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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 Editor: Bain Weinberger

LAST MEETING: December 5, 2019

President Coombe presided.

Visiting Rotarian: Brad Kolman – Delta Rotary Club

Guest: Kevin Carville

Key Guest: Carri, guest of Deanna (Key passed to Kevin Parks)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- No Meeting on 12/26 or 1/2
- 10 entries in the football pool this week. Greg won with 11 correct. John and Ulli tied for second with 10 correct, but John won on the tie breaker. Greg donated his winnings to the Scholarship Fund.
- Brad Kolman announced a project by Grand Junction Rotary Club to replace the St. Mary's Bloodmobile. There is a District matching grant for any funds donated by Rotary clubs.
- Brad also announced that the Delta Rotary Club is selling raffle tickets for their Scholarship fund. The drawing will be December 21st. Tickets are \$20 (\$50 for 3).
- Marsha announced that a car floor mat was found next to their driveway after the 5th Thursday dinner last month. It may belong to someone who attended the dinner.
- The North Fork Christmas Party needs volunteers to assist with the party on December 14th. The event is at Hotchkiss Memorial Hall.

PROGRAM: The Paradise Theater

Ed Bliss introduced Sunshine Knight, who is in charge of the Paradise Theater complex.



Ms. Knight began by speaking of what a wonderful place the Paradise Theater is, and what a wonderful Board she has to work with, which allows great opportunities for the community.

One of her favorite current activities is Movies in the Morning which provides a free movie once a month for Seniors. The movie today is White Christmas, and there are about 50 people currently in the theater enjoying the movie. The first event had only 17 participants, so it has been great to see it grow and evolve.

The Paradise is in a collaboration for the senior program with the North Fork Senior Connection, The Paonia

Senior Center, All Points Transit and Elsewhere Studios. The group was awarded \$38,000 to provide weekly activities (with lunch) for seniors in the valley. Activities include a movie, an art class, and an exercise day. Most activities will take place at the senior center. Movies in the Morning will fold into these activities but was able to start earlier than the other activities as the Paradise was able to obtain supplemental funding from local community members and adsorb some the costs itself. Free popcorn and fountain drinks are provided.

The Paradise also brings in musicians for World Music in Paradise, Pickin in Paradise and other concerts. The musicians also provide outreach to the area schools. As many as 500 students have been impacted by visiting musicians. In addition, the Paradise is partnering with the Paonia Players to present live theater to the community. Also, Senior Follies will be coming in May. The goal is to provide a wide range of entertainment where everyone in the community can find something to enjoy.

The Cabin Fever Film Festival will be starting a little later than normal this year, on January 31st. The streaming services (Netflix, Amazon, etc.) are producing some incredible films, but these can only be shown for a single night. A couple of these films will be shown. Other films will be shown as usual. Selections include a foreign film, a documentary, a drama, an independent film, a literary adaptation and a current release.

Q & A

Q: What are the Paradise’s capital needs?

A: There is a three-phase capital campaign going on now. Phase 1 was new stage lighting, and has been completed. The next project is to replace the seating. 200 seats are in storage until the rotting flooring can be replaced. Fund raising and grant applications are underway for this. Phase three will be to update the sound system.

Q: Can donations be made through Colorado Gives?

A: Yes. And donations can also be made through the Paradise Facebook page and the Paradise web page.

Q: What is the status of the roof?

A: The roof is not bad. It is not a high priority right now. It was last redone in 1994. The back wall does need work, and grants are being pursued for that. There are drainage issues having to do with an old coal chute and water damage. This will cost about \$120,000.

Q: Will the wall be extended to accommodate a Green Room?

A: There had been discussions about this, but the plan now is to create an addition to provide a Green Room and an ADA-compliant rest room. This is part of a five-year plan.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
12/12/2019	Corrine Ferguson	Paonia Town Manager	Kevin Parks
12/19/2019	Scott and Cari Johnson	Forest Service Project up Stephens Gulch to improve Elk habitat	Jackie Parks
12/26/2019		no meeting (Boxing Day)	
1/2/2020		no meeting	

