



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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Guest Editor: Bain Weinberger

LAST MEETING: September 19, 2019

President Coombe presided.

Guests: Annette Choszczyk (ready to rejoin Rotary)
Nick Lypps (Rotary member in Crested Butte, wants to join NFFV)
John Coombe hosted 2 guests from Lupus, Missouri (pop. 33).

Key Guest: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Need 5th Thursday host for October 31st.
- Need someone to buy Halloween candy (once it goes on sale) for next year's Cheery Days float. (Peggy offered to do it)
- Need someone to get wine for the wine grab.
- Need ticket takers for Paonia Volleyball homecoming game on Friday (Sign-up sheet passed around).
- Marsha won the football pool for the second week in a row. Susie came in second on the tie breaker.

Program: 2020 Census

Randy introduced Amina Ubén– Partnership Specialist for the Census Bureau.

Census Day is April 1, 2020. www.2020census.gov is the official web site.

Everyone in the US has a part to play in shaping the nation. Each person can help by filling out their census form.

The Census Bureau is tasked with providing a complete and accurate count of everyone residing in the country. It is done every 10 years as mandated in Article 1, section 2 of the US Constitution. It was first conducted in 1790 and has been done every 10 years since.

The Census is used for reapportionment in Congress, determining how many seats each state gets. There are 435 seats and no seats are being added. If a state gains a seat, another state loses one.

\$675 billion is distributed by the Federal Government to local jurisdictions based on Census numbers. This money funds programs such as Head Start, Meals on Wheels, various grants, etc.

The 2010 Census under counted 0-5-year-old kids. Some children were coming from separated families and were not counted by either adult, each thinking the other would do it. Or kids were staying with grandparents and not counted. Also, the fundamentalist Jewish community does not count kids as part of community until their Bar/Bat Mitzvah, so they might not be added to the Census count.

The Census is the largest operation undertaken by the Federal Government outside the military. They have to recruit a million potential candidates to get 500,000 census takers as there are many reasons for disqualification.

The first field operation -- address canvassing (AdCan) has already started. Anywhere there are changes in a neighborhood or community (as identified on Google Earth or via other means), AdCan workers are sent out to make sure the addresses the Bureau has are correct. The system needs to reflect any changes in residences and addresses. Also, law enforcement is notified that Census operations are taking place since the activity may look suspicious to officers or the public.

There are several different ways to confirm that someone is an official census taker. Each will have an ID and an official tote. Residents can also confirm on the Census web site whether an individual census taker is legitimate.

Residents can also use the web site to see if they are included on any additional surveys the Census Bureau conducts: The American Community Survey is taken annually. It uses the long form survey questionnaire and has long included the controversial citizenship question. Only a small percentage (10%) of the population is selected for this survey each year. There is also a National Crime Victimization survey and an American Housing Survey, along with numerous others.

The Census Bureau engages with each state's political delegation to assist with supporting the census. Also, county commissioners and other officials become the "Complete Count Committee". With their assistance, the Census Bureau forms partnerships with libraries, churches, hospitals and every imaginable community to get support and encourage participation in the Census. The hope is that these communities will support and encourage their members to respond to census.

Information collected as part of the Census is fully confidential. The Census bureau is prohibited by law from sharing information with any other entity or agency. The bureau can only release data in the aggregate. Identifying information may not be divulged. Several levels of encryption are used to secure the data. Employees are required to keep data confidential for life. The only exception is that after 72 years data is released to the public domain for genealogy research.

Census results are sent to the President and Congress.

Q: Can a person legally decline to answer a Census question?

A: No. If a question is left blank on the on-line form, the Census bureau will send an enumerator to that person's door to get a response to the question. They are not a law enforcement entity, however, so no charges will be filed.

Q: How long does the census run.

A: The goal is to count everyone living in the US on April 1, 2020. Most people will be asked to respond to the Census questionnaire on-line. The system goes live on March 12 and will run until July 31.

Q: How many canvassers in Paonia?

A: Depends on how many people reply on line. If people do not respond, it will require more canvassers. Since the area is considered rural, they will not be sending questionnaires by mail. They will need to hire quite a number of people.

Q: How long are canvassers employed.

A: Until July 31 when the census ends.

Q: Can you demystify the ramifications of the Citizenship question/ Do non-citizens count for apportioning congressional districts?

A: Yes, they do.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
9/26/2019	Brent and Karen Helleckson	Stone Cottage Cellars	John Coombe
10/3/2019		Business meeting	
10/10/2019	Tracy Ihnot	Delta County Libraries: Ballot Issue 7A	Peggy Szvetecz
10/17/2019			Pam Bliss
10/24/2019			Barb Heck
10/31/2019			Fifth Thursday
11/7/2019			Mike Heck
11/14/2019			Ulli Lange
11/21/2019			Bob Lario
11/28/2019		no meeting	
12/5/2019			Betsy Marston
12/12/2019			Jackie Parks
12/19/2019			Kevin Parks
1/2/2019			Karri Polson