

## THE VALE NEWS

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

-----EXTRA - EXTRA EXTRA      BILLY BRAUER WON THE MEGABUCKS POT OF  
\$,1000. this morning!!!- - -

Billy felt that since he was a member such a short time and bought only a few tickets that he would donate \$500 of his prize to Flood Relief. All the members appreciated his generosity and true Rotary Spirit.

### Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

- Oct.      12    Manny Apigian - Peter Boynton  
            19    Wini Thorsen - Acupuncturist (Akhil Kaplan)  
            26    Art Conway - Susan Klein (Chamber of Commerce)
- Nov.      2    Sissy Walker  
            9    Billy Brauer - autobiography speech  
           16    Ben Plewak - Autobiography. speech  
           23    No Meeting (Thanksgiving Eve)  
           30    Ken Friedman
- Dec.      6    Holiday Party - Terra Rosa Tues. Evening  
            7    No Meeting  
           14    Joe Goldstein  
           21    Brian Crandall  
           28    No Meeting until next year

December - 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:      John Crump 10/8

Anniversaries: Al & Ellen Barillaro 10/9/71; Monk & Jane Bancroft 10/7

### Meeting News

This morning it was barely sprinkling and the weatherman had promised us a nice sunny warm day, ergo we have a delightful weekend to look forward to without selling tickets. Our guest speaker, Jennifer Howard from the Valley Players Organization was right on time and ready to tell us all about the theater group

Today the Inn was ready for us, with the silverware, both the coffee and the food hot and steaming when we formed our lines at the buffet table

## **Announcements**

Quick BOD meeting right after regular meeting.

Flu Shots date- TBA - given by CVHHH - Spouses invited - head count needed  
A minimum of 12 is to get CVHHH come.

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.

The committee could not work out an agreement with the district to get a matching grant for our donation of \$1,000 for the Flood Relief. They are finding it difficult to find matching grants.

## **Happy Bucks**

Dave Koepele -Glad to have Monk back  
Al Barillaro - 1) wife glad to be married to Al for 40 years 2)Going to Boston for son's wedding  
John Basille - Happy  
Lorraine - glad to see someone win big Megabucks jackpot  
Monk - sorry to miss two weeks  
Jack Simko - Happy Billy won money  
Ken Amann - glad Monk returned  
Art Conway - Kids packing up car and coming for Thanksgiving  
Billy Brauer Shocked to win the jackpot  
Tom Byrne - wife enjoying vacation in France without him  
Dave Ellison -  
Jennifer told us that the alley Happy Al's wife able to put up with him  
Stan - 19 yr. old grandson taking year off in India  
Clayton-Paul - Going to Boston to look over school for oldest son  
Gary Plewak - Happy to collect "Happies"

## **Program**

Leo Cohen moved into the Valley in 1980 and discovered Jennie Howard and the Valley Players. She has been energizing the theater group all these years.

Jennifer told us that the Valley Players had been in business for 32 years. They started with a small group and performed at first in "The Rocket Bldg." in Warren, then the Gatehouse. Bob Law, Curtis Wright, Tony Egan, Betty Hyde, Ron Court, Malcolm Appleton were a few of the original group who got on stage,

The present day started up in 1979 with "Harvey" in the Fayston Elementary school with Mitchell producing. They started in the black and continued that way. They rented Oddfellows Hall just in time to put on their second show "Cactus Flower".

The first Vermont Playwrights Award of \$1,000 was given in 1983 and funded by a \$10,000 endowment.

The first Cabin Fever was produced in 1986

In 1988 they got a permanent home in the Oddfellows building.

In 1989 they purchased the Mad River Craft's Fair and this enterprise has kept them solvent while they "played".

Since 1979 they have put on 150 productions and events, including 25 Cabin Fevers, 22 Craft Fairs and sponsored many others.

We like having our wonderful theatre used and are glad to lend or rent it out to other groups including children's workshops.

Then she asked how many of us had ever been involved with the VP. She was thrilled when more than 50% raised their hands! She said that confirms that the VP are successful because it is the people of this community who come to the shows, work on or off and back stage. They have over 200 members working and financial and 80 - 100 businesses who are loyal supporters.

They also give back to the community as often as they can, to: the Food Shelf, Annual Harwood Scholarship for Performing Arts, Habitat, etc., etc. Last Year their donations amounted to \$6,400

A few of their amateur performers and/or directors have become famous. David Sardi went on to Hollywood and worked on 55 films as assistant director. Grace Potter performed in a Cabin Fever Follies, now performs professionally and Shaina Taub makes a living as a singer/song writer.

Recent events:

they are repairing and improving their building and now have new neighbors. Oddfellows sold their condo to Stowe Dance who will soon begin a new partnership with the VP.

They do have a wish list: a dry place for costume storage, someone to put together a scrapbook of their past shows, hot water for both bath rooms, refurbish the woodwork in the main room and a few incidentals

Their next show is "The Title of Show"- musical comedy. Next summer, they will put on the Tony Award winning "Avenue Q".

She had a few minutes left for questions and answers.

#### 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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