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Vocational Service - A time to highlight Rotary's contribution to the 2nd Ave. of Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

October 28 Stan Needleman- RI International personnel

Nov. 4 Pat Pinkston - Interact Group from Harwood HS

11 Betty Maguire

18 Audrey Witschi

25 no meeting (day before Thanksgiving)

Dec. 2 Wini Thorsen

9 Christmas Party at Timbers 6 PM

16 Restaurant Raffle Drawing

Rosemarie White - Alan Day Bank Economist (open date)

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.

Birthdays: Leon Bruno 10/27; Bob Grant 10/23

No anniversaries this week

Meeting News

Editor's note: It was so dark this morning that I needed to use a flashlight to walk my dog before the meeting. We had two guests today: Gary Plewak and (don't mention my name – John Daniell). The meeting was quick as there isn't much going on at this time of year. The Restaurant Raffle tickets should be ready by next week, then sign-up sheets will be passed around for selling tickets.

Dave Koepele mentioned that the BOD met last week and approved proposed Chris Kirchen for membership in our club. If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the board from any member of our club within 7 days following this notice, Chris Kirchen, shall be considered elected to membership, upon payment of dues.

The BOD also set Dec. 9th for our Christmas party. No donations were voted on this session.

Announcements

Dave told us that we will be returning to the Inn sometime in November.

Leon Bruno asked for help to spruce up the Food Shelf in Waitsfield this weekend. It needs painting.

Stan Needleman reminded us that he is the temporary treasurer until Dave Ellison returns. If attendees did not pay for breakfast, give the fee to him at the end of the meeting.

Peter Laskowski - The Waitsfield Historical Society is sponsoring a dinner on Wed. October 28th; cost is \$35. Call Peter if interested.

Jim Leyton noted that the Rotary International Foundation is the primary source for international service and over the years they have donated 600 million dollars for various causes.

Jim Leyton continues his drive for EREY and praised Heli for giving him \$100 to start on his 2nd Paul Harris fellowship.

Bruce Bertholon followed suit and wrote a check for \$100 for his entry into the EREY group.

Mega Bucks - \$873 - Joe Koch won the pot 12 years ago; had another try today but was unsuccessful this time - got a mere \$5.

Happy Bucks

Jim Groom - Sitting at adult table

Audrey Witschi - transporting cars

Betty Maguire - Christening for new niece, Fiona

Ken Friedman - Thrilled over the Yankees.

Joe Klimek - Spent week in Sonoma tasting grapes

Tom Byrne 1) Next week in Verona 2) then in Rome 3) will miss rest of World Series playoffs

Leon Bruno - Saw our Rotary President on ch. 44

Bob Holden - Final individual tax filing done

Joe Koch - won megabucks 12 years ago

Monk Bancroft - 4 day weekend in Hanover

Peter Laskowski - Daughter going to ski camp in Switzerland, Peter and Blaine plan to visit.

Len Rubin - Given rumors that he and Al Barillaro are not friends, Len stated that he is Al's only friend.

Carol Hosford - went to Brooklyn

John Mansfield - back from latest trip

Sissy Walker - going to Marblehead for 75th birthday

Jim Leyton - Jackie and he had delicious dinner at Terra Rosa and heard Karl Klein sing.

Al Barillaro - Happy he knows Len.

Gene Scarpato - Now that he agreed to be chairman of You Bet Your Ice, he is asking for a lot of help as he is new on the job.

Caryn Crump - going to see daughter in Boston

Ralph - Happy to have found a \$ he didn't know he had paid for Happy bucks and doesn't have it anymore.

Doug Stoehr's Classification Speech

Note - uncommon name - German ancestry- his great grandfather emigrated to the US from Berlin in 1882. Settled in St. Louis and became a publisher of the German language newspaper.

Doug was born in St. Louis and from early on had baseball in his blood. Became a National league fan - Cardinals, Pirates and Mets. 1960 World Series- as a 12 year old boy attended a game in Pittsburgh (Pirates) and New York (Mets)

Then his family moved to Connecticut and he attended H.S. and met sweetheart, Susan, whom he later married in 1970. He attended college in Worcester, Ohio and received an MBA from Indiana U.

Most of his career spent with Philips Electronics. He worked in automotive electronics a VP Human Resources and Quality Improvement; had responsibilities in N.A., Europe and the Far East. Felt lucky to be exposed to many different cultures.

The division he worked in was sold to Siemens in 2001 and he commuted to Detroit from Conn. for 2 years and then made a relocation choice.

He entered the HR consulting field and was able to volunteer in a number of organizations; joined the Board of Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern Conn and later became Executive Director and joined New London Rotary Club.

He first skied at Sugarbush around 1965 and has been coming regularly with his wife and 2 daughters since 1985. Susan and Doug bought a condo at Mt. Ellen in 2005 to check the area out as a retirement place. They loved it and now are just completing a home in Warren and plan to move in by Oct. 28th.

Faith has been an important part of his life. Susan and he are pleased to have found a church in Warren. He has sung in church choirs for 30 years and now has joined the mad River Chorale.

His wife is a retired school librarian and is volunteering in the Warren Library.

They have both been very touched by the warmth and sincerity of so many people in our area that they have met during the last few months. It has helped with their transition to a new life.

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