



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 25, 2021 (via Zoom)

President Bliss presided.

Visiting Rotarians: Dave Frank (Montrose) – Assistant Governor

Other Guests: Ruth Morehouse

Key Guest: No key guest

(Annette now has the key).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We had a 52% turnout for the Zoom meeting today!
- Ed and Annette attended PETS training (via Zoom) this last weekend.
- Bob McHugh is investigating reactivating (or creating) the Rotary NFV Facebook account in his new role as Social Media coordinator for the club. John Zachman has agreed to assist Bob with getting up to speed.
- The Club is looking for a new Club Secretary for the coming year, as well as a Newsletter Editor. If you are interested in taking on either of these positions, please let a Board Member know.
- April 7th is the deadline for contributing to the Scholarship Fund for the coming year. Due to limited fundraising opportunities this past year, there is a need for additional donations.
- Fifth Thursday in April is scheduled for an in-person get-together at Sarah's house. Ed and Pam have volunteered to hold the subsequent Fifth Thursday coming at the end of July.
- There are several District training opportunities coming up on April 20th and May 4th as well as District Grant training on May 1st. Sarah is currently certified and Pam just needs to renew her certification.
- \$3400 was raised for the Spring KVNF Pledge Drive in appreciation of Bill Bishop. Over \$1700 was donated by Rotary members which then was matched by numerous small donations made to KVNF in recognition of Bill and his many contributions to the Valley. There was a nice Shout-Out to Rotary from KVNF News Director Gavin Dahl in the bargain.

PROGRAM: Suzie Normandin – CAWS

Bain introduced today's speaker, Suzie Normandin, president of Delta County Citizens for Animal Welfare and Shelter (CAWS).

Ms. Normandin gave an interesting and informative overview of the work of CAWS in the North Fork Valley. She said their mission is to make the lives of our North Fork pets healthier and happier through a variety of charitable and educational programs. Funds are raised primarily through proceeds from their

Barkin' Bargains consignment store in Paonia, as well as through grants, fundraising and donations.

In addition to funding the work of CAWS, the store also benefits the community by providing quality clothing, furniture and other goods at extremely affordable prices. There is also a cat shelter run out of the rear of the building. The store and the shelter are entirely staffed by volunteers except for one paid position.

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
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

