

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	Deb Van Dyke - Dir. of Global Health Media Project
	19	Judy Reed - Health Measures
	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 : Clayton-Paul, Jr. 10/20; Bob Grant 10/23; Stan Needleman 10/18;
Sissy Walker 10/18

Anniversaries : Ron & Hilda 10/20

Meeting News

Mother Nature is getting an early start on Halloween tricks with a size 4 Earthquake last evening and snow on the mountain. This morning it was below freezing but the sun was brightly shining when we drove to the Inn. We had several guests: Our speakers Kaiya Korb and Eva Frankel, doing a presentation on the Waitsfield School Backback Program, regular visitors John Daniell and John and Caryn Crump.

Doug noted that we had three men wearing ties, shirts and jackets, this prompted a "tie" duel between Bob Holden and John Crump, Jim Leyton added his 2 cents worth also.

Jon Jamieson CIC: Rozalia Project has been running at full tilt all summer and we are still in action cleaning Vermont's waterways of marine debris mostly caused by Irene and the flooding events of last year. It is incredible how much there is...though there is less now. We have picked up 368,927 pieces of marine debris weighing 71.6 tons along Vermont's shorelines as of last week and have put 41 Vermonters who needed work, back to work.

We have even more exciting news - we did get the Basin Program Education Grant. So, combined with the contribution from the Mad River Valley Rotary, we are very excited to kick off our VT education program this winter. We are just finishing up a VT-specific curriculum and will start visiting schools with our fun and engaging presentation in January!

Ken Amann thanked all the people who pitched into help last Sunday with transporting and cutting wood. (See article in the Valley Reporter)

Dinsmore announced Mountain Bike event to be held on Nov. 8th

Flu shots will be given at Evergreen Place on Thursday, Oct. 25th from 1:30 - 2:30 P.M.

*Restaurant Raffle - Gene announced that 63 restaurants are involved and we needed 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.

It turns some of the restaurants on the list are closed, reducing the list to 50. So far we have only 34 restaurants committed. Gene will send out emails today to the members who have not been able to get their restaurants signed up.

Jim Leyton told us there will be another debate (candidate speak off) on Oct. 23rd at the Big Picture at 7 PM

*BOD meeting today

Doug called Ken Nadolny and Ken Friedman to the podium and inducted Ken Nadolny into our club. Ken Friedman (his sponsor) struggled to pin the membership button on Ken N's shirt. Congratulations to both Kens.

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

*Mega Bucks - \$475 to winner. Our guest, Kaiya Korb pulled Eva Frankel's ticket out of the hat. Eva got the consolation prize of \$5 when she drew the 9 of spades.

*Happy Bucks

Sissy - looking forward to celebrating her birthday tomorrow

Jim Leyton - Will see his great grandson in NYC this weekend

John Daniell - Enjoying beautiful fall foliage

Billy Brauer - Back from road trip around Lake Ontario

Gene - going to Notre Dame football game tomorrow

John Crump - grateful to have known Fat Weston

Ralph - 4 sons to help Sissy celebrate her birthday

Bob Holden - wearing tie to meet important client

Al Barillaro - white stuff on the ski trails

Stan - birthday !

David K. - 6 great Interact kids from Hardwood (helped with firewood)

Ken Amann - thanks for all with the firewood

David Babic - Appreciate all the help with Restaurant Raffle

PROGRAM

Sissy introduced Kaiya Korb (principal) and Eva Frankel, (school nurse) and directors of the Backpack Program at the Waitsfield Elementary School.

They informed us that 24% of the W.E.S. students are eligible for free and reduced lunch; most of these students receive lunch and breakfast at school each school day.

The Backpack Program gives these children adequate nourishment over the weekends.

While the hours of the food shelf are expanding, many of our student's families are not able to access the food shelf. Food security is an issue for some students. Hungry kids are not prepared to learn.

Beginning in October 2011, on Fridays the shopping bags are packed with non-perishable food from the supplies delivered monthly and stored at the school. The shopping bags are packed into backpacks and given to the children's classrooms by the school staff at the end of the day. Extra food is sent home over vacations and holidays.

Funding

Each Backpack costs \$8/ student- week. Anticipated costs for this year are \$3,840.

In its initial year the program was generously funded by the MRV Rotary Club, MR Community Fund, the Interfaith Council and private donations. Since they overestimated expenses the first year, they have been able to use the extra money to pay for the second year. While they continue to look for private donations, they anticipate that they will need a sponsor or two to keep this critical program going, as the need is growing during this bad economy.

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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