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New generations Youth Services - a time to highlight Rotary's commitment to youth

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Oct. 12 Manny Apigian - Peter Boynton

19 Wini Thorsen - Acupuncturist (Akhil Kaplan)

26 Art Conway - Susan Klein (Chamber of Commerce)

Nov. 2 Sissy Walker

9 Billy Brauer - Classification speech

16 Ben Plewak – Classification speech

23 No Meeting (Thanksgiving Eve)

30 Ken Friedman

Dec. 6 Holiday Party - Terra Rosa Tues. 6 PM Happy Hour

7 No Meeting

14 Joe Goldstein

21 Brian Crandall

28 No Meeting until next year

Attention - anyone scheduled in November please let me know before next Wednesday if you can't make this date. Wini 496-6710

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. December is not firm yet. If you want one of those dates, let me know.

Birthdays: Stan Needleman & Sissy Walker on 10/18

Anniversaries: none

Meeting News

People kept drifting in slowly this morning, which is understandable as it is dark now at 6 A .M. and you can't rely on the sun to wake you up. The road paving prevented Jack Mansfield from parking near the door and he had to go back home (he has not gained his strength back yet). Attendance built up to 37 including guests: Peter Boynton (our speaker), Tom Golodi (Joe Klimek's friend) and our regular summer guest, John Daniell.

Announcements

Flu Shots date- Oct. 19th @7:45 A.M.- given by CVHHH - Spouses invited - head count needed. A minimum of 12 is to get CVHHH come.

2012 Dist. Conference date/location is- May 18 - 20 at Mountain Club on Loon in Lincoln, N.H. Theme - "Embracing Humanity" Save this date for fun, fellowship and inspiration.

Jim Leyton told us we can nominate Jack Miner for the R.I. Award of best "Club Builder". He is eligible because he has the requirements: a past president, and brought several new members into our club. If he wins he gets a huge award at the District Conference.

The District Newsletter has an article by Tara Walluck , our exchange student in Denmark

Dave Ellison gave Billy Brauer a check for \$1,000., for winning the Megabucks prize last week. Dave explained that the winner has no obligation to repay any or all of it back to the club as this is a fund raiser for the club and the club has collected \$1,000 from the ticket sales.

Sat. Oct. 22nd is Clean Up Vermont day. Volunteers are needed. Call Lorraine for time and place if you are interested.

Nick - The Great White Pumpkin Raffle has raised \$500 so far. This coming Saturday is the last official sales day at the Farmers Market.

Mini Bucks Winners share \$187. Tom Golodik produced the winning ticket after struggling to get it out of his pocket, but it was barely worth the effort since he drew the queen of diamonds for the loser's \$5.

Happy Bucks

Tom Byrne- Great to have his wife back from Europe Dave Ellison - enjoying Fall Colors Stan Needleman - Able to drive up Access Rd. again Dave Koepele - Tigers beat Yankees John Daniell - happy John Hale - Hosting 17 members of his family Joe Klimek - Has Vineyard Partner Betty - Great harvest Al Barillaro – Son's Wedding in Boston Brian Crandall - 5 good days Ralph - celebrated birthday of Sissy with whole family Ken Amann - 40 years for Barillaros Jack Miner - Sister & father visit Jim Leyton - Happy to be alive & kicking Lorraine - Happy husband will build a garage John Crump (5\$ worth) - Great return flight from Africa. Met mayors in Nigeria - not a vacation destination - met nice people - In Milano – great food and attended operas - Came home to sweet wife - birthday with kids - sorry he could not get matching grants for flood relief.

Monk - enjoying part time residence in Hanover meeting old friends.

Program

Manny Apigian introduced Peter Boynton, local Inn owner, entertainer among other things, and his daughter is in our public school system.

Peter was born in Maine, family moved to Massachusetts, where he got a degree in music. He wound up with the theater crowd in N.Y.C for 25 years - had a career on Broadway. Then he went skiing in Vermont and has been here since then. Now he teaches in college and in the summer acts and directs plays.

He joined the Friends of Northfield Ridge organization and is interested in using renewal sources of energy to improve Vermont's Carbon Footprint

After they invited some "Wind Experts" to talk to their group, they found out that the Wind turbines do more harm to the surrounding area than the utility plants as electricity only accounts for one half of one percent of Vermont's carbon footprint.

Gasoline and diesel oil outweigh the carbon impact of electricity by 96:1 Heating oil in Vermont has a 63:1 impact U.S. electricity.

Then he showed us a photo of a Wind turbine in Maine, where they had gouged a large chunk of the mountain peak to construct the site at 2,500 feet.

There is a group of large landowners interested in putting up about 15 turbines and they want to change the zoning laws in Waitsfield, but there is a lot of alienation to this project. Peter had maps showing possible turbine locations. People have been warned about the noise. You don't want to live within 2 miles of one of these huge turbines.

He feels Vermont should develop a cooperative owned project to put up solar panels as this seems the better way to go to improve our carbon footprint. He hopes there will be more community discussion on renewable resources. We need to do something to reduce our dependence on oil.

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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