

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. 23	Joe Goldstein - Jay Kearns to speak about the Mad River Interfaith Council.
30	Rosemarie White - Ted Kessler from Camp Ta-Kum-Ta
Feb. 6	Robin Foster
13	Terry Kellogg, chief executive officer, 1% for the Planet
20	NO MEETING – PRESIDENTS WEEK
27	Open

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

Birthdays: Sal Spinosa 1/23; Betty Maguire 1/25

Anniversaries: Dave & Janet Ellison 1/23; Stan & Judy Needleman 1/27; Judy & Damon Reed 1/27

Meeting News

It was more than cold this morning, it was frigid (-10°F) Members started arriving very slowly. Doug had notified everyone that our meeting would not be at Evergreen Place today, as their cook was sick. By the time we finished breakfast, the attendance was up to normal and included guests: Jan Knutsen (interested in joining our club), Jay Kearns, our speaker, 2 exchange students (Pablo and Vjera) and Karl Klein, who is thinking of rejoining our club.

Announcements

*Al Barillero received his second Paul Harris pin as a reward for paying \$500 into his EREY account.

* YBYI--Manny asked that the volunteer slots needed for this weekend be filled--most were. He also discussed the fact that more volunteer support is needed and that we all should do our part for all our fundraisers.

* Clayton-Paul reported from the long range planning committee on Internet Fund Raising. How we can get donations from Smart Phones. It is the easiest way to raise money. We can even create "Hard Sell" videos for disasters such as Irene. We need to be able to accept credit card payments and we also need to establish a 501-3c account for large donations and/or monthly payments. A lot of people do not carry cash anymore, just credit cards. For more details go to:

<http://www.crowdrise.com/online-fundraising>
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* No Mega bucks today

* Happy Bucks

Betty – enjoying birthday wishes

Al Barillaro – Sunny day

Stan – Visit to California with family

Rosemarie – happy

Monk – New Subaru – gave old one to grandson

Tom – has 2 tickets to a concert in NYC

Bruce - using special transport to get around town, can get to Ski area without using his car

Jim Leyton - Glad to see our exchange students here

Doug - Warm room

Clayton-Paul - Emergency room ?

Dave E. - Not skiing (too cold) using time for errand in Burlington

Program

Joe Goldstein introduced Jay Kearns from the Interfaith Council.

Jay started by informing us that the Interfaith Council is 100% supported by private donations and thanked our club for our annual contribution.

They are the only local organization who gives help to individuals who are in desperate need, they accept calls from churches. They do not give the money directly to the person, instead they pay the provider, such as a fuel company to make a delivery.

Their members are from all religions in the Valley. In addition to emergency funds, they have 3 main activities.

- 1) Turkey dinners at Thanksgiving
- 2) Joys of the Season. Voucher program from businesses at \$5 each. A child may get 5 or 6 to spend at establishments around the Valley at Christmas time Schools supply names of the needy families. Some of the businesses don't cash in the vouchers – just donate.
- 3) Food Shelf. The Interfaith members run the food shelf and need more volunteers. at present operate, 10 – 12 AM, Tues. Thurs. and Sat. and are considering evening hours. This is a \$12,000 annual outlay. They get food from the Food Bank in Barre and distribute 40,000# per year. They average 81 households/month, 25 individuals – just from our Valley. Two biggest months – April and May (end of ski season)
- 4) Emergency Assistance (described in opening remarks)
They keep help anonymous.

The Community Fund also helps but not in emergencies.

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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