



THE SPOKES SPEAK - GEARED TO SERVICE

Rotary Club of the North Fork Valley

POB 1543, Paonia, CO 81428

WEB SITES: rotary.org rotary5470.org northforkrotary.org

Meeting Thursdays at Noon in the Paonia Town Hall

District 5470

Club 1180 - Chartered 12/20/22

Vol 59 Issue 25 – August 27, 2020

LAST MEETING: August 20, 2020 (via Zoom)

President Campbell presided.

Visiting Rotarians: Bob McHugh (Montrose Rotary)

Other Guests: none

Key Guest: No key guest

(Annette now has the key).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We had 62% turnout for the Zoom meeting in the today.
- Rotary Board investigating how to hold “Dollars for Scholars” event virtually. Members wishing to participate should contact President Bliss or President Campbell.
- James taking over as Scholarship Committee chairman. Need new Fundraising Committee chairman.
- Friends of Gueoul will be holding a Kids Pasta Project event on October 5th. First \$1000 raised will be matched. Prepared trays of lasagna (4 or 8 servings) will be distributed to heat up at home in exchange for donations.
- Slow Food Western Slope will hold a benefit dinner for Senior Connections on September 13th at the Midway Schoolhouse (outdoors). Information at <https://slowfoodwesternslope.org/> (it is sold out, but donations are still being accepted.)
- Anyone wishing to take over as Newsletter Editor is welcome to do so. Contact a Board Member.

PROGRAM: North Fork Historical Society

Judy Livingston

Although Kevin originally invited today’s speaker, Pam introduced Judy Livingston, longtime President of the North Fork Historical Society.

Ms. Livingston presented a program about the Rockwell Cup, which she described as the most coveted honor for graduating seniors from Paonia High School. The award was created by businessman Brad Emory. In 1913, Mr. Emory sold his clothing business and moved away from Paonia, turning the cup award over to his friends Eileen and Robert Rockwell.

Ms. Livingston then shared a history of the Rockwell family, dating back to 1906 when Robert Rockwell, Sr. moved to the North Fork Valley from New York. Ms. Livingston continued by reading some passages

from a biography Robert Rockwell, Jr. wrote in 2007, recounted his memories starting as a 4-year-old living in Paonia in 1915. An encounter with Richard Nixon, memories of the Paonia Golf Course on Dead Horse Hill and Robert Jr's pet eagle were highlights.

Another section of the biography Ms. Livingston shared concerned her mother and four aunts entitled "The Five Paonia Queens".

The biography also recounted that Robert Jr. was awarded the Rockwell Cup upon graduation in 1929 and then proceeded to attend Whittier College and Stanford in California.

Robert Rockwell, Sr. was a successful cattle rancher, a state senator, and the youngest lieutenant governor of Colorado. He refused to cooperate with the Ku Klux Klan and was therefore defeated in his bid for Colorado governor in 1924. Robert, Sr. was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1941 and represented Western Colorado for the next seven years.

As an aside, Ms. Livingston pointed out the Robert Rockwell, Jr. established one of the finest museums of Western art in the world in Corning, New York.

Robert Rockwell, Sr. was a member of the Paonia Rotary Club and served as President.

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
8/27/20	Bob McHugh	Neosha Mine Legend	Karri Polson
9/3/20	Dave Noe	North Fork Geology and Vitaculture	James Schott
9/10/20			Peggy Szvetecz
9/17/20	Cassandra Shenk	Crow Tribe leadership and tribal council	Greg Thompson
9/24/20			Bain Weinberger
10/1/20			John Zachman
10/8/20			Judy Beggs
10/15/20			Jackie Parks
10/22/20			Bill Bishop
10/29/20		Fifth Thursday	

