

THE VALE NEWS  
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Rotary Awareness - A time to promote the importance of information to club members and awareness of Rotary in the community.

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

February 3 Al Barillaro - Maggie Burke, Prog. Dir. for VASS  
10 Monk Bancroft- Gordie Hall - Coordination of First Aid & Fire Units in the Valley. He is a member of the Warren F.D.; The Valley Ambulance Service; and the MRG Ski Patrol  
17 John Basile  
24 Tom Byrne

March 3 Bob Grant - Classification Speech  
10 Art Conway  
17 Dave Ellison  
24 Ken Friedman

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**

Dave Ellison 1/23 ( Should have been listed last week)

**Anniversaries** Stan & Judy Needleman 1/27

John & Kathy Basile 1/28; Judy & Damon Reed 1/27

### **Meeting News**

Just 38 people in attendance today including our Guest - Speaker, Joe Adams of the GroSolar Company

### **Announcements**

Dave K. Passed around a thank you note from Lee Putnam for our donation to the MRG Ski Patrol annual Greenwood Week. This paid for food for the 15 kids and staff for 5 days.

Kathie Friedman urged all of our seniors to pay \$5.00 to the MRV Senior Association for an annual membership. They now serve breakfasts on Mondays at Evergreen Place for \$3, lunches on Tues. & Thurs. for \$4. As usual, they are low on funds and need our help.

The Rotary Challenge Ski Race will be held this year on Friday, March 5th at Bolton Valley Ski Area. This event supports the Vermont Heating Assistance Program and is organized through the Richmond-Williston Rotary Club.

When: Friday March 5th, 2010, Registration: 3:30, Race begins: 5:30, Dinner: 6:30 Main Lodge, Awards: 7:30 Main Lodge.

Registration Fee: \$45 includes race, ticket and dinner. Dinner only: \$30.00 and could use some help from us.

Contact Heli if you want to enter the race. We usually field 2 or 3 teams. Also, You can

come watch the race, have dinner and sell YBYI tickets.

EREY Every Rotarian Every Year -Jim Leyton explained that R.I. has 2 funds. 1) World Fund using EREY money and the Permanent Fund (it spends only the interest of this fund)

#### YBYI (YOU BET YOUR ICE) OUR BIG WINTER RAFFLE

Gene regaled us with more stories of adventures by Rotary members in the Outhouse, including the need for a 911 signal. He has now installed a whistle to be used to get help.

Gene Scarpato has added the Warren Store as a sales outlet for our raffle tickets. I believe he said we took in \$757 last weekend. He passed around the sign-up sheet for volunteers this coming Fri. & Sat. We have only 8 weeks left to sell tickets.

Haiti donations - Dave Ellison told us that our BOD has already donated \$2,000 to Shelter Box for aid to Haiti. Members who wish to donate, can make out a check to Shelter Box and give it to Dave. He will collect them for a couple of weeks and then turn them all over to the Shelter Box organization.

If you have already donated to other organizations for Haiti, e-mail Dave about it.

**MINI Bucks** The winner will receive \$180. Al Molnar, had the right ticket but the wrong card - the Jack of hearts for \$5.00

#### **HAPPY BUCKS**

Doug Stoehr- Happy to be the new sgt.-of-arms

Stan Needleman - Reported statement last week that "he was happy over the Mass. election" was incorrect.

Editor's note: Glad to Know Stan reads the Newsletter.

Tom Byrne - enjoyed XC skiing last Saturday

Jon Jamieson -Skied before meltdown

Dinesmore - New MR Path Ass'n Director

Betty - just happy

Sissy - Made it to NYC and back before rain

Carol Hosford - Attended Nat'l Children's Book Org. w. daughter

Monk -Skiing OK in spite of adverse weather

Gene S. -Hockey with grandson in NY. (Unhappy Wife shopped at sales sites)

John Basile - Happy to be Back after 2 weeks away.

Joe Klimek - Decided to try skiing in Florida (water-skiing?)

Al Barillaro - Vt. Women's Basketball Team doing well

Dave K.- Good Skiing Saturday

J. Miner- - Claims wife got black eye from running into door

Bob Holden - son back at Ithaca

John Hale - commented on Outhouse

Ken Friedman - Grumpy \$2 worth

Jim Leyton - only \$1 worth of happiness

Jack Mansfield - Saw video of 2 mo. old great grandson

Judy Reed- 31st wedding anniversary today!!!

Editor's note: Thanks Judy for taking notes. Now I am off the hook. Wini

#### **PROGRAM**

Dave Koepele introduced Joe Adams of the GroSolar Company, producer of Solar Panels.

Joe told us he was born in Florida, moved to N.Y. and spent 20 years in Conservation programs before joining the GroSolar company.

Then he proceeded with his slide-talk show of the solar energy program. GroSolar is the fourth largest distributor of solar panels in the country.

Their mission is to deliver piece of mind thru solar energy systems and whole energy appreciation. He attended the convention in Copenhagen, Denmark.

After installing their system, homeowners can reduce their hot water bill up to 70% as well as reducing their electricity bill.

You receive both state and federal tax credits for the system.

The company will come to your house and determine the solar possibilities - using such criteria as: space on roof, shade from trees, etc., take photos, plan the design and make a proposal. They use a computer program to determine the solar energy available for your residence.

Vermont gives a rebate of \$1.75 per watt for installed solar systems and the Fed credit is 30%

He showed photos of installations - both residential and commercial.

Benefits of Solar System: no emissions, no radiation, no air pollution, no noise, and no greenhouse gases, Increased value of home.

May take 10 - 15 years for pay back of solar installation cost.

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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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