

THE VALE NEWS

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Rotary Theme Topic for October - Vocational Service - a time to highlight Rotary's contribution to the second Avenue of Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Oct. 16	Doug Dimento - Dir. Communications - Agri-Mark
23	Grace Butler- Interact Club - status & projects
30	Beth Pierce - Vt. State Treasurer
Nov. 6	Phil Scott - Lt. Gov. of Vermont
13	Jim Condos - Vt. Secretary of state
20	Win Smith Pres. Sugarbush Resort
27	no meeting - Day before Thanksgiving
Dec. 4	Dave Gavett, Headmaster - Green Mt. School
11	Christmas Party - Common Man Rest.
18	Restaurant Raffle Drawing
25	No Meeting - Christmas Day

Birthdays - Stan Needleman & Sissy Walker Oct. 18 Clayton-Paul Oct. 20

Anniversaries - none this week

Meeting News

Seven tables were filled today with members except for guests Ben White and our speaker Doug Dimento, the director of Communications for Agri-Mark and our speaker today.

Announcements

*Restaurant Raffle - Gene spoke with urgency today as only 15 gift certificates have been received. This project must be finished in December as the YBYI Raffle begins in January.

Our members better get out in force to collect the certificates or the raffle will have to be cancelled..

Jim Leyton has copies of the forms if anyone needs another request form to bring to a restaurant donor.

*BOD today

*Mega Bucks - \$684. (21 cards remaining in deck) Bob Grant had a shot at it, but drew the jack of diamonds. Better \$5 than nothing.

HAPPY BUCKS

Ken A.- 1) Outhouse being spruced up for service on Edison Pond in Jan.
2) Father-in-laws' funeral at Nat. Cemetery (Rotarians attended)
Chris. P - Happy Doug Dimento is speaker today
Jim L. - Going to Big Apple for grandson's 4th birthday
John Daniell - just happy
Gene - oldest person in race (came in last)
Monk – Jane's brother coming from Oregon to Hanover, NH
Wayne F. - New house near J. Mansfield's.
Karl Klein - 89 Yr. old parents flying here from Florida
Dinsmore - Fabulous Mad Dash - thanked Rotarians for help in race
Al. B - celebrated wed. anniv. at Chef's Table of the Common Man Rest.
Dave E. - Leaving for Baltimore to visit daughter & others
Clayton-Paul - going to Ferrari factory in Italy @ Christmas time
Jim Groom - 10 yr old grandson finished 21st in 10K race
Tom Byrne - Red Sox won!
Bob Holden - 1) visited Eli in Rochester, NY 2)Oct. 15th - Last day for delayed inc. tax returns

PROGRAM

Chris Pierson introduced Doug. Dimento, who will tell us about the Agri-Mark Farmers' COOP and their connection to Cabot Cheese.

They have 1,250 members in Vt. & NY. The COOP is picking up more members in N.Y. as a lot of Vt. farms are going out of business. VT. & Maine still have the largest number of farmers in N.E.

The offices of Agri-Mark are moving into MR Park, Waitsfield, in the Spring of 2014. Since they merged with Cabot they have grown about 50% a year and now have 900 employees..

The difference of this COOP and other milk handlers is that Agri-Mark returns 100% of the profits to the farmers. All get the same rate, regardless of size.

The COOP farmers are better off than the farmers outside of the COOP. AGRI-Mark takes excess milk out of the mkt. to keep prices up. The use of milk depends on whether school is in session, causing big swings in the usage.

Rising prices, such as gas and electricity are hard on the farmers and they need the COOP to smooth out the cycle.

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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