



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: April 25, 2019

President Heck Presided

Betsy has the Key—no Key Guest today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

James announced the Service Saturday for A Little Help on Saturday, May 4th with pizza following.

James announced a fundraiser on Thursday, June 6th at Salt Pollen (Dollars for Scholars) at \$30/person (our expense). Tickets will be sold for \$70/person. We will also have an art auction. More than just Rotarians are invited to attend the event. More information to come later.

Greg announced for Sarah since she that the community chorus spring concert is 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 28th at the Blue Sage. This concert is special due to the fact that all the music at this concert was written by women. Sarah Bishop will be playing mandolin on Ellen Stapenhorst's song! Tickets are \$10.00.

NEW MEMBER:

Marsha Grant introduced Deanna Olsen – a New Member! Deanna and her husband, Bill, live in Delta, but Deanna works in Paonia at the First Colorado National Bank (the white bank). They have 3 adopted/step children, 10 grandkids and another grandchild on the way. Barb presented Deanna with a membership certificate. Deanna recited the Rotary Motto then everyone came up and welcomed Deanna in a receiving line.

Program: Fundraising Meeting

James Schott moderated the discussion.

What does the club want to do to raise money for scholarships, dictionaries, RYLA? We have tried a number of fundraisers in the past, but have all been difficult for one reason or another.

Do we want to continue/increase fundraising activities? This year we will be having dinner at the new restaurant, Salt & Pollen and the breakfast for the Rural Philanthropy Days in June. But these are one-time events. What do we do after this?

Peggy: The dinner idea is a good idea. We should make it an annual major fundraiser (if it's successful). Folks are tired of the pancake breakfast. Just ask folks for the money (Dollars for Scholars). The dinner is scheduled for Thursday, June 6.

Randy seconded Peggy's idea as lots of successful non-profits have a signature fundraising event. A dinner could develop into that.

We will be dropping the normal pancake breakfast this year since doing breakfast for Rural Philanthropy Days this year.

Barb mentioned that Ulli sent a package of Washington, Pennsylvania's big fundraiser that they call "Trivia Night". It costs \$20/person on each team to enter or \$100 for 5 people per team. They go to all the organizations in town and challenge them to put together a team. Organizing the teams would be time consuming. Maybe we could work out a free rental deal with Paradise and hold it as a trivia contest. Could raise \$3-4K for Rotary. Money for cash prizes fundraised from banks and various organizations: \$1,250 for first place, \$750 for second place and \$500 for third. We could get an SEI Team, a Blue Sage Team, KVNF Team, a Rotary Team, both Banks could have a team, parents of the Paonia High School Team and parents of the Hotchkiss High School Team, an Ambulance Team, a VOGA Team, Church Teams, Dependable Lumber Team and an Elsewhere Team.

It is difficult to raise money from organizations and businesses.

Jackie: Lots of coordination would be required. Ulli would be good to lead this. This would be a good activity for winter.

Betsy: Sounds like a nightmare. Needs a champion willing to take it on and run it through. She agrees with the dinner idea.

How much money does the club need to raise each year? \$4K for scholarships plus another \$2K for other expenses, such as RYLA, etc.

The dinner is a good idea and have an auction for artwork.

Money that goes begging every year from Rotary (grants). Take some of the things we already do and get a Rotary grant to support. Sarah is a bulldog and can get that sort of thing done.

Please think about this! We know what we don't like to do—think about other ideas—ask other Rotary Clubs what their fundraising activities are.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- 5/2/19: Steve Duffy – Industrial Hemp Growing in the NFV (Bob Lario)**
- 5/9/19: Business Meeting**
- 5/16/19: TBD (Norm Lewark)**
- 5/23/19: TBD (Jackie Parks)**
- 5/30/19: Potluck**
- 6/6/19: TBD (Kevin Parks)**
- 6/13/19: TBD (John Coombe)**
- 6/20/19: TBD (SEI)**
- 6/27/19: Swearing in of new President and BOD**

