

THE VALE NEWS

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New generations Youth Services - a time to highlight Rotary's commitment to youth

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

- Nov. 2 Foreign Exchange Students Presentations
 9 Billy Brauer - Classification speech
 16 Ben Plewak - Classification speech
 23 No Meeting (Thanksgiving Eve)
 30 Harwood Students talk about Rotary Interact
- Dec. 6 Holiday Party - Terra Rosa Tues. 6 PM Happy Hour
 7 No Meeting
 14 Joe Goldstein Sue Minte, the Deputy Commissioner of Transportation for
 VTRANS.
 21 Brian Crandall
 28 No Meeting until next year

Attention - anyone scheduled in December please let me know before next Wednesday if you can't make this date. Wini 496-6710

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. December is not firm yet. If you want one of those dates, let me know.

Birthdays: Leon Bruno 10/27; Heli Hietzker 10/28; Bob Holden 10/31

Anniversaries: none

Meeting News

The weather may be unusually warm for this time of year, but the daylight is shrinking according to schedule. It was sooo dark this morning, that all the Rotarians walking up the hill to Castle Pub appeared like ghostly figures. Our attendance reached 38 this morning including guests: Benjamin White, Judith Abbott (Sissy's friend and a potential new member), Susan Klein, (the head of the Chamber of Commerce and our speaker today) and John Daniell, who is making his last appearance here until Spring,... he hibernates in Connecticut for the winter.

Announcements

Bob Holden cannot move back into his house as planned on Nov. 1st, as more mold and wet spots have been found still in places in his old farmhouse

Lorraine told us the BOD meets today.

Carol Hosford -reported:

Most homes, businesses, and farms affected by the flood have now completed the initial stages of cleaning up. However, there are numerous homes and businesses that need a variety of things to happen before they reach their "new normal."

Over 150 families Valley-wide applied for FEMA funds. Many of these will be able to meet their needs. But some 15-20 families will need ongoing help. The Flood Recovery Group based at the Masons' Hall has organized thousands of volunteer hours. Now we have formalized a long-term structure composed of a board and committees to complete the work that needs to be done. We need volunteers for several different jobs. Here they are:

1. Construction: Peter Edlund needs people to work with him closing in buildings - sheet rock, nailing down floors, insulating.....
2. Support: Anne Vlahos heads a committee of people who have agreed to work with one or two families over the next 18 months (as needed) to work with them on next steps and refer them to the proper entity to help them out. Training and materials will be provided so you'll know what to do.
3. Documents: Tom Barefoot heads a committee of those who are willing to help people understand a variety of documents they may receive from insurance companies, FEMA, etc.
4. Volunteers are still needed to man the desks at the headquarters. Any amount of time would be welcome. It involves answering phones and referring people to whoever can help them.

Thanks to the Rotarians who volunteered yesterday! If any of the rest of you would like to help, please contact me at [/crhosford@madriver.com/](mailto:crhosford@madriver.com) and I'll pass your name along.

The Big White Pumpkin Raffle raised \$500 and it weighed 75 pounds!

Vermont Life - Autumn issue features Joe Klimek's vineyard

SAVE DECEMBER 6th!!! THAT IS THE DATE OF OUR HOLIDAY PARTY

Jim Leyton informed us (again) how much the Rotary Foundation does for humanity, they sponsor the GSE teams and exchange students, Polio+ and do a huge amount of good in the world. He urged every member to join the plan by contributing \$100/year, then our club will add \$500 for each Paul Harris membership.

The Rotary Leadership Institute will be held on November 5th in Rutland. This is an educational opportunity, especially for those who will assume leadership positions in our club.

2012 Dist. Conference date/location is- May 18 - 20 at Mountain Club on Loon in Lincoln, N.H.- Theme - "Embracing Humanity" Save this date for fun, fellowship and inspiration.

Mini Bucks: Winner's share \$229. Tom Byrne drew a heart picture card and got the \$5 consolation prize.

Happy Bucks:

John Hale - Happy to see Jack Mansfield back

Dave Ellison - Small projects etc.

Larry Ryan - Happy

Bob Holden - Eli in Ithaca and Holdens getting generator for winter

Jack Mansfield - new owner for Hamilton House
Trish - recovering from flood damage
Sissy - Happy to have her friend here (Judith Abbott)
Gene Scarpato - Relieved that Jack Mansfield's heart operation was a success
Tom Byrne - car died on N. Fayston Road. Glad it was a warm sunny day - problem was the fuel pump failed.
Joe Klimek - anticipating seeing mountain capped in white
Stan Needleman - suggests that we combine singing with moment of silence.
(Does he mean we should sing silently?)
Ralph Walker - really happy
Art Conway - Huge turnout for movie (To Kill a Mockingbird)
Audrey Witschi - had a grand trip to France but glad to be back
Susan Klein - has pitch pipe - should use it.
John Daniell - Wished us all the best before he leaves for Connecticut
Al Barillaro - nice time in Florida - now mowing Mansfield's lawn.
Monk - had first guest at their Hanover House.

Program

Art Conway introduced Susan Klein, who runs the Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Susan informed us that she is born and bred in Vermont and now lives in Fayston. She & Karl are going to NYC for Christmas to see a Broadway show.

Just as Carol Hosford reported about the work being done to repair the damage of Irene, the Chamber of Commerce is doing their share

Many people called looking for a place to stay.

The Chamber has over 200 business members and 100 "Friends" who contribute \$100. each.

At least 80% of their Budget is used to promote local events. You can access the Chamber for information on all local events. They interact with Sugarbush for promotional activities.

Weddings are a big source of business for the Mad River Valley.

The Chamber supports many events such as the Mad River Marathon, Opera etc. which bring a lot of visitors to our community. All these events help support the economic health of our community.

On Dec. 13th, there will be a party at Timbers to celebrate the spirit of decorating our area for the holidays.

She thinks the Waitsfield Covered Bridge will be open in 4 - 6 weeks and hopefully all the road construction will be finished before the holidays.

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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