowledge that members possess different attitudes and talents, and each should be allowed to participate in the way that best fits them. Members should be valued for what they can bring to the club.

Mr. Peterson also encouraged each member to contribute an additional \$50/year to the District 5470 Educational Group. In return, the District will pick up the PETS fees for the President Elect.

He also encouraged the members to attend the District 5470 Conference October 4-6 in Cripple Creek, CO. There will be several speakers. The cost is \$150, including meals. Sponsorships start at \$500.

The next opportunity to be certified as grants manager will be next Spring.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

September 13: Marty Rover, the new principal at Hotchkiss HS.



Rotary



ROTARY'S PEACE PRYAMID – *A plan to change the world!*

There are many **worthy** endeavors and NGOs in the world but what differentiates Rotary from these programs is Rotary has a six step plan for bringing more peace and stability to the world. It starts with purifying water and teaching basic sanitation skills to communities. Once learned this knowledge leads to the prevention of disease. Through THE learned knowledge of basic sanitation and by providing inoculations, maternal and child health improves. Healthy mothers can then teach their children to read and healthy children can learn. Armed with literacy skills people can earn a living reducing unemployment and civic unrest. Economic prosperity leads to a more stable society resulting in more peace.

