**THE VALE NEWS**

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SPRING CONFERENCES

**Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

May 7 Will Flender, Exec. Dir, - MR Path Assn

     14 Rob Williams - Vermont Public Bank

     21 Jeb Spaulding - VT Sec’y. of Administration

     27  Rotary Person of the Year Dinner 6 PM Tue  $40/perrson

     28 No meeting

June 4 Susan & Karl Klein - exploring China

      11  open

      17 Changeover Night (new officers installed)  Tue                                         18  no meeting

      25 open

July  2  open

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      16 Evan Premo & Mary Bonhag (Are they going to entertain us?)

**Birthdays:**    May 11  Art Conway

**Anniversaries**:        None this week

**Meeting News**

Manny back from his vacation away from Mud season.  All the exchange students came as guests today:

Thibault PELHATE inbound exchange student from France and his family

HERVE PELHATE father, VALERIE mother, Adèle PELHATE sister, Agathe PELHATE sister

Liesbeth Jacobs Inbound from Germany

Drew Platt – Outbound to Spain

Caleb Hoyne – Outbound to France

Jascha Herihy - Outbound to Slovakia

other guests -

Carol Groom, and our speaker, Will Flender of the Mad River Path Assn.

Announcements:

Wayne Foster reminded us that the Rotary Father’s Day Golf Tournament will soon be coming up.  Clean up your clubs and get your 4some together.  $100/head.  Betty is collecting things for door prizes.

Committee meeting today.  Sign-up sheet starting today.

Al Barillaro announced that the dinner in honor of the Rotary Person of the Year will be held on May 27th 6 P.M. at Sugarbush Gatehouse Lodge  $40/person. He is taking paid reservations starting today.

Marv Ginzel:

Mad River Valley Rotary is sponsoring the Community Dinner for May.  The Dinner will be held on Friday, May 30th, at the Waitsfield United Church, serving begins at 5:30 PM. These monthly dinners are free to the public. (Donations accepted).   We can expect to serve 120 people.

There will be sign-up sheets for various areas of service for a large number of Rotarians. Please help in making this dinner happen - and in making it happen in an efficient manner. The areas of service and participations are:

Food Preparation     Cooking    Set-up (tables, chairs, place settings, etc)

Servers and waiters,      KP's (pots & pans - kitchen clean up)

Take down and clean up (dining room and kitchen)   Donation of home baked pies (we will need about 16 pies - of various varieties)

I have been working on the menu and purchasing of food. Please participate - this is a very good opportunity for service to community.

Sign-up sheet will be passed around today

Mrs. Pelhate exchanged French Rotary Club banners with some from our club.

BOD brief meeting following regular meeting

**Megabucks:**   $139 - Gene Scarpato drew the Jack of spades for $5.

**Happy Bucks**

Ken Amann: Got kids from Interact Club at Harwood H.S. to do tasks for him.  Great workers

Manny - Attended last day of Master’s Golf Tournament

Gene - Going on trip to N.J. and Va.

Wini - Her team finished in 1st place out of 18 teams in the Senior Bowling League  in Barre

Jim Leyton - Happy

Joe Goldstein 1)dinner, 2) Thibault’s family here, 3)  2 incoming students next year

Liesbet - ACL surgery went well.  She is fine

Stan Needleman - Great trip to Paris and other parts of France

Al Barillaro 1) started mowing business 2) got free tickets from John Hale, 3)skipped paying for parking

Dave E.  -  Mountain of mulch delivered

Clayton-Paul - Happy to be in Rotary Club where so many international students are travelling to and fro the U.S.

**Program**

Dinsmore introduced her friend Will Flender of the Mad River Path Assn.  Will used his computer to make his presentation.  The Path Assn has 400 members, and $90,000 budget. Money comes 1/3 from events, 1/3 from grants an 1/3 from donations.

They try to educate the public on the work they do for the community such as getting easements for the paths from private owners, acquire land, manage by working quietly and slowly.

They also work with other organizations and collaborate with businesses, issue maps of trails thru Waitsfield, Warren and Irasville. They are really happy over the new East side sidewalk (Rte. 100) and improved intersection with the old Common Rd.

Phase 2 will be the Westside sidewalk on route 100. He showed charts of average usage - 20,000 visits/year (some are repeaters)

Mad Dash - last year best ever in the fall.

Their plan for the future contains expansion of existing routes, with the ultimate goal to go from Warren to Moretown, meanwhile build and maintain all paths.

At present they plan to buy property behind the Waitsfield Elementary school.  So far they have raised $50,000 to build the trail next to the playground.

Rotary members have volunteered to aid in the Path Assn. events and special projects, donated money and organized work parties.

Path publications include maps and lists of events.

This organization performs a wonderful service to our community.

                             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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