



## **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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**LAST MEETING: January 23, 2020**

President Elect Campbell presided.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Key Guest: Randy introduced Betsy Topper, secretary of North Fork Senior Connections.

(Annette now has the key).

Other Guests:

Sarah introduced Evan Bolt, the new Assistant to the Town Administrator. He had previously been working on the town master plan.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- There will be a Fifth Thursday on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Peggy will be hosting the party, with Sarah providing lasagna (regular and gluten-free).
- Pancake Breakfast (June 20<sup>th</sup>) needs 4 -5 volunteers to be on team to take on various aspects of the event. See James if you are interested.
- Need ticket takers for Paonia High School sporting events. Sign-up sheet passed around.
- The 2020 Rotary Superbowl Pool is now available. Slots are \$5 each. Half the proceeds will go to the winner, and the other half to the Club. The board is nearly sold out.

#### **PROGRAM: Technical College of the Rockies – Health Education and Innovation Center**

Betsy introduced Kaitlyn Jones, Executive Director of the Delta Hospital Foundation.

She spoke about plans for the Technical College of the Rockies (TCR) to renovate and expand into the former City Market and Chaco facility in Delta. With funding help from a State grant for Area Technical Colleges, ground breaking is scheduled for Summer of 2020. The current facility is overcrowded and inconveniently located out of town. The new facility will focus on training health care providers with classes for LPN, CNA and EMT students. With the additional space, the school will be able to offer night classes to enable students to continue working while upgrading their skills. The new center is expected to enroll students in Spring of 2022. Along with classrooms and labs for the various fields of study, there will also be a conference space capable of seating over 300 occupants.



The Delta Hospital Foundation is involved because the hospital needs the graduates from the various TCR programs to staff the hospital.

On February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, the Delta Hospital Foundation in partnership with the Western Colorado Area Health Education Center will be presenting the documentary “The Providers”, free of charge at the Paradise.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Member</b>
1/30/20		Fifth Thursday	
2/6/20	Sally Kane - NFCB Pres.	Community Broadcasting	Felix Belmont
2/13/20	Amelia Baldwin - Principal	Paonia Elementary	Bill Bishop
2/20/20	Pete Kolbensschlag & Lisa Delaney	CO Farm and Food Alliance	Sarah Bishop
2/27/20			Ed Bliss
3/5/20			Pam Bliss
3/12/20			Randy Campbell
3/19/20			Annette Choszcyk
3/26/20			John Coombe
4/2/20			Glenn Dahlgren
4/9/20			Marsha Grant
4/16/20			Barb Heck
4/23/20			Mike Heck
4/30/20		Fifth Thursday	Coombes' House
5/7/20			Ulli Lange
5/14/20			Bob Lario
5/21/20			Norm Lewark
5/28/20			Nick Lypps
6/4/19			Betsy Marston
6/11/19			Deanna Olsen
6/18/19			Jackie Parks
6/25/19		New Officers	
7/2/19			Kevin Parks
7/9/19			James Schott
7/23/19			Peggy Szvetecz
7/30/19		Fifth Thursday	

