**THE VALE NEWS**

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Vocational Service - a time to highlight Rotary’s contribution to the second Avenue of Service

**Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

Oct. 1st - Chris Mattrick, Forest Ranger - US Forest Service

       8th - Liza Walker, Vt. Land Trust - Conservation in the Valley

     15th - Evening Meeting Mad River Glen Ski Area buffet $20/person

          occasion to say farewell to Ralph & Sissy Walker

     22nd - Kurt Gruending WCVT Communication Update

     29th - Tyler Maves - True North

Nov.5th  - Laura Sabin- Marijuana policy in VT

     12th - Robert Fleming - Malayaka House Ugandan Orphanage

    19th - Marilyn Bedell  Rotary Foundation How they use our money

     26th - no meeting (Thanksgiving)

Dec.3rd - Jeff Lynn - Bridge St. Butchery

     10th - Christmas Party

     17th - Bertil Agell

     24th  - Christmas Holiday -  N0 meeting

     31st - New Year’s Eve holiday - No meeting

Jan. 7th - Brian Kravitz - Coordinator

     14th - Open

21st - Betty Keller, MD

**Birthdays:** none this week

**Anniversaries:** Monk & Jane Bancroft 10/10/7

**Meeting News**

We are still living in Paradise - temperature comfortable, brightly colored leaves still on the trees, just a few rain drops at night, enjoy it now as it will all disappear with the next windy rain storm.

Guests today: Ron Geren, John Crump, Steve Boldvan, Goeff Bergen and our speaker: Chris Mattrick, the Forest Ranger from Rochester, Vt.

**Announcements**

\*Next BOD will be on Oct.8th, (next week)

\*Oct, 15th will be an evening social, at Mad River Glen. See the email by Al Barillaro for details   Cost $20/person

\*Restaurant Raffle Fundraiser will be run again by Dave Babic & Gene Scarpato.  This is a short project as the fall months have fewer meeting days and a lot of holidays.

\*Doug asked our members to volunteer a work day for Camp

Ta-Kum-Ta on Oct. 14th.We will be carpooling from the Big Picture parking lot at 8:00 AM. We will leave the Camp at around 3:00 PM (arriving back around 4:00 PM). Spouses/partners are welcome (please sign them up). Everyone sign up with Doug by October 1.  Get directions from Rose-Marie. Bring lunch. Dinsmore would like to go at 10 AM. If you would like to carpool with her, please contact her directly.

\*Dinsmore - The Mad DASH, on Sunday, October 12th, needs volunteers! Please go to the MRPA website, and sign-up through Volunteer Spot.

\*Senior Center (Evergreen Place) is serving breakfasts on Mondays only.  Not enough people showed up on Thursdays.

\*Christmas Party will be on Dec. 10th

\*Note: Phone Law goes into effect today.  No more holding a phone while driving

\*Stowe Club holding their Annual October Fest this coming week.

**\* Mega Bucks**  $189. Chris Mattrick drew Bruce Bertholon’s ticket.  Bruce drew 8 of spades for $5.

**\*Happy Bucks**

Ken Amann - going to be granddad in Nov.

Rose-Marie - enjoying beautiful scenery

Tom Byrne - Niece & husband here from N.C.

Bob Holden - sitting with visitors & members

Dave Ellison - cruising Lake Champlain

John Crump - 1) Not happy to leave this beautiful state but 2) happy to return to Mexico.

Stan Needleman - Enjoyed tennis at beautiful surroundings at MRTC

Karen Winchell - going to Tuscany

David Babic - starting Restaurant Raffle

Al Barillaro - grandchildren 2 yrs & 1 yr

Judy Reed - foliage gorgeous, saw 1st bear

Bruce - happy to win but unhappy to lose 1st prize

**PROGRAM**

The first time Chris was scheduled to come to our club, he thought the meeting was set for 7:30 PM until Jim Leyton called and asked ”Where were you this morning”?

Today he cleared up that misunderstanding.  He did a nice computer presentation explaining his job and the Mission of the National Forest Service.

It was created in 1932 by presidential Proclamation. Teddy Roosevelt wanted to preserve the National Forests and wetlands for the future citizens of America.

It is under the dept. of Agriculture and devoted to providing watershed protection and sustaining the health of the forests.

There are 155 National Forests and 20 grasslands for a total of 191 million acres. They all have multiple uses and renewable resources.  Our forests are under many threats - fires, invasive species, loss of open space, unmanaged recreation to name a few.

He works with several non-Profit groups to help manage the system and provide funds - ex Mt. Bike Assn. They work together to preserve Vermont’s Rural Character and Quality of Life.

They do so many things, you can choose almost any career and be able to apply for a job with Nat’l. Forest Service.

                            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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