



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 22, 2021 (via Zoom)

President-Elect Ed Bliss presided.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Other Guests: Colorado State Representative Julie McCluskie

Key Guest: No key guest

(Annette now has the key).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We had a 66% turnout for the Zoom meeting today!
- Next week is Fifth Thursday, April 29th and we will meet at Sarah Bishop's home. It will be a Toast and Roast of Bill Bishop and we encourage everyone to bring some good Bill stories to honor our friend. Sarah will be serving Gumbo and we'll bring the sides and drinks.
- May 7th is Highway 133 Cleanup. We will meet at 9:00 am at D & J Storage.
- May 6th is our first "in-person" meeting since the beginning of Covid! We will meet Thursday, May 6th at Noon at the Paonia Town Hall. A hot lunch will be served.
- This is Rotary's World Immunization Week. For every dollar we donate to Polio Plus, it will be multiplied by 3 by the Gates Foundation. So, if every member gave just \$10.00, we could donate over \$600.00 to Polio Plus ... that's a lot of vaccines! Let's do it!
- Susie Coombe announced she is taking over the Speaker Schedule, so contact Susie with your speakers' names and topics.

PROGRAM: Colorado State Representative Julie McCluskie

Sarah Bishop introduced State Representative Julie McCluskie with the following bio:

In 2018, Julie was elected State Representative for House District 61 which includes five of the most beautiful counties in Colorado's Rocky Mountains and along the Western Slope. In her first session, she was appointed to serve on the Rural Affairs & Agriculture, Education and Appropriations committees. Over the 2019-2020 fiscal year, she was selected to Chair both the School Finance Interim and Appropriations Committees. Most notably, she was honored to receive an appointment to the prestigious six-person Joint Budget Committee in January 2020.

Her legislative accomplishments include passing:

- A statewide Reinsurance Program which brought down health insurance premiums on the individual marketplace 30% on the Western Slope;
- Numerous education bills including a renewal of the READ Act, establishing statewide concurrent enrollment access and the creation of a new higher education funding formula;
- A referred nicotine tax 2020 ballot measure that will provide new funding for rural schools, the state education fund and ultimately an expansion of early childhood education programs statewide.

Born and raised in Colorado and a graduate of Colorado State University, Julie and her husband Jamie have spent most of their married years in the Rocky Mountains. They are proud parents of two children, Ian and Cait, and enjoy spending family time in Colorado's great outdoors.

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
4/22	Julie McCluskie	Colorado State Representative	Sarah Bishop
4/29	Sarah Bishop	Roast and Toast Bill Bishop	5th Thursday
5/6/21	Abby Harrison	Youth Photo Journalism Summer Workshops	Pam Bliss
5/13	Dr. David Inouye	Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory	Nick Lypps
5/20			Randy Campbell
5/27			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 Szvetecz + *
Greg Thompson +*

Bain Weinberger+
Frankye Wist !!

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

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Campbell
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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?**

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