

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

January	6	Assembly Meeting (club forum)
	13	Pat Pinkston
	20	Gary Plewak - Classification speech
	27	Dave Koepele

February	3	Al Barillaro
	10	Monk Bancroft
	17	John Basile
	24	Tom Byrne

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:

Anniversaries: Henri & Rosie Borel 1/9/60; Jim & Jackie Leyton 1/8/77

Meeting News

Our first meeting of 2010 brought out a bright crowd in spite of the gray weather, including guests: Chuck Martel from CVHHH in Fayston, Anna White, Eli Holden, and Sherry Sherman (a guest of Stan Needleman).

Announcements

One of our newest members, Chris Kirchen received his badge this morning. I believe that all of our members have badges now.

Rotary convention in Montreal.

Daily bus trips are planned from Burlington to Montreal during the convention.

Dave Koepele announced our club had received many thank you notes since our last meeting. A bunch from the kids who received dictionaries and from organizations who received donations: Habitat for Humanity, Good Beginnings of Central Vermont.

Jim Leyton presented Eli Holden with his certificate for his Paul Harris Fellowship (Eli paid the entire \$1,000). Jim said he was so proud of Eli for this achievement and his devotion to Rotary.

EREY -Jim Leyton reminded us again that we are not 100% yet. He also advised about all the wonderful things R.I. does with these contributions.

At the last BOD meeting the Board approved the following cash grants:
Vermont Adaptive Skiing \$1,320 for new attachments for the mono ski; \$100 to the Central Vermont Medical Center; \$698 (added to the previously approved \$302 in September), making the total \$1,000 to the Community Fund; \$500 to the Mad River Chorale(added to our \$ 500 August contribution = \$1,000 for the fiscal year; \$1,000 to the Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice, given to Chuck Martel as their representative.

Rich Reisner: The donation of \$1,320 was for three special ski bindings for mono-skis to be used at Sugarbush.

YBYI (YOU BET YOUR ICE) OUR BIG WINTER RAFFLE

GENE SCARPATO showed us his renovations to his "Executive Office"
He added a roll of toilet paper, reading material, a proper bench with a litter box beneath it. The bell on top he explained would be attached to the full scale Outhouse and would ring when the Outhouse falls into Edison Pond.

Packets of raffle tickets were distributed to each member present today. The new manager of Shaws has agreed to allow our members to sell tickets inside.

We will be selling tickets for nine weeks and he hopes people will sign up for Fri. and Sat. evenings in shifts: 3 - 4 PM and 4 - 5 PM as soon as the Outhouse is erected on Edison Pond.

Mega Bucks - \$1000. to the winner, only 12 cards left. Stan Needleman had the chance today to pull the joker from the 12 card deck but earned only \$5 for drawing the 10 of spades.

Note: the pot has reached max. All further ticket purchases will go towards the next pot.

HAPPY BUCKS

Stan Needleman - Sad buck for no new snow on the mountain

Jon Jamieson - Great Holiday

Jim Groom - story about distribution of dictionaries

Tom Byrne - happy

Rich - Great donations from Rotary to VAS

Jim Leyton - 33 years of bliss

Jack Simko - 52nd anniversary on 12/28/09

Joe Klimek - survived 16 kids visiting during the holidays

Monk - Cast has been removed

Ron Geren - glad to be here

Eli Holden- also happy to be here

Bob Holden - Vacation

Ken Friedman - happy

Henri - Back from France

Art - Grateful for the white stuff

Jack Mansfield - great trip to Ohio and time with family
Sherry Sherman - Enjoyed attending our meeting
Dave Koepele - Welcome back to members returning to our Valley.

FORUM PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

Dave K. – “THERE HAS BEEN INTEREST DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS IN FINDING ANOTHER FUNDRAISER THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE SELLING TICKETS EVERY WEEKEND.

Ken Friedman has taken this on with the help of Jack Simko, Jim Groom and myself. We have had several meetings and even visited the Stowe Rotary Club, who gave us an insight into the workings of their October Fest.

Fear not, the project Ken is going to present to us is nowhere near the effort or expense put into the October Fest. Ken will present the concept and answer questions. Please remember, at this stage we are trying to keep all members up to date, solicit their approval or disapproval, and then carry on from this point”.

Ken Friedman - Chilifest Presentation

- 1) Our committee has come up with a new idea for fundraising. In time, we want to get out of the business of selling raffle tickets.
- 2) We came up with various ideas for events based in part on the Octoberfest that Stowe Rotary runs.
- 3) We originally thought about a large event but with the input from Jack Simko, we realized that we need a small test with gradual growth to a significant event.
- 4) Our purpose today is to explain the concept we have developed and take a vote up or down on the concept. We need a fair investment of Rotary funds to execute the plan. This is not a vote that says “Fine, I support it. You go and do it” This is a vote that says “Good idea and I will be happy to work on it.”
- 5) Our idea is to run a Chili Contest.
- 6) It would be run initially as part of the July 4th celebration
- 7) Six restaurants in the Valley would be invited to contribute 2 gallons of chili each.
- 8) The public would purchase the chili in 2 oz portions and would vote on the best chili.
- 9) The winner would receive a trophy as would 2nd and 3rd place
- 10) We would make money selling the chili, root beer and hot dogs.
- 11) We might be able to sell beer also, although we are not sure we want to sell beer on our first effort.

12) The event would be located in Warren and there are a few possible locations that we are considering. It would go from 11 AM to 3 PM.

13) We expect the initial cost to Rotary will be around \$1,500.

14) We anticipate making about \$2,500.

15) Let me repeat, this is intentionally a small event to test the concept before starting to make it bigger. If it works, then we will consider how we want it to grow.

This presentation was followed by a Q & A period and the members voted to give it a go. There were no opposing votes.

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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