



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 18, 2021 (via Zoom)

President Bliss presided.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Other Guests: Josh Langille-Hoppe

Key Guest: No key guest

(Annette now has the key).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We had a 48% turnout for the Zoom meeting today!
- Bob McHugh has agreed to be Social Media coordinator for the club. He was directed to former member John Zachman as the person who had created the Rotary NFV Facebook Page.
- There is currently \$6000 dedicated to High School scholarships. There is possibly another \$1000 available that was forfeited by a student who did not collect the second part of her grant. **Club members are encouraged to donate an additional \$1000 by the April 7th deadline to create a fourth \$2000 grant for this coming year.**
- \$3000 was raised for the current KVNF Pledge Drive in appreciation of Bill Bishop. Over \$1500 was donated by Rotary members which then matched numerous small donations made to KVNF in recognition of Bill and his many contributions to the Valley.
- Ulli is looking for a ride to Glenwood Springs to catch a train to Denver on Thursday morning, March 25th.
- 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. The post of Club Secretary is coming open.
- Anyone wishing to take over as Newsletter Editor is welcome to do so. Contact a Board Member.

PROGRAM: Tabitha Godoy - Families Plus

James introduced Tabitha Godoy, director of operations for Families Plus in Delta County. This organization was the recipient of a recent grant from Rotary. They have a remarkable track record of success with helping families in the county.

Ms. Godoy expressed appreciation for the community support Families Plus has received. They have been focusing on academics recently since school in the time of Covid is very challenging for their families, so Rotary's support for their tutoring program has increased opportunities for assisting these families.

She also gave an overview of how Families Plus works with their client families and the services they are

able to provide.

Club member John Coombe, who is both a mentor and a board member for Families Plus, also gave his impression of the organization and the work it does.

The organization currently works with about 99 families in the county. More mentors are needed.

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
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 Choszcyk
6/3/21			John Coombe

