



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

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Guest edited by Bain Weinberger

LAST MEETING: September 13, 2018

President Heck presided.

Thanks to Mike and Felix for setting up.

Glenn has Don's cards.

No Key Guest or other guests.

Announcements:

Marsha:

- There will be a Farm to Table dinner on September 29th from 6 to 8 PM at Adesia. A chef from Boulder will be serving an organic dinner for \$75/person, wine included.

Sarah:

- Congratulations to Greg, Shane, the Bishops and Ollie's for selling \$600 in Ducky Derby tickets.
- Help is still needed selling tickets on Saturday, Sept. 29th at Mountain Harvest.

Bain:

- Susie Coombe won the football pool. She tied with Glenn, but won the tie-breaker.

Program:

Marty Rover – New Principal of Hotchkiss High School

He is married and has kids. His wife teaches 4th grade. He moved here from Phoenix, and taught in Delta.

There has been lots of turnover in the staff at the school, with 3-4 new people.

As for his goals and vision, he intends to build on the great traditions of Hotchkiss High School. The school is much smaller with about 200 students than Delta was, with 600 students. The motto of the school is “An Attitude of Excellence”. Advanced Placement enrollment is up. There is also an internship program to let interested students learn about a career in the trades. He is also excited about the great athletic and music programs the school offers. Although enrollment is down, resulting in fewer teachers, most do multiple tasks.

The Booster club has been reorganized, with a new batch of parents. Getting into having students be part of the community, such as a service day for student athletes.

Mr. Rover said it has been a “great month” getting started at a new school, meeting the new students and getting involved in a new community. He then opened the meeting up to questions.

James asked if the drop in student population is a trend. Mr. Rover said there is a lot of fluctuation year to year. There is a big effort to make sure kids stay in the public school system. Enrollment is down a little district wide. Pam added that numbers of third graders receiving dictionaries is up by 20 students this year. Paonia is way up. She then asked about the Vision School numbers. Mr. Rover said that Vision counts as part of the district. Enrollment is up slightly. The school is a great option for some kids and families.

Barb pointed out that Rotary gives scholarships to both Paonia and Hotchkiss high schools as well as to the VoTech. Rotary Youth Leadership (RYLA) is also sponsored by the Club. It takes place on a weekend in June.

James asked if e-cigarettes are a problem at Hotchkiss High School. According to the news, they are an epidemic at some schools. Mr. Rover said it was becoming a real problem in Delta, but not so much in Hotchkiss.

Barb spoke about the new Rotary “Next” group and suggested some of the teachers might be interested. Mr. Rover agreed and accepted a flyer to provide information to anyone at the school who might be interested in joining.

Sarah said that she was impressed by the numbers of students at Hotchkiss who graduate with Advanced Placement courses. She asked about the current status. Mr. Rover replied that there was a ratio of about 60-40 Advanced Placement versus Concurrent Credit. It was unclear which was better. About 50% of the senior class is in at least one AP class. Also 50% of the freshmen are in an AP class. Most seniors take a concurrent enrollment class.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

9/20/18: TBD

9/27/18: TBD



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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.

