



## ***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

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**LAST MEETING: August 2, 2018**

President Heck presided.

American the Beautiful attempted by the membership.

Glenn has one Don's card.

No Visiting Rotarians.

No Key Guest: Bob Lario is the current holder.

#### **Announcements:**

- Pres. Heck asked if anyone would be interested in taking over RYLA from Glenn. John volunteered.
- Sarah: Ducky Derby sign up sheet is available. In need of someone for Aug 16, Pickin' setup and need someone Aug 17 for sales at City Market.
- Former President Schott presented current President Heck with a Rotary Club President's Pin.

#### **Program: A Virtual walk through Paonia**

Pam introduced Judy Livingston from the Paonia historic society. She presented a slide show of buildings along Grand Avenue as they looked in the past. She also provided information on what businesses were located in the various buildings over the years.

Starting at 1<sup>st</sup> & Grand was the first brick school house, built in 1895. High Country News is there now.

The Post office was built in 1957 – it was an lot empty before that.

There have been lots of businesses at the corner where First Colorado National Bank is now, including a miniature gold course. The bank was built in 1958.

The Harvester Building was built in 1923 as a garage, and existed as a garage for a long time. It also had gas pumps. It was named for the farm implements that were also sold there.

Legend has it that there was a tunnel across the street starting at the Paradise Theater/Poulos building to transport illegal alcohol during prohibition.

The Masonic Hall held Eisenkramer's meat market. The upstairs was used as meeting place. In 1976 the Masons

took over the upstairs. Ground level became various things, including DMEA offices.

An “honor roll” painted on the building showed all community members serving in WWII. It was eventually painted over. The Poulos park mural also coming down due to wall damage. Plans being made to restore the honor roll and repair the Poulos mural.

Goodenow Co. had a bakery, beauty shop and dress shop.

The High Country Shopper building was originally a Chevrolet dealership and The Paonian newspaper offices.

The KVNF building was originally two spaces: A movie theater on one side, and a grocery store (eventually Safeway) on the other. In 1976 it became Joe's Bar.

The Rio Bravo building was Milton Spencer's mercantile. In 1933, became it Taylor's furniture store and mortuary. It then became The Cave Cafe for a long time.

The Paonia Realty building was built in 1916. it was a grocery store and a photo studio among other things over the years.

The Creature Creative building sold and repaired appliances. In front was Beckman Shoe Repair and then a record shop.

The Remedy Juice Bar was the post office.

The Blue Sage building was built in 1902, holding a series of hardware stores. The bank was built in 1903. Hayes Drug store was the Kennedy Building. A Masonic lodge was upstairs as well as lawyer and dentist offices.

There were two barber shops and a billiard hall (Luther's) where the barber shop is now. It was also the site of the Paonia Hotel that was either burned or torn down.

Ollie's Ice Cream is where Moller Hall was built in 1908. In the 1940's, it was Lucky Market. Then it became a bakery and later roller skating rink. Then it was the Paonia library. A liquor store was next door. The Shopper was also there.

Living Farm restaurant was the Wanamaker family home (a prominent family around 1910). It also became a rooming house and restaurant.

[Editor's Note: The narrative accompanying the slide show was somewhat difficult to follow and transcribe. Any errors in the above dates and descriptions are mine alone.

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

August 9: Randal Palmer, principal of Paonia High School, will share what's up for the coming school year and what he'd like help with!

August 16: TBA

August 23: TBA

August 30: Fifth Thursday Pot Luck at the Paonia Historical Buildings

September 6: TBA

September 13: Marty Rover, the new principal at Hotchkiss HS,

