



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: October 4 2018

Former President James Schott presided.
No Key Guest or other guests.

Announcements:

- The winner of the Ducky Derby on September 29th was a resident in Hotchkiss, who gave half of her winnings back to the Foundation!! This year we sold 841 tickets and netted \$3,600.00 compared to last year when we sold 1,166 tickets and only netted \$3,500.00. Thank you to everyone for putting in lots of time!
- The Highway 133 cleanup is tentatively scheduled for Friday, November 9th.

Rotary Moment:

Pam Bliss asked Sarah to kick off the “Rotary Moment.

Sarah talked about the Cure Violence program in Rotary Magazine. It was noted that behavior is not modified by punishment but behavior is changed and formed by modeling, copying and social norms.

How to prevent vandalism in Poulos Park: Rotarians should support teams of local people to prevent vandalism as possible and get those responsible to change their behavior. The Key is an “interrupter”, person known and respected by individuals whose behavior you are trying to change. Change can be very fast once people are trained and drops in violence can happen within a couple months.

Program:

Rotary Community Meeting:

John Coombe has been having discussions about scholarships and fund raising. We serve Hotchkiss, Paonia and the Crawford communities and our programs have maximum effort for minimum gain. We need to consider conducting experiments to see if larger scholarship amounts (\$8K, \$20K) would make a difference. We can expand our ambitions and objectives and figure out how to get people to dig deeper in their pockets. Looking ahead to next year, the Ducky Derby is a time consuming and aggravating activity (especially when there is no water in the ditches).

Tammy Meck: One idea is an annual adult spelling bee. Form 50 teams – of 3 people per team - that pay entry fees. Each team gets 3 balloons and when a word is misspelled, a balloon is popped. When all 3 balloons are

popped, then that team is out or they can buy their way out of a word they cannot spell. They can also pay a “word wizard” to spell the word for team. It takes a lot of planning and organization, but we would only need to do it once a year. Tammy has mentioned this to various organizations, but none have run with it. It is lots of fun. She will contact folks running the bee elsewhere for the past 20 years to get information on how to get started.

James: A croquet tournament is another idea.

Sarah: Special events are the hardest way to raise money. The easiest way is to just ask folks for money. We need a plan for what we are going to do. The Ducky Derby is not raising enough money for the amount of effort. The Pancake Breakfast has been the big money raiser in the past associated with a silent auction which hasn't been done in the recent past.

James: People do not like selling tickets. So instead assess club members for scholarship money. Pancake breakfast tickets sort of work that way.

Tammy is doing a short article on launching the “Next” Satellite group at Remedy to attract an entirely different age group.

THE FOUR WAY TEST - Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

10/18/18: TBD

10/25/18: Gretchen Nicholoff: League of Women Voter



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.

