

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

Feb.	1	Heli Hietzker - Gail Hietzker - Library
	8	Brian Crandall- Nat'l. Senior Games Org.
	15	Ken Friedman - Kathie Friedman - Senior Ass'n
	22	NO MEETING (Presidents week)
	29	Dave Ruane?
March	7	Doug Stoehr - Brian Joslin - Medicare + Suppl.
	14	Dinsmore Fulton - Sarah Seidman from VHAT
	21	Henri Borel - Hospice Rep.
	28	Jon Jamieson- Darryl Depot 5 Puroclea

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 - Betty Maguire 1/25

Anniversaries - Stan & Judy Needleman 1/27/52
Judy & Damon Reed 1/27/07; John & Kathy Basile 1/28/60

Meeting News

Once you got past your icy driveway, it was like getting past the ice at the top of the slope, an easy run, at least for the 39 people who made it to the Inn this morning, including guest Hardy Merrill, the chief administrative officer of Sugarbush

Announcements

Today's speaker is our very own representative, Adam Greshin; next week it will be Gail Hietzker on behalf of the Warren Library.

New theme for R.I. this year is "PEACE THROUGH SERVICE"

Tanaka unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2012 International Assembly and said "Peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal and a realistic goal for Rotary. Peace is not something that can only be accomplished through agreements, by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find and that we can achieve, every day and in many simple ways."

Corporate Sponsorship update: Begin following up with businesses- extra copies of sponsor levels are available if needed. If you own a business we did not send you a letter.

Thus far \$500 has been received (from the Drug Store). Two more promised both for \$250.

Rotary-Person-of-the-Year committee is meeting to decide on whom it will choose. If interested, you can join the committee. Dinner will probably be in April.

Thanks to Jack Miner for replacing our road signs.

Heli announced it is time to join the MRV Seniors Association. It costs \$5 for a whole year and enables you to get discounts at many local stores. The \$5 fee will benefit the seniors.

YBYI -

In spite of the recent thaw, the Outhouse is still standing. Manny told us that so far we are 16% ahead of last year's sales. The group in front of Mehuron's sold \$520 Fri. & Sat., but enthusiasm had dropped for selling tickets. Manny passed around the sheet for this weekend. E-mail reminders will be sent out to everyone.

Hardy Merrill is passing around a petition to require the Selectmen and other town officers in Warren to be required to pay their town taxes. If anyone is on the delinquent tax payer list, he should not be allowed to be on the board. You have to be a registered voter to sign the petition.

Megabucks: Audrey drew the 9 of clubs and did not win \$445

Happy Bucks

Al Barillaro -thanked the crew who helped man the grill at last week's event at Sugarbush for Vermont Adaptive

Dave Koepele - happy

Lorraine - thanked Jack Miner for replacing road signs

Monk - 1)Greenwood week at MRGlen going fine - thanked Rotary for donation

2)Hurray for those Giants

Henri - paid taxes

Dave Ruane - glad to be here

PROGRAM

John Hale introduced Adam Greshin who will give us an update on the Vermont legislature.

Adam said he planned to tell us what the big issues are for the next session in the legislature.

1) Reapportionment. Our district is too large. Each district is supposed to contain 4,172 people. We are too big for one and too small for two reps. It has been proposed to add Duxbury and Moretown, but the people of Duxbury wish to remain with Waterbury. This makes it a big challenge. We are the only district not settled, and it needs to be finalized by the end of next week.

2) Education Report - There is a big hassle over how to finance it. Act 60 is ten years old and pleases the majority of the towns, but is our education any better for it? It achieved its goal of equal resources for each town, but could we better control the method of deploying our resources?

3) Health Care - Debate over the Omnibus Health Bill - Are the benefits better for those who choose to purchase Green Mountain Care? The Catamount Blue Plan calls for a majority to participate.

How to fund it will be discussed next year (after the election).

4) Administration of the Alternate Energy Program

This includes all methods to reduce the use of fossil fuels. Much of it is already happening. All debates in the legislature and committee meetings is recorded and is being reviewed by the courts to help them make a decision on Vermont Yankee.

5) Irene Recovery costs. In particular, what to do about Waterbury. Keep the State Hospital where it was? With a different set-up? etc.

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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