**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**

2012

Jan. 4 Al Molnar David Clark GSE Team Leader to South Africa who will share his experiences and views on this fascinating country and people.

11 Sponsorship committee presentation YBYI

18 Carol Hosford- Bob Holden on taxes

25 John Hale - Adam Greshin

Feb. 1 Heli Hietzker - Gail Hietzker - Library

8 Brian Crandall- Nat¹l Senior Games Org.

` 15 Ken Friedman - Kathie Friedman - Senior A¹ssn

22 Trish Hopkins

29 Jon Jamieson- Darryl Depot - 5 Puroclean

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 this week

Anniversaries: Jackie & Jim Leyton 1/8

**Meeting News**

The frigid weather did not stop our hardy Rotarians from attending our first meeting in 2012. We also had 5 guests: Sally Molnar, Ellen Barillaro, Ron Geren’s son Jay and granddaughter Katie and our speaker from the Middlebury Club, David Clark.

**Announcements**

Lorraine started off the meeting with the usual Salute to the Flag, and our rendition of God Bless America; an unusually long Moment of Silence as the eggs were not yet ready on the buffet. There were not enough of the little omelets for the first round, so the end of the line had to wait another 10 minutes for the chefs to produce another batch.

Corrected list of officers for the next fiscal year:

President - Doug Stoehr

Pres. – elect - Gene Scarpato

V. Pres. - Manny Apigian

Robert Grant - Secretary

Dave Ellison - Treasurer

Past Pres. - Lorraine Keener

Community Service - Dinsmore Fulton

Vocational Service - David Koepele

Club Service - Al Barillaro

International Service - Joe Goldstein

Rotary Foundation - Jim Leyton.

Lorraine read a letter from the Paul Harris Foundation which contained deep

thoughts (mostly resolutions for us to follow in 2012).

YBYI Project

Manny told us that they sold $674 worth of raffle tickets during the week before Christmas and congratulated Billy Brauer on his art work. 50% of the membership has signed up for at least one shift. Volunteers are needed for Jan. 20-21 when they will need more members to sign up.

If someone could figure out a way to sell tickets on the internet, we could enlarge our sales base by leaps and bounds. Jack Simko suggested his technique “Would you be kind enough to help Rotary?”

People asked when will the Outhouse be installed on the ice. When the ice is thick enough to drill holes in it, they will send our newest member out to test its strength.

**Mini Bucks** - ($370 to winner) Carol Hosford drew the 2 of diamonds for the loser’s consolation prize of $5.

**Happy Bucks**

David Koepele - Last family member leaving after 2 weeks stay.

Gene Scarpato - nice to have family, nice when they go home.

Stan Needleman - Not skiing today.

Billy Brauer and Joe Klimek - Happy

Monk - Thrilled Giants in playoff

Brian - going to the game

Ron - Happy to be back with family members.

Jim Leyton - married to wonderful woman for 35 years

Al Barillaro - taking wife skiing today

Lorraine - racing started

Sissy - happy

Carol Hosford - grandchildren over weekend- 8 year old pianist made a CD for her

Bruce - grandchildren came and went (sound familiar?)

Bob Holden - celebrated Christmas inside his own home!!

John Hale - empty nest after all the family left

Jack Miner - enjoyed great holiday

**PROGRAM**

Al Molnar introduced David Clark, the GSE leader to South Africa last year.

The GSE team consists of a Rotarian leader and 4 non-Rotarians of different professions. The trip lasts 5 weeks and they visit 8 different towns where they are put up by Rotarian members and visit establishments where they meet with local professionals and compare methods in the different cultures, All of Dave Clark’s team were women.

We will host a GSE team in May and show them around. They visited a section of So. Africa, on the Indian Ocean. Since 1994 the country has been in transition from White man’s rule to black. The new government created a new flag, but in general it has been a peaceful transition.

They went from 2 languages ( English and Africaans) to 11 languages (English + 10 tribal languages).

His presentation included a slide show of the 8 different villages and he told us about many Rotary projects that benefit the South Africans; A book distribution Center, Computer labs, Wheel chair donations and many more.

HIV is a big problem - there are day centers for orphans of HIV parents and HIV children. Rotarians run after school programs as well as helping the schools. They run Health Clinics.

After the transition, many positions of responsibility went from white people to black people - this took a lot of training as the blacks were not permitted to go to white schools under the Boers.

His team met Gary Player, the golfer while in Johannesburg. They talked to people in each home they visited and learned as much about So. Africa as possible in such a short time. Their homes have equipment with all the modern conveniences – TV’s, dish washers, microwaves, laptops etc.

Editor’s note: This brought back fond memories for me, as Torger & I hosted a student (Ray Van Rooyen) for a year from Jan. 1994 - 95. They invited us for a visit a couple of years later and I still correspond with the family. Ray now works for a bank in Johannesburg, is married, has two children. Since his father sold their sugar plantation, Ray had to change careers from farm management to being a banker. The thing that scared me the most was not the wild animals but they drive on the left side of the street!

    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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