



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

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LAST MEETING: September 15, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Our second September fund raiser will be a pancake breakfast on 9/25 during Mountain Harvest Festival. Pam Bliss' flyers are available for distribution and tickets for selling. PLEASE sign up to help make this event the success that every previous club pancake breakfast has been. Also, spread the word about the event.

Felix Belmont announced the upcoming KVNF annual meeting that will be held in town hall, October 13 at 6:30. He said that important decisions would be made at the meeting.

Anyone interested in forming or supporting a Grape Stomp team during Mountain Harvest Festival should see President Greg. The Karate Kids were our team last year.

Remember to feed the polio jar. Also, pay your dues!

PROGRAM: Glen Dahlgren introduced McKenna Palmer and Cyrus Malek-Madani - our RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) winners last June. They thanked the club for sending them to a wonderful conference. They traveled to The Colorado Mountain College in Glenwood Springs to join 100 other students to focus on leadership and social interaction. They claim to have met everyone.

They were split into groups to do various activities that taught them to be more outgoing. One exercise was to maintain eye contact with one other person for one minute. There were low rope courses and high rope courses the teams of students had to work together to maneuver. Each student learned how to be a leader and a follower and when to be which. It was all about team building and trust.

There were also a number of speakers who addressed them. There was a different speaker before each team building exercise. One was a paraplegic who had to speak through a machine. Palmer stated she was impressed by how long it took him to prepare his remarks. The lesson was, never let anything be in the way of the path you want to take. Vision is important for leadership. There is a range of leadership from dictator to everyone has to agree. Be in the middle; listen but make decisions.

Everyone was given coins to give to others to compliment them for the good experience they gave them. Both RYLA students were flattered when they received coins. They remain in touch with students they met there. They got to know others; got to get out of little Paonia. "It was good to get out of our comfort zone. We had to get to know people really quickly in order to become a team and build trust."

At a formal dinner they got to talk with Rotarians about the organization and what it does. They were impressed with the international aspect of Rotary. There was a great dance party afterwards. [It sounds like they had an amazing experience. -ED]

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: The Rotary theme for September is Basic Education and Literacy. Become a literacy tutor. Read to a child. Read to a senior citizen. Read to yourself. Desiderius Erasmus said, "When I have a little money, I buy books; and if I have any left, I buy food and clothes." Read!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

September 22: Jason Cleckler, CEO of Delta County Memorial Hospital

September 30: "5th Thursday" at the Larios (no meeting on 9/29)

