





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 25, 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 71% turnout for the Zoom meeting today.
- A remembrance of Bill Bishop will be held Thursday, April 29th, at Sarah Bishop's house beginning at 6:00 PM (weather and Covid permitting). Details to follow.
- To commemorate Bill Bishop's life, and his love of KVNF, members are asked to donate toward a challenge grant to encourage donations during the upcoming KVNF pledge drive (March 17 23).
 Checks, made out to KVNF with the memo "In honor of Bill Bishop", should be mailed to Sarah.
 Sarah will be interviewed on the radio when she presents the funds to KVNF.
- KVNF has been promoting Rotary speakers on the air, increasing community visibility for the Club. Betsy (who is a member of the KVNF board) sent email to News Director Gavin Dahl with the speaker schedule. She will continue to bring Gavin's attention to news-worthy speakers (as she has been doing with the Delta County Independent).
- Membership prefers waiting until May to consider resuming in-person meetings, although some concerns still linger.
- A big thanks to Annette for agreeing to follow Ed as President for 2022-2023 term. She will be president during the Club's Centennial Year.
- Anyone wishing to take over as Newsletter Editor is welcome to do so. Contact a Board Member.

PROGRAM: Carlton Mason - CASA and Post-Foster Care support in Delta

Betsy introduced Carlton Mason, executive director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), who she said is "one of those people who make things happen".

Mr. Mason spoke about the remarkable work CASA is doing in the local communities, with a focus on a new facility CASA is building in Delta to support young people who have recently aged out of foster care and have no family support available. He also outlined numerous other services CASA provides to local kids and families in stress.

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
3/4/21	Karen Gibson	plans for consolidating the Paonia and Hotchkiss high schools	Jackie Parks
3/11/21	Mike Ludlow	water issues in Somerset	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





