



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: June 24, 2021

Presidents Campbell and Bliss presided.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Other Guests: Alyssa Clarida and Mary Hughes from the Colorado Land Trust (Kevin's guests)

Key Guest: No key guest

(Annette now has the key).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sarah Bishop has been asked to be the Aide to the new District Governor Elect Sam Kevan.
- Pancake Breakfast coming up on Saturday, July 3rd. Cooks should arrive by 6:30 AM to begin cooking. Jobs have been assigned. Servers and kitchen crew should wear a mask and gloves. All food was purchased locally at Don's Market.
- The Rotary Parade Float will be decorated at Susie Coombe's house around 5:00 PM Friday July 2nd.
- Tables will be set up in Town Hall, Friday at 4:00 PM (prior to decorating the float). Volunteers are encouraged to come help Pam and Ed.
- Former member Felix Belmont is about to turn 103.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION:

Carol Kiese was welcomed into the club by President Campbell as our newest member. Her sponsor Bain gave a brief introduction. Carol has a degree in Recreation and Management. She has managed a large horse stable and is an accomplished horse trainer. She has lots of experience as an organizer and it is anticipated she will be a welcome addition to the club.

BUSINESS MEETING:

President Bliss began with an overview of the donations the Club was able to make in 2020 despite the challenges presented by the Covid pandemic:

- With help from Mile High United Way and Rotary District 5470, \$3,800 was given to Farm Runners to support their efforts to provide fresh produce to needy families.

- \$1,800 was donated to the Old River Trading Post for meals for seniors.
- In collaboration with the Montrose, Delta and Cedar Edge Rotary clubs, \$7,500 was donated to the Technical College of the Rockies. This was matched by a state grant for a total of \$15,000 to provide scholarships for EMT, CNA and Medical Assistant certificate degrees.
- \$1,000 was awarded to Families Plus of the North Fork for their tutoring program.
- \$2,000 was awarded to Friends of Guéoul to provide rice for the students and their families.
- \$9,000 in scholarships was awarded to high school seniors in Paonia and Hotchkiss.

Treasurer Bishop then presented an overview of both the Club's and Foundation's financial positions (printouts were provided to the members). Both are in good financial shape. Dues will remain unchanged from the last couple of years. Please contact Treasurer Bishop if you would like a copy of the financial reports.

Both Financial Reports (Club and Foundation) were accepted Unanimously by voice vote of all members present.

Outgoing Co-Presidents Campbell and Bliss then made remarks regarding the challenging year presented by the Covid pandemic. The novel Co-Presidency arrangement worked remarkably well despite the lack of recognition of a Co-Presidency arrangement from Rotary International causing communication issues. The ability of the large Rotary organization to multiply the impact of individual members was seen as a defining attribute.

Induction of New President and Board

President Campbell administered the oath of office to new President Ed Bliss. He was welcomed into his new post with a round of applause from the membership. In his remarks accepting the position, President Bliss outlined his focus on water projects, particularly in the developing world, in collaboration with other Rotary Clubs with a similar focus.

The incoming Board of Directors and Officers for F.Y. 2021-2022 were accepted Unanimously by voice vote of all members present.

Gifts were presented to outgoing Co-Presidents Bliss and Campbell in appreciation for their year of service.



UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS:

7/1/21	no meeting	Preparation for pancake breakfast	
7/8/21	Amanda Campbell	The Learning Council	Ulli Lange
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	Ariel Steele	Tax Credit Connection	Bob McHugh
8/19/21			Jackie Parks
8/26/21			Kevin Parks
9/2/21			James Schott
9/9/21			Peggy Szvetcz
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
11/23/21			Christmas

