



## **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: March 4, 2021 (via Zoom)**

President Campbell presided.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Other Guests: Josh Langille-Hoppe

Gavin Dahl

Key Guest: No key guest

(Annette now has the key).

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- We had a 76% turnout for the Zoom meeting today!
- 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.
- Time to nominate and elect a new Board for this coming year. Let Pam or Randy know if you are interested in being on the Rotary Board next year.
- Anyone wishing to take over as Newsletter Editor is welcome to do so. Contact a Board Member.

#### **PROGRAM: Caryn Gibson & Linda Euing- North Fork High School Consolidation**

Kevin Introduced Ms. Gibson, who became Superintendent in 2012 overseeing 4700 students and 700 staff. She has 34 years of experience in public education. Her family has been farming in the Valley for five generations. Ms. Euing has been a School Board member for 2 years and has 30+ years of education experience.

The speakers recounted the history of consolidation of the various schools in the County. As the mines closed, the population of school-age children in the county decreased appreciably. It has now reached the point where it is necessary to consolidate the Paonia and Hotchkiss high schools to provide sufficient educational opportunities for the students in a cost-effective manner. The high school will be consolidated at Hotchkiss High School (with a new name, colors and mascot). Paonia K-8 classes will move to the Paonia high school building.

**UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Member</b>
3/11/21	Mike Ludlow	water issues in Somerset	Kevin Parks
3/18/21	Tabatha Godot	Families Plus	James Schott
3/25/21	Suzie Normandin	CAWS	Bain Weinberger
4/1/21	Janine Vanderburg	Ending Ageism Together	Greg Thompson
4/8/21	Carolina Monroy	Elsewhere Studios	Peggy Szvetecz
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

