

## **THE VALE NEWS**

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Rotary Theme Topic for January - a time to promote the importance of Rotary to club members and awareness of Rotary in the community

### **Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

- Jan.        2    Assembly Meeting  
              9    Robin Foster photography  
            16    Sissy Walker - Joy Worland who is the Librarian at the Joslin Memorial Library.  
            23    Joe - Goldstein - Jay Kearns to speak about the Mad River Interfaith Council.  
                              BREAKFAST AT EVERGREEN PLACE  
            30    Rosemarie White - Ted Kessler from Camp Ta-Kum-Ta

Editor's Note: Please inform Wini (496-6710) of the name of your speaker at least 2 weeks in advance.

Starting in February the new committee will select the speakers

Birthdays: Rob Tierney 1/02

Anniversaries: Chris & Lori Kirchen 1/01; - Jim & Jackie Leyton 1/8

### **Meeting News**

It was cold, dark and snowing at 7 AM this morning with only about a dozen members at the Inn. Coffee was available but the rest of breakfast was not ready.

Doug started the meeting at 7:25 and got to the part where he says "Let's eat" but the food was still not ready and he started the meeting.

### **Announcements**

1) Doug reminded us that our Dec. 23rd meeting would be held at Evergreen Place.

2) We would postpone voting on the BOD slate for 2013 - 2014 Rotary fiscal year, as we had only a few members here today.

Our food arrived and we immediately got on the buffet line and continued the meeting after our stomachs were full.

**\*Mega Bucks** \$605 to the winner. Chris drew his own ticket from the basket. Did not locate joker and contributed \$10 to Megabucks

**\*Happy Bucks**

The following people had something to say, but I couldn't hear it or write fast enough to record the comments:

Jack Miner, Doug, Al Barillero, Wayne, Larry Ryan, Dave K., Stan, Carol Hosford, Monk. Most of the comments were about family visits during the holidays; then Henri arrived. Members had been drifting in all during breakfast and Henri was the last one.

Doug explained that today was intended to be an assembly meeting and we would receive reports from all the special committee chairmen about the progress their committee had made.

Leo Cohen reported on the activities of the International committee:  
Scholarships Report Summary

- 1- Rotary International will be making significant changes to the program in 2013.
- 2- In general the program sponsors graduate study in problem areas of the world with the objective of determining where and in what way Rotary can support social development. Programs are funded by the individual clubs with district grant support. Any scholarship program requires an on-going financial commitment by the club.
- 3- There may be other clubs in the district that have been or plan to be involved with the scholarship program, and we will investigate to determine if a joint participation is viable.

Carol Hosford's Report:

The Community Committee had four areas we investigated.

Sissy checked with Louise Messner to see if she needed more equipment for people who are convalescing. Louise knows the location of such items as walkers, crutches, etc. She said she does not need more equipment, but needs someone to cover for her when she's away. Sissy offered to be on call when Louise is away.

Trish checked with Hannah's House, which is located at the medical center and provides counseling to youth in crisis. They appreciated our donation last year. The committee hopes we can donate again. Hannah's House also was looking for a temporary home for a troubled youth.

Carol contacted the Backpack program, which provides food for the weekend for children families who don't have sufficient food. Last year we donated \$3000,00 to the program, which went a long way toward meeting the goal of providing for every needy child. A presentation took place several weeks ago and was well received.

Rose Marie was in charge of researching AED's (devices used in heart attacks). They cost \$1500-\$1800 apiece. The committee's thought was to place one in a

central place in town - perhaps somewhere in the Mehurons shopping center where it would be quickly available in an emergency. We need to meet with the ambulance board to see what they think of the idea and possibly have a brief introduction to AED's at an upcoming Rotary meeting.

The other committee chairmen were absent and will have to report at a later date.

Leo spoke about the Reading Mentor program and how much he enjoyed reading with a grade school pupil once a week. The program needs more volunteers. It is a lot of fun spending time with a happy child.

Doug informed us that now is the time to get sponsors for the entire year, starting with the Golf Tournament in this year's agenda.

**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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