

## **THE VALE NEWS**

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Rotary Theme Topic for October - Vocational Service

### **Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

Oct 31 Gary Plewak - Fran - MRV Gardeners

Nov. 7 Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom. (at business location)

14 David Babic Ryan Nelson Soc. Sec. & Annuities

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 Restaurant Raffle Drawing (Winners selection)

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: Leon Bruno 10/27, Heli Hietzker 10/28

Anniversaries: none this week

### **Meeting News**

Small gathering at the Inn on this nice brisk Fall day. Our guests were John Daniell (his last visit before he returns to Connecticut for the winter), exchange students Pablo, from Argentina, Vjera, from Croatia, (Nicholas from Chile could not come as he was injured yesterday playing soccer) and our speaker, Dori Ross from Tonewood, a producer of premier Maple products.

Doug reminded us that in 2 weeks we will have our meeting at the Waitsfield Telephone Co. as part of our program to hold meetings at local businesses.

\*Restaurant Raffle - Gene announced that 50 restaurants are committed and we still need 10 of them to sign the gift certificates before we print the 1,500 tickets. Gene has contacted Mehurons and Shaws to get permission for us to sell raffle tickets in front of their premises for the next 7 weeks.

Ken Friedman told us about the project in Honduras that we are doing with another Rotary club. So far only 2 people have showed a willingness to go to Honduras for 2 weeks and perform construction work. Cost for food and lodging will be approx. \$1,200. He will send out an email to the club members with all the details.

In the future R.I. will fund bigger projects of \$15,000.

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

\*Mega Bucks \$520 to winner. John Hale drew the 6 of diamonds and donated his \$5 to the club

\*Happy Bucks

John Hale - happy to donate his Megabuck \$5

John Daniell - last day with us this season

Monk - Most of yard work done

Stan - Thankful election campaigning is almost over.

Jim Leyton - only 2 weeks until Election Day

Jack Simko - 2 well adjusted grandchildren in school

Dave Koepele - 1) moving to Boise, Idaho 2) Detroit Tigers in World Series

Gene - great trip to grandchild's college (Notre Dame)- Saw football game and happy that Notre Dame won.

Al Barillaro and Betty - happy.

## **PROGRAM**

Joe Goldstein told us that he met Dori Ross thru his 2 daughter's piano lessons. Perhaps she gave him some samples of her fancy maple sugar products.

Dori said she learned about Rotary on the Website how we are making the whole world a better place to live.

She used her marketing background to create this business (Tonewood ) in Vermont 7 months ago.

History: she came from a farm in Canada where her aunt and uncles had farms with maple sugar operations. Maple sugar was brought to Vermont by native Americans. Cabot was an early sugar maker in 1800 with a farm on Bragg Hill. It has been worked for 5 -6 generations. It is comparable to wine making; quality comes from the soil and the environment but it takes 40 years for a tree to produce enough sap to produce syrup. It takes 40 gallons of sap to produce 1 gallon of syrup.

Editor's note: I bet Joe Klimek is glad that he did not have to wait that long to produce wine!

Prices are very volatile, a bad year brings high prices; a good year decreases prices. Now some of the product is stored in a good year to level the price.

In Vermont the syrup is graded into A & B; A is premium, B is for cooking.

Canada uses a different system, combining grades and not all is pure maple.

She buys only the best “fancy” grade for her products. Vermont maple has a high sugar content making it thick.

With modern technology, reverse osmosis is used to remove some of the water content from the sap flowing into the evaporator,

Tonewood is sponsoring a Tree Adoption program to protect small scale producers by giving them the added financial security they need to commit to the expensive, specialized and labor intensive work of maple production.

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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