

THE VALE NEWS

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Rotary Awareness - A time to promote the importance of Rotary Information to club members and awareness of Rotary in the community

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

2011

Jan. 19 Joe Klimek - Dr. Deborah Richto
26 Adam Greshin - Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice

Feb. 2 RoseMarie White -Burgis VonTrapp
9 Joe Goldstein - Aaron Locker and Suzanne Slomin
16 Dave Ruane - Tom McDonald
23 Open

Editor's Note: Please inform Wini (496-6710) of the name of your speaker at least 2 weeks in advance. If you can't get a speaker for that date, please try to trade with another person on the list.

Birthdays: none

Anniversaries: none

Heavy snow this morning reduced our attendance but our speaker, Sarah Seidman made it to the Inn and was able to give her presentation on Vermont horse-assisted therapy for students with mental, physical, and emotional challenges.

Meeting News

We received 2 thank you notes this week. 1)MRV Interfaith Council for our donation of \$500; 2)Town of Warren Historical Society for our donation of \$500.

Announcements

Karen Winchell advised us that the Warren Church is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner at the Warren Town Hall, Saturday, Jan. 15th; 5 - 7 PM. \$8 for adults, \$5 for juniors, children under 5 for free. The benefits will go to a local charity, the Hannah House.

Audrey reminded us that we are invited to the Polio Plus Dinner and Silent Auction on February 9, 2011 at The Essex, in Essex Junction. Guest Speaker is Ann Lee Hussey, polio survivor. Cost per person is \$37.50 (\$10 of the \$37.50 to benefit Polio Plus)

Register with our club, make checks out to MRV Rotary Club and RSVP by January 28,2011.

YOU BET YOUR ICE PROJECT

Gene brought in the miniature Outhouse, including all the accessories he added last year (fan, heating system, pinup girl, whistle, emergency phone, shower complete with curtain on the back) etc.

He has verbal approval of all our usual local merchants, along with M.R. Glen, for us to sell tickets on or outside their premises. He has sent all the data (including the date the outhouse fell in last year, March 20, 4:27 PM) to the printer. He expects to distribute the tickets to the members next week. All the paraphernalia needed by the ticket sellers can be found in Jim Leyton's office vestibule.

Gene hopes to put the outhouse on the pond after the meeting today and asked for 4 - 5 stout hearted men to help him. He believes the ice is thick enough.

Mega Bucks - \$347 to the winner. Joe Klimek closed his eyes and was disappointed when he drew the queen of diamonds

Happy Bucks

Rich Reisner - 2 members of the Rescue squad here and he had a grand-daughter 2 weeks ago.

Tom Byrne - Susanne rescued people stranded at the airport

Joe Klimek- Son got job in NYC

Monk - MRG open for business. After today, you may not need rock skis

Ken Amann - and Al Barillaro - both happy

Jack Mansfield - happy news - Peter leaving for 6 weeks

Peter - Ambulance Service has new ambulance

Ron Geren - 2nd time great grandfather

Betty- Glad the Outhouse is going up

Sissy - Gene brought Ralph back alive from ice on the pond

Ralph - son back from Navy ship in the Indian Ocean

Brian - youngest son engaged

Dave Ellison - snow

Joe Koch - Hope Monk is right about not needing rock skis

Audrey - glad the YBYI team is ready.

Program

Bob Grant introduced our guest, Sara Seidman, Riding Instructor of the Pease Farm Stable Riding School for students with Special Needs.

Sara thanked us for our donation last year. We were the first organization to make a contribution which inspired other organizations to help the Riding program.

The therapeutic Riding program enables students to learn the immediate consequence of their behavior thru the horse's reaction. Calmness, patience, perseverance and gentle touch are all essential to their partnership with the horse. These same qualities will improve their relations with humans as well as their life in the outside world.

They have a 6 week autism after-school program costing \$3,000. They want to run the program for 8 weeks in 2011. It is too bad she did not have a video as she says it is so exciting to watch an instructor work with one of these kids. It gives a kid self confidence and improves his ability to cope with other difficult activities.

UVM is going to evaluate the program with scientific proof of its worth. For example, children who have never walked get the feeling of the horse's hip's movement while

sitting on his back. This can be a huge step, almost like a miracle change in the kid's life.

Their progress opens up a whole new topic with their therapist – adds another dimension to their lives.

She hopes we will match or increase our donation this year. They are a young organization, but with our assistance, they are on a mission to succeed. She also hopes we will spread the word of their accomplishments.

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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