



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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Guest Editor: Bain Weinberger

LAST MEETING: June 25, 2020 (Virtual Meeting held via Zoom)

President Coombe presided.

Visiting Rotarians: none

Other Guests: none

Key Guest: No key guest

(Annette now has the key).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We had 72% turnout for the Zoom meeting today.
- Paul Harris donations should be sent to Treasurer Bishop along with any birthday donations and happy bucks that have not already been sent.
- Felix will be 102 years of age on Sunday, June 28th.

PROGRAM: Business Meeting

- Outgoing President Susie Coombe began by thanking the current board members for their service over the last year.
- Scholarship Chair Belmont reported that scholarship applications were received from both Hotchkiss and Paonia. Five students were selected for \$2000 scholarships, and they were presented with award letters and scholarship certificates.
- Service Chair Pam Bliss reported:
 - There had been two highway cleanup days in the past year.
 - Dictionaries had been delivered to 3rd graders at North Fork elementary schools.
 - There had been 6 District Grants:
 - Treasurer Bishop spearheaded the grant to the Technical College of the Rockies (TCR). Rotary Clubs in Cedaredge, Delta and Montrose were enlisted to join the effort. TCR was granted a total of \$7500 for medical scholarships.
 - District matching grants as well as a grant from Mile High United Way through the Community Resource Center were used to provide food aid during the Covid crisis to both seniors and elementary students in the area. Farm Runners received \$3800 and Old River Trading Post received \$1800.
 - A District Grant of \$1000 was obtained to provide half of a scholarship for one of the students.
 - A \$2000 grant was obtained from the West Elk Community Fund for work on Poulos

park

- In International Service:
 - Mason Hall Primary School in Jamaica received a grant for uniforms.
 - Another grant was made to Hands Across the Sea to provide library books to students in the Caribbean.
 - \$600 has been collected from Club members for Friends of Guéoul in Senegal to help educate disadvantaged girls.
 - \$2040 was also raised from Club members and others for Caribbean hurricane relief.
- New PR Chair John Zachman reported:
 - A new Face Book page is being set up to replace an older one that is being deactivated. It will be a basic “business style” page. Members are encouraged to make suggestions on how to populate the page.
 - An Instagram page is also being created.
 - Other social media instances might be created as a need is identified.
- Treasurer Bishop then gave the financial report, based on financial documents she had previously sent to Club members:
 - The Club and Foundation are both in good financial shape.
 - \$9000 of the balance shown in the Foundation account belongs to NF Senior Connections as the Club is acting as agent for their grant from the Next 50 Foundation. The Club receives a 10% fee for this service.
 - The Club Budget for the upcoming fiscal year is in flux as it is unknown when the Club will resume meeting in Town Hall with associated hall rental and catering expenses.
 - The Foundation Budget is more interesting in that money for 2020/2021 is that raised in 2019/2020. The income budget therefore is not expected to balance with the expense budget.
 - **Budget approved unanimously.**
- President Coombe then presented the slate of incoming Club and Foundation Officers for the upcoming fiscal year. **They were voted in by unanimous acclamation:**
 - Pam Bliss & Randy Campbell: Co-Presidents
 - Ed Bliss: President Elect
 - Sarah Bishop: Treasurer
 - Bain Weinberger: Secretary
- President Coombe administered an Oath of Office to both incoming Co-Presidents.
- Club and Foundation Directors. **Voted onto the Board by unanimous acclamation:**
 - New Directors joining the Board:
 - Ulli Lange
 - Judy Beggs
 - Returning Board Members
 - James Schott
 - Felix Belmont
- New President Randy Campbell then took over the meeting, and began by thanking everyone who will be serving on the Board over the next year. He administered an oath of office to all incoming Board members and officers.
- Outgoing President Susie Coombe gave a short farewell speech, thanking everyone in the Club for their support. The club, in turn, thanked her for her service over the past year. Highlights of the year for her included:
 - Visiting a Rotary Club in Paris.
 - Scholarship interviews.
 - Distributing dictionaries to 3rd graders.
- Incoming Presidents Pam and Randy then made some remarks:
 - Pam said she loves Rotary as it is a way to make change in the world, both at large and locally. These are challenging times with Covid, and she hopes the membership can stay cohesive and

that decisions made will be agreeable to the members. She further hopes that we can accomplish a lot in the coming year. Ulli is the new Foundation Chair, and she is excited to see what he does with the position as members' awareness of the Rotary Foundation increases. The International aspects of Rotary are very important as well.

- Randy pointed out that this is his second term as President. He loves the Club and the things that the Club does. He always hopes the Club can do more. He said he joined for two reasons: To do service and give back to the community, and to have fellowship with other members. He said overall he has been pretty satisfied that both of these goals have been achieved. It is very rewarding to be a Rotarian. This year looks to be challenging, at least at first, since it is difficult to maintain that sense of fellowship and comradery over our computer screens. Looking forward to being able to meet again in person. Meanwhile, we will be "as fellowshipy as we can".

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
7/2/20	Debra Muziar, Exec. Director	The Blue Sage	Ulli Lange
7/9/20	Bob Lario	Speaking on Real Estate Market & the Pandemic	Bob Lario

