



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: April 15, 2021 (via Zoom)

President Campbell presided.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Other Guests: Speaker Greg Hanscom

Key Guest: No key guest

(Annette now has the key).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We had a 60% turnout for the Zoom meeting today.
- The Club will begin meeting in-person at the Paonia Town Hall on Thursday, May 6th at Noon.
- Berg Harvest will be catering our in-person lunches starting May 6th. We will be served a hot meal, salad, rolls and dessert. If you do NOT want lunch, please let Pam know.
- Fifth Thursday will be held Thursday, April 29th, 6:00 pm at Sarah Bishop's home. This will be a Bill Bishop Toast and Roast so come prepared with some good Bill stories! Sarah will let us know what the main dish will be and we'll provide the sides, potluck style.
- Highway cleanup is scheduled for May 7th. Questions? Call Greg.
- The Club's monthly board meeting will be held Wednesday, April 21st, 1:00 pm. Board members are deciding if it should be on ZOOM or in person.

PROGRAM: Greg Hanscom – High Country News

Sarah introduced Greg Hanscom, Executive Director and Publisher of High Country News.

Many club members remembered Greg from his time of internship at High Country News (HCN) many years ago. He became Executive Director and Publisher of the paper in March of 2020, just as the pandemic began. He has been directing operations from his Seattle home since then.

Greg gave a brief history of HCN. The paper has been based in Paonia since 1983, when Ed and Betsy Marston moved the paper from Landers, WY to our town. At the time, the paper had \$12,000 in its bank account (currently HCN's budget is \$4.4 million a year). Ed and Betsy ran the paper for 20 years.

HCN covers a million square miles and half of that is in Public Lands. Its editorial staff is scattered all over the West with 35 employees; 2/3 of those employees work remotely. It was emphasized that HCN exists to cover more remote regions that aren't covered by the bigger city papers. HCN has a current circulation of 35,000 papers monthly, 28,000 of those are in print and the remainder online subscriptions. Its mission is to inform and inspire people to act. Greg emphasized that readers are the beating heart of the non-profit organization and that its operating budget relies on its readers' subscriptions and generous donations.

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
4/15/21	Greg Hanscom	Executive Director of High Country News	Sarah Bishop
4/22/21	Julie McCluskie	Colorado State Representative	Sarah Bishop
4/29/21	Sarah Bishop	Roast and Toast Bill Bishop	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



MEMBERSHIP

Sarah Bishop +++ *
 Pam Bliss
 Ed Bliss +
 Randy Campbell + *
 Annette Choszczyk
 Susan Coombe*
 John Coombe
 Glenn Dahlgren + *
 Marsha Grant + *
 Stephanie Helleckson!!
 Ulli Lange +++++ *
 Robert Lario +
 Norm Lewark *
 Nick Lypps
 Betsy Marston +
 Bob McHugh
 Tamie Meck!!
 Jackie Parks + *
 Kevin Parks +
 James Schott*
 Peggy Szvetcz + *
 Greg Thompson +*
 Bain Weinberger+
 Frankye Wist !!

+ Paul Harris Fellow
 * Past President
 !! Honorary Member
 OL On Leave
 # Corporate Member

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
 2020-21**

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 Randy Campbell
 President Elect Ed Bliss
 Secretary Bain Weinberger
 Treasurer Sarah Bishop
 Past President Susie Coombe
 President Elect Nominee Annette Choszczyk

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Chairman, ServicePam Bliss
 Chairman, The Rotary FoundationUlli Lange
 Chairman, ScholarshipJames Schott
 Chairman, Membership..... Ed Bliss
 DirectorJames Schott

OTHER CLUB LEADERS

Chairman, RYLA.....John Coombe
 Club Bulletin EditorBain Weinberger
 Chairman, PR.....Bob McHugh
 Chairman, Fundraising
 Set up/Clean-up CrewAll of us

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Chip Ecks

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

Dave Frank (Montrose)

THE FOUR WAY TEST - Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

