

THE VALE NEWS

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Rotary Theme Topic for October - Vocational Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

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 - at the Round Barn \$40/person
12 Deb Van Dyke - Dir. of Global Health Media Project
19 Restaurant Raffle Drawing (Winners selection)
26 No Meeting - holiday week

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Jan. 2 Assembly Meeting
9 Robin Foster photography

Editor's Note: Please inform Wini (496-6710) of the name of your speaker at least 2 weeks in advance.

Birthdays: Bruce B. 11/06; Bob Holden 11/31 (Halloween) Rose-Marie 11/5

Anniversaries: none this week

Meeting News

It was just an ordinary meeting day, until a large animal in wolf's clothing stalked in growling at everyone. After he sat down to eat, he was forced to remove the wolf head and reveal it was only Bob Holden. Since Bob was born on Halloween, he believes he is destined to put on a fierce costume and scare the daylights out of the neighborhood children. We had two guests: Fran Plewak, the president of the Garden Club and Susan Stoehr, another member of our local garden club. Attendance was pretty good today - 5 full tables

Doug reminded us that next week we will hold our meeting at Waitsfield Telecom as part of our program to have meetings at local businesses. Breakfast will be catered for our usual \$10.00 fee. One of the telecom executives will give us an update on the latest technology incorporated by the phone co.

*Restaurant Raffle - Gene announced that 50 restaurants are participating. He had the envelopes with members names on the outside and raffle tickets on the inside, ready for us to sell this weekend at the usual places. We have 7 weeks to sell the 1,500 tickets. The drawing is scheduled for Dec. 19th. In the meantime, the members are asked to bring the cash from their sales to the next meeting.

Al Barillaro - Al asked members to bring non-perishable food for the needy to the Holiday Party at the Round Barn.

*Mega Bucks \$515 to winner. Art Conway drew the 6 of spades

*Happy Bucks

Tom Byrne - Glad Dave K. not leaving (Dave's son is moving)

Bill Brauer - happy

Jack Miner – visited dad of 100+ years

Ken Amann - another happy fast talker

Monk - Dartmouth seminar on Animal House

Gene and Trish - happy mumblers (please talk slower and louder)

Dave Ellison - had great trip in Maryland; 2) daughter cruising in Gulf of Mexico

Al Barillaro - Thankful we were spared Sandy's path

DOUG - HAPPY TO HAVE WIFE HERE TODAY.

PROGRAM

Doug introduced Fran Plewak, the president of Mountain Gardeners and active in many other local organizations as well.

Fran said the National Garden Club is the largest organization of its kind with 250,000 members in the U.S.

She emphasized they are not just a bevy of ladies having tea parties.

Fran told us their mission is:

The Mountain Gardeners Club is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, to stimulate a knowledge and appreciation of horticulture and flower arrangement, aid in the protection of native trees, plants, birds and wildlife, encourage and promote civic plantings and broaden knowledge of conservation.

We have 45 active members, 8 associates, and were founded in 1992. We plant and maintain about 7 gardens (those beautiful triangles at intersections) in the Mad River Valley, give a scholarship each year, do the centerpieces at the senior center, donate flowers to Meals-on-Wheels clients, etc.

They also offer classes in horticulture, collect pennies and create school gardens.

In 1968 they initiated the law banning billboards, in New England they introduced "Smoky Bear" programs for children.

They raise money thru plant sales; pay \$50 annual dues and give out scholarships. They also donated benches by the river and the Big Picture Park.

They have a new brochure explaining what they do.

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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