



## ***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 27, 2021**  
President Randy Campbell presided.

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Club members discussed whether to have a Rotary float in the Cherry Days parade. Most felt it was important to do. The idea of having a Rotary information booth at the park to attract potential members was also discussed. A permit will be required. Discussion to continue via email.

#### **PROGRAM: John Gavin - PUC Updates for 2021**

Annette Choszczyk introduced John Gavin, currently one of three members of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.

Mr. Gavin began with dire warnings from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that “governments around the world must make rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society to avoid disastrous levels of global warming”. He then referenced a report in the Washington Post that stated the Colorado Plateau (where the NFV is located) has warmed the most of any area in the lower 48 states.

Mr. Gavin gave an optimistic overview of the actions the PUC, public utilities, industry players and individuals can and are taking to address the problem of carbon emissions, particularly in the transportation and energy sectors where the majority of emissions originate. He said that key to this are two steps: 1) Electrify everything and 2) De-carbonize energy production. He said his period of transition will spark enormous innovation and economic opportunity, similar to the industrial and digital revolutions. Additional steps such as reducing methane leaks from energy production, increased efficiency of buildings and restructuring transportation and increasing renewable energy production are also vital and steps are being taken in all of these areas. All areas of the economy will be affected.



## UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
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 Dahlgren
6/24/21	Matt Heyn & Jackie Davis	New hospital administrator in Delta & marketing director	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 Schott
9/9/21			Peggy Szvetecz
9/16/21			Greg Thompson
9/23/21			Bain Weinberger
9/30/21			5th Thursday
10/7/21			Sarah Bishop
10/14/21			Pam Bliss
10/21/21			Ed Bliss
10/28/21			Randy Campbell
11/4/21			Annette Choszczyk
11/11/21			John Coombe
11/18/21			Susie Coombe
11/25/21			Thanksgiving
12/2/21			Glen Dhalgren
11/9/21			Marsha Grant
11/16/21			Ulli Lange

