



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

District 5470

Club 1180 - Chartered 12/20/1922

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LAST MEETING: May 20, 2021
President Randy Campbell presided.

Visiting Rotarians: None
Other Guests: Susan Capps
Key Guest: No key guest
(Annette now has the key).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Unable to have Pancake Breakfast fundraiser in June since the Teen Center is closed for renovation until mid-July. Hoping to have event late July or early August. However, we still need someone to organize the event.
- Dollars for Scholars fundraising dinner scheduled for December. Will be patterned after Blue Sage fundraisers with potential donors invited to dinner with the expectation of a suitably large donation. An auction will also be held.
- Touching thank-you note (at right) received from one of the scholarship recipients and read aloud to the members.
- Tickets still available for the Blue Sage Rajin' Cajun fundraiser on Sunday, May 30th.
- Decided to hold off for now on reinstating hand-shaking at beginning of meeting.

May 13, 2021
 Rotary Club of the North Fork Valley Scholarship
 Dear Scholarship Donors,
 I am truly honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Rotary Scholarship. I wanted to thank you for your financial support towards my higher education. I won't let you down. Thank you for believing in me and knowing I can do this. As I complete my education at Paonia High School, I am truly grateful for receiving your thoughtful gift. This scholarship will help my family and I to pay college tuition but mostly to push me to succeed because you know I can do it. Thank you for having the time to speak with me and see the true person in me. I thank you for your generosity and willingness to help me achieve my goals!

Sincerely,

PROGRAM: Merrily Talbot – Placebos

Susie introduced Ms. Talbot, who is well known around town and to the Rotary members.

Ms. Talbot began with a quick introduction. She has long been active in the North Fork Valley as an educator, social worker and entrepreneur among many other things.

She had spoken former Member Emeritus Felix Belmont and reported that he is “doing great”. He is being cooked for and driven around, which he appreciates. He is “healthy and happy” as he approaches his 103rd birthday at the end of this month.



*Merrily Talbot
(photo: Bob McHugh)*

Ms. Talbot then played a video promoting her current business venture “Placebos” that pairs marketing mints and gum with helpful psychological advice. Her intent is to grow the business until she can sell it in a few years, using the proceeds to create a performing arts center in the North Fork Valley as well as a Wellness Center in northern Mexico.

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
5/27/21	John Gavin	PUC Updates for 2021	Annette Choszczyk
6/3/21	Randal Palmer	NFHS	John Coombe
6/10/21	Linda McCone	North Fork Senior Connections	Randy Campbell
6/17/21	Paula Martin & John Valentine	Paonia Tree Board	Glen Dhalgren
6/24/21			Marsha Grant
7/1/21			Ulli Lange
7/8/21			Bob Lario
7/15/21			Norm Lewark
7/22/21	Scott Thomas	Water Circuit Rider for Colorado Rural Water Association	Ed Bliss
7/29/21			5th Thursday
8/5/21			Betsy Marston
8/12/21			Bob McHugh
8/19/21			Jackie Parks
8/26/21			Kevin Parks
9/2/21			James Schottt

