

## ***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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**LAST MEETING: September 12, 2019**

Guests: Annette Choszczyk (ready to rejoin Rotary)  
Nick (would like to rejoin Rotary)  
Jeff Reynolds from KVNF. Chief engineer at KVNF. (Guest of Felix)  
Deborah Spiegel, a music therapist; hypo-therapist and online trainer (Guest of Norm)

Key Guest: none

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

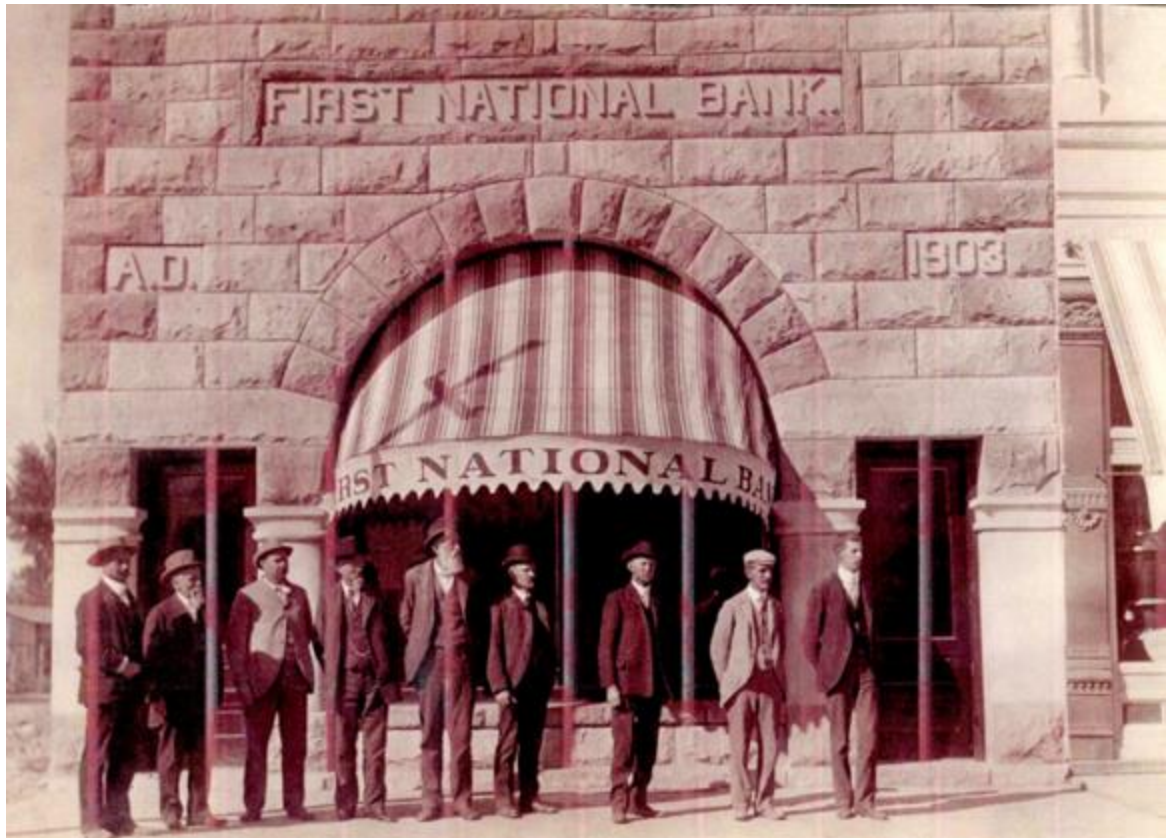
- Susie announced that \$1,600 has been raised in donations for Hurricane Relief. The Club will make up the difference to \$2,000 to be used to buy 2 shelter boxes. These shelter boxes provide a tent and other necessities for 4-6 people.
- Our Rotary Club is still in need of a person to take notes for the bulletin. Please let Susie or Karri know if you are interested.

#### **Program: Blue Sage Building Renovations**

Marsha introduced her husband, Don Grant as the speaker today. Don is President of the Blue Sage Board. He is here to talk about the \$179,000 grant that the Blue Sage received.

Don passed around two photos of the front of the Blue Sage Building: the first a picture of the building as First National Bank in 1903 and the building as it is now (see below).

In 1983 the Town of Paonia owned the First National Bank Building. The Town then sold it in 1993 to the United Mine Workers who used it as a union hall. The Town inserted a covenant in the sales contract that, if front of the building was going to be changed it



*The Building in 1903*

would revert back to the Town of Paonia unless the Town approved the change. The plan is to restore the building to the way it looked in 1903.



*The Building Today*

The stucco coating that had been applied to the stone is falling off, the paint is deteriorating the stone and the columns are coming apart.

They decided to write a grant request to Historic Colorado, the State of Colorado Fund to restore the facade. The grant was approved on August 1, 2019 for \$179,000, which is 75% of the cost. The remaining \$65,000 is coming from the Blue Sage. The restoration should begin in April 2020 and will take about 6 weeks. They will do as much as possible. The outside will be scaffolded and protected. There is lots of paperwork to do between now and then.

Ed Marston and Don started working on this grant together. Ed did all the original narratives. After Ed's death Don took it over. Don is grateful to Ed for all the work he did on this grant.

## Q&A

Q: Will the awning be restored?

A: Not for now.

Q: Will the roof be included?

A: No, there are not enough funds. There will be a subsequent grant next year, maybe (if more pockets can be picked). The roof will cost about \$90,000. Blue Sage will need to match 25% of the grant amount.

Q: Will whole blocks of sandstone be replaced?

A: Yes – the stones will be matched. The I-beam to Hays Drug will also be covered. Terry Alexander is a man who will be doing the work. He only works with History Colorado, which helped ensure the grant would be approved.

Q: Will the bank name be retained/restored?

A: Yes. (John Coombe cautioned Don to beware of intellectual property concerns with using the "First National Bank" name.)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
9/19/2019	Amina Ubén	2020 Census	Randy Campbell
9/26/2019			John Coombe
10/3/2019		Business meeting	
10/10/2019			Felix Belmont
10/17/2019			Pam Bliss
10/24/2019			Barb Heck
10/31/2019			Fifth Thursday
11/7/2019			Mike Heck
11/14/2019			Ulli Lange
11/21/2019			Bob Lario
11/28/2019		no meeting	
12/5/2019			Betsy Marston
12/12/2019			Jackie Parks
12/19/2019			Kevin Parks
1/2/2019			Karri Polson

