

THE VALE NEWS

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Rotary Theme Topic for October - Vocational Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Oct.	17	Carol Hosford	backpack food program
	24	Joe Goldstein	- DUI Ors of Toned Maple
	31	Gary Plewak	- Fran - MRV Gardeners
Nov.	7	Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom.	(at business location)
	14	Restaurant	Raffle Drawing (Winners selection)
	21	No Meeting	(day before Thanksgiving)
	28	Vicki Walluck	- Presentation by daughter on Denmark
Dec.	5	Christmas Party	- details not available yet
	12	Open	
	19	Open	
	26	No Meeting	- holiday week

Editor's Note: Please inform Wini (496-6710) of the name of your speaker at least 2 weeks in advance.

Birthdays and Anniversaries - none this week

It may have been cold and dreary outside this morning, but the atmosphere inside the Inn was warm and friendly and our guests made welcome: Michael Wood-Lewis (front porch forum), Doug Hoffer (candidate for auditor), Stan Ward (his 1st Rotary Meeting), and Caryn and John Crump, here for a short visit.

Meeting News

*Restaurant Raffle - Gene announced that 63 restaurants are involved and we need the members who have volunteered to contact these restaurants to do it by Oct. 9th in order for our club to acquire the gift certificates before we put the raffle tickets on sale. Only 24 responses to date. Doug promised he will pick up any mail sent to the Rotary Post Box.

*BOD meeting next week

Our club received a thank you note for our \$500 donation to the Prevent Child Abuse Organization.

*Dave Koepele spoke for Ken Amann re: help to fill Paula Livingston's wood box with fuel for this winter. Community Fund Organization providing wood, we need pickup trucks to haul the wood to the Livingston home and unload the wood (with

the help of 8 Harwood students). The event will occur this Sunday, Oct. 14th from 9 AM to 3 PM. Meet at Kingsbury Farm.

Nov. 7 Our breakfast meeting will be at the Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom. (at their business location).

*Mega Bucks \$440 to winner. Monk drew the ace of clubs

*Happy Bucks

John Crump 1) Finally recognized as a visitor 2)he was given a birthday party

Stan Needleman - Snow on the mountain yesterday

Al Barillaro - 41st anniversary on Oct. 9th - Ellen's lucky day

Tom Byrne - 1) Dad improving 2) Tom is in Vermont 3) new Mini Cooper

Dave Koepele - Rain and temp in 90's in California

Bob Holden - Sitting at table with 4 lovely women

Monk - going to Cape Cod

Stan Ward - Happy to be at 1st Rotary Meeting

Jim Leyton - went to NYC to visit his only great grandson

Editor's note: I have been listing John as a visitor ever since he resigned.

PROGRAM

Doug introduced our 1st speaker for this morning, Michael Wood-Lewis, Co-founder of Front Porch Forum.com or Michael@frintporchforum.com 802-540-0069x3 from Burlington

Michael wanted to communicate with his neighbors, but found they were all too busy going places to stop for a conversation. He couldn't break in. He discovered the neighbors were planning a block party and he had not been invited. He discovered that only 25% of Americans know most of their neighbors.

His solution: Households can connect with neighbors using Front Porch Forum.

He distributed a chart showing Vermont. Areas colored orange showed the regional network of FPF (Waitsfield, Warren, Fayston, and Moretown were part of that group) FPF are currently serving 80 towns and expanding.. It is a great way for neighbors to help neighbors and get acquainted with them.

Our 2nd speaker was Doug Hoffer, who is running for Auditor of Vermont.

He has a BA from Williams College and a JD from SUNY Buffalo School of Law.

He brings to the job: 24 years experience as a policy analyst in Vermont .

5 years under contract to the state auditor, extensive record of work with concrete results, long standing commitment to evidence-based findings; asking tough questions; passion for challenging conventions and accountability.

He promises to work tirelessly to ensure that taxpayer funds are used effectively, the public will see the budget and his office will be accountable, and there will be better use of our resources.

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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