**THE VALE NEWS**

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Vocational Service - a time to highlight Rotary’s contribution to the second Avenue of Service

**Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

Oct. 22nd Kurt Gruending - WCVT Communication Update

      29th Tyler Maves - True North

Nov.  5th  Laura Sabin- Marijuana policy in VT

       12th Robert Fleming - Malayaka House Ugandan Orphanage -

       19th Marilyn Bedell - Rotary Foundation How they use our money

       26th No meeting (Thanksgiving)

Dec.  3rd Jeff Lynn - Bridge St. Butchery

       10th Christmas Party

       17th  Bertil Agell

       24th  Christmas Holiday -  No meeting

       31st New Year’s Eve holiday - No meeting

Jan.  7th Brian Kravitz - Coordinator - Rest. Drawing

      14th Open

    21st Betty Keller MD

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

Approved donations at last BOD Meeting: Camp Ta-Cum-Ta $1,000; Interact Club (at Harwood H.S.) $100

**Meeting News**

Wayne Foster led the meeting today.  In spite of the dismal weather we had a lot of guests: exchange students - Emily Chen,(Taiwan), Jose Gabriel Tomarzelle Silvo (Brazil), Vilmos Zatiik (Hungary), Andrew Cunningham (host family), Margaret DeFoor, prospective member) and our speaker, Kurt Gruendling from the Telephone Company and John Daniell’s last appearance for this year: he returns to Connecticut on Sat.

**Announcements**

\*Restaurant Raffle run by Dave Babic & Gene Scarpato.

They gave everyone copies of the letter that had been sent out to all prospective donor Restaurants.  They asked each member to take at least one and follow up with a visit to that restaurant. Some of the gift certificates have been returned. Five more restaurants were assigned. They can’t print the tickets until they get all the signed commitments

Raffle Drawing set for Jan 7, 2015

\*Tom Byrne announced the presentations of the Eleva Chamber Players

Global Folk, Old World inspired pieces Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014, 7:30 PM,  Waterbury Congregational Church, Sunday, Nov. 9th, 2014, 3:00 PM, First Church Universalist of Barre, 19 Church St., Barre, Vt.

\*Sam Nishi told us that on Oct. 29th, the Interact Club is asking our members to hire them for odd jobs.  The pay they receive will be donated to worthy causes. Joe Goldstein will email the details (including who to contact) to all the members

\*Senior Center (Evergreen Place) is serving breakfasts on Mondays only.  Not enough people showed up on Thursdays

\*Christmas Party will be on Dec. 10th. No arrangements have been made yet.

**Mega Bucks**   $220.  Jack Miner drew the 6 of diamonds for the usual $5

**Happy Bucks**

Jim Leyton - business is good

John Daniell - Happy to be here but leaving for Conn. on Sat.

Ken Friedman - Back from Barcelona

Tom Byrne - Happy raking: golf clubs to N.C. for 10 days

Ken Amann - Happy to see grandchild

Karl - Happy to help at Camp Ta-Kum-Ta

Betty - Thankful the garage door was open when she backed out of the garage

Al B. - Camp Ta-Kum-Ta work outing  2) hockey 3) MRG party

Gordon - Great dinner at MRG Base Lodge

Ken A (again) good dinner at MRG

Monk - Back after missed mtg.  Jane doing well

Larry Ryan - Happy Ruth Ann recovering nicely from her fall.

Jack Miner - Happy barn is buttoned up.

Stan Needleman - 2 weeks from election day.

**PROGRAM**

Lorraine introduced her boss, Kurt Gruendling, the V.P. of marketing and public relations of the Telephone company of MRV and Champlain Valley

When he received his NBA, his friends went to work on Wall St. but he enjoyed the country life.  Everything was changing in the 110th year of this family owned business.

He showed a 6 minute video of customers reviews.  They have the most rural customers compared with the International companies they are competing with.

They have invested a lot of money for high-tech equipment in the last 3 years in order to give their customers fast reliable service with the best fiber-optics available.  They have increased their broad band coverage to NYC & Boston.  They do an incredible business between Christmas and New Year.

                            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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