



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 (Temporarily Suspended)

District 5470

Club 1180 - Chartered 12/20/22

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LAST MEETING: February 11, 2021 (via Zoom)

President Bliss presided.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Other Guests: None

Key Guest: No key guest

(Annette now has the key).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We had a 27% turnout for the Zoom meeting today.
- Beloved longtime member Bill Bishop passed away quietly on February 12th at his home.
- Possibility of resuming in-person meetings in March 1 or April 1. Could be in the large classroom behind Ollie's. Susie and Pam may provide lunch themselves. Pam will email members for their opinions on this.
- Former member David Jacobsen has obtained custody of his 3-month-old granddaughter. Gretchen Nicholoff has set up a GoFundMe page on Facebook to solicit contributions from anyone interested in helping him out financially.
- Still looking for a President Elect Nominee to follow Ed as President for 2022-2023 term.
- Anyone wishing to take over as Newsletter Editor is welcome to do so. Contact a Board Member.

PROGRAM: Karen O'Brien - Vaccine Rollout in Delta County

President Bliss introduced Karen O'Brien, whom she described as a friend of many years. She is currently public health director for the Delta County Health Department (DCHD) and oversees all of the Department's public health services.

Ms. O'Brien gave an interesting and informative talk about the status of Covid-19 vaccine distribution being undertaken by the Delta County Health department and other providers in the area. The fact that the vaccines require two doses and that recipients must be monitored for adverse reactions makes it much more challenging than normal flu vaccines. The biggest challenge has been in obtaining sufficient doses of the vaccine. A web site and phone number have been set up to allow people to sign up on a waiting list for a vaccine appointment with County health providers. Local pharmacies such as City Market maintain their own sign-up web sites. She was justifiably proud that the DCHD had not had to discard a single dose of the vaccine.

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
2/18/21	Wendell Koontz	Update from Delta County Commissioners	Ed Bliss
2/25/21	Carlton Mason	Post-Foster Care support in Delta	Betsy Marston
3/4/21			Jackie Parks
3/11/21			Kevin Parks
3/18/21			James Schott
3/25/21			Peggy Szvetecz
4/1/21			Greg Thompson
4/8/21			Bain Weinberger
4/15/21			
4/22/21			Sarah Bishop
4/29/21			5th Thursday
5/6/21			Norm Lewark
5/13/21			Nick Lypps
5/20/21			Randy Campbell
5/27/21			Annette Choszczyk
6/3/21			John Coombe

