



## ***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 3, 2019**

President Coombe presided.

Visiting Rotarians: Rick Worley – Arvada, CO Rotary

Laura Derby – Mt. Vernon, VA Rotary

Key Guest: none

Guests: none

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Annette passed out coupons good for a discount at Heirlooms for Hospice in Delta.
- James requested names and contact information for service people who could be recommended to members of Senior Connection.
- Susie won the Football Pool last week. Marsha won the Pool this week for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time.
- Randy announced that a Senior Connection Service Saturday will take place on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Greg has someone who would like to speak to Rotary and is looking for a host or a trade for his day (sometime in January).
- Fifth Thursday will be on Halloween this month at Marsh and Don's house.
- Betsy did an outstanding job at the Harvest of Voices.

#### **Program: Business Meeting**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Bishop presented the financial documents and presided over a discussion and Q&A session. (Printouts of the Club and Foundation budgets and balance sheets were provided to the members present.)

#### **Club Profit and Loss Budget Overview:**

Q: Do depreciated assets need to remain on the Balance Sheet?

A: Yes, but they are shown as fully depreciated.

**Club Balance Sheet:**

No questions.

**Foundation Profit and Loss Budget Overview:**

- The movement of the Certificate of Deposit (CD) from Paonia State Bank to Bank of Colorado is accounted for on the Budget Overview as both a debit and a credit of \$779.67.
- A West Elk Community Fund (WECF) grant has been requested to assist with refurbishing Poulos Park.
- A \$500 donation was made by the Foundation to Remote Area Medical who came to Paonia and provided free medical care to those in need.

Q: Would you summarize in words what this budget is all about.

A: We are on track to meet our income projections, but most of the major fundraising activities have yet to take place this year. These include the Pancake Breakfast, the Kid's Pasta Project dinner and the Salt Pollen dinner. Various grant requests, such as for the High School scholarships also have yet to be made. Also, none the expense items appear to be out-of-line. Dictionary cost is up a bit this year. Impressive fund-raising last year has left the Foundation with a large cash reserve (President's Reserve) of almost \$5K. Overall, Sarah reported that she is very comfortable with the financial situation.

Q: What is the Kate Zachman Account?

A: When Kate's memorial was announced, the family suggested that anyone who wished to make a contribution in her name donate to the Rotary Foundation. That line item in the balance sheet reflects those donations.

Q: Will there be an expense for the Hurricane Dorian Shelter Boxes?

A: Yes, there is an entry for \$2000 on the Foundation P&L sheet under "Shelter Box – Dorian". This was enough to pay for two shelter boxes.

Q: We only made \$550 on the Salt Pollen Dinner?

A: The fundraiser was at the end of the fiscal year, so some of the proceeds came in on the previous year, and the \$550 is what came in this fiscal year.

Q: What was the reason for moving the Foundation CD from Paonia State Bank to Bank of Colorado?

A: The transfer was made in order to take advantage of significantly better interest offered by Bank of Colorado that could not be matched by Paonia State Bank.

**Club Balance Sheet:**

No questions.

**Poulos Park:**

Sarah reported that she represents the Rotary Club on the town's Poulos Park committee. The town has a \$10K grant to kick-start the renovation of the park. And a \$1500 check was written to the town for the park from the Club.

The plan is to start at the back of the park, which is in the worst shape, and move

forward. Between now and November 4<sup>th</sup> (by which time the grant must be spent or obligated), the non-functional back planter will be removed and a lighted “conversation nook” (dedicated to Ed Marston) will be created in the back corner. The crushed gravel pathway to the back corner will be converted to colored concrete to make it easier for disabled users of the park. Changes to the electrical system to provide added security lighting will consume a fair amount of the \$10K budget. Also, a tree (dedicated to Jackie and Kevin Parks' son Sam) will be moved from the rear of the park to the front and will be fitted with a small plaque. The Club will be watching to make sure that tree survives the move and if not, that it is replaced. The flag pole will stay where it is.

There has also been concern regarding what to do about the water that is leaking into the basement of the Masonic Building which borders the north side of the park. So, there will probably be some hardscape installed along that north wall. This means that landscape planting will be along the south side.

Q: Other than increased lighting at the rear of the park, are any other steps being taken to deter vandalism?

A: In subsequent stages of the project, more lighting will be installed as well as some sort of surveillance system. There will also be a complete reworking of the irrigation system. Vandalism has decreased quite a bit, mostly due to some of the main perpetrators having left town. However, vandalism issues could return in the future.

Q: Who is responsible for watering the plants and lawn in the park? Recent watering has been insufficient to keep the grass and shrubbery alive.

A: The Town is responsible. And the Club President has included a letter with the \$1500 donation stating that the Club wants the Town to provide a copy of the written maintenance plan for the park as well as a written agreement to replace Sam Park’s memorial tree if it does not survive the transplant.

### **Rotary Exchange Student:**

President Coombe referenced an email she had sent the membership the day before regarding a local student (Ameila) who was interested in participating in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. The email included a reply from the chairperson for District 5470’s exchange program. The crux of the issue as stated in the email is as follows:

*Although hosting an inbound student is not an absolute requirement to sponsor a Colorado high school student for this study abroad scholarship, it’s important to note that due to our reciprocal exchange obligations with Rotary districts around the world, **every club that sponsors an outbound applicant should expect to host an inbound student OR solicit and secure another club to host in its place.***

Since it was considered highly unlikely that any of the current Rotary members would be able to host a foreign student, or that the Club could find another club to host a foreign student before the November deadline, it was decided that the issue would be dropped. It was also suggested that perhaps once the NEXT Group (of younger Rotarians) is up and running, there would be an opportunity then to participate in the RYE program.

### **NEXT Group:**

Barb and Susie will get started on Next in November. Former member Shane will be the

best contact.

**Interact Club:**

For ages 12-18. It could be just at Paonia High School or for the whole North Fork Valley. A member needs to volunteer to help get the Interact Club started. This person would need to work with the RYLA student who wanted to start one.

**Dictionaries:**

Will be given out in November. The Club has been doing this for 15 years now. It is a lot of fun to see how excited the kids get.

**Ticket Taking at HS Athletic Events:**

Need volunteers to sign up. Karri has sign-up sheets. Fun to meet kids, parents and grandparents.

**Fundraising:**

- Another fundraising project will take place at Salt Pollen in the spring. An artist has been identified to possibly make a donation.
- Kids Pasta Project fundraiser will be October 28th. Need for everyone to bring a bottle of wine to one of the next two meetings for the wine grab and for someone to collect the wine.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
10/10/2019	Tracy Ihnot	Delta County Libraries: Ballot Issue 7A	Peggy Szvetez
10/17/2019			Pam Bliss
10/24/2019	Jim Farmer	Live the Bus Ballot Issue – Delta Public Schools	Barb Heck
10/31/2019		Marsha and Don Grant's house	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