**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. 8th   Liza Walker - Vt. Land Trust - Conservation in the Valley

15th  Evening Meeting Mad River Glen Ski Area buffet $20/person

          occasion to say farewell to Ralph & Sissy Walker

     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 - N0 meeting

    31st New Year’s Eve holiday - No meeting

Jan. 7th Brian Kravitz - Coordinator

     14th Open

21st Betty Keller, MD

**Birthdays**: Stan Needleman 10/18  - Sissy Walker 10/18 - Clayton-Paul Cormier, Jr. 10/20

**Anniversaries**: Al & Ellen Barillero  10/1971

**Meeting News**

Cool windy, cloudy morning but no frost. Guests today: John Daniell, Sam Nishi (Pres. of the Interact Club at Hardwood H.S.) and Liza Walker, from the Vermont Land Trust organization.

**Announcements**

BOD today following regular mtg.

NO MEETING on the morning of Oct. 15th

\*Oct, 15th will be an evening social, at Mad River Glen. See the email by Al Barillaro for details   Cost $20/person

\*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.

They can’t print the tickets until they get the signed commitments

Raffle Drawing set for Jan 7,2015

\*Doug asked our members to volunteer a work day for Camp

Ta-Kum-Ta on Oct. 14th. We will be carpooling from the Big Picture parking lot at 8:00 AM. We will leave the Camp at around 3:00 PM (arriving back around 4:00 PM).  Weather conditions will determine whether the work will be indoors or outdoors.  Bring tools. Spouses/partners are welcome (please sign them up). Everyone sign up with Doug by October 1.  Get directions from Rose-Marie. Bring lunch. Dinsmore would like to go at 10 AM. If you would like to carpool with her, please contact her directly.

\*Dinsmore

The Mad DASH, on Sunday, October 12th, needs volunteers! Please go to the MRPA website, and sign-up through Volunteer Spot.

\*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 breakfast on Mondays only.  Not enough people showed up on Thursdays

\*Christmas Party will be on Dec. 10th

\*Club donations voted on by the BOD: Valley Players $200; Global Health Media  $1,000

\* **Mega Bucks**  $211 Brian Crandall  used the opportunity to draw the 6 of diamonds for the usual $5.

\***Happy Bucks**

Ken Nadolny - new baby in the family - a grand niece

Dave. E. - going with Janet to Italy for 3 weeks

Brian C. - 5 grandchildren & is happy

Jack Mansfield - houseful of kids coming today

Jim Leyton - niece from Israel with son visiting

Doug Stoehr - Successfully got daughter married in Ca.

Gene Scarpato - Virginia now has one good foot. Other still in recovery

Gary Plewak - Enjoyed drinking beer at the Stowe October Fest

Clayton-Paul - volunteered at October Fest

John Daniell - happy

Bob Holden - They brought out more bacon for him(otherwise he would suffer from withdrawal symptoms)

Carol Hosford - went to Brooklyn to take care of grandsons. Grandson doing well after surgery

Betty - just happy

Tom Byrne - avoided traffic by going to Stowe via back roads

Stan N. - happy faces so magnificent

Al Barillaro - $ from Ellen happy to be married to for Al for 43 yrs.  Al & Ellen hiked to Sunset Ridge.

**PROGRAM**

Vermont Land Trust presentation by Liza Walker

The Vermont Land Trust is a private Non-Profit organization, established in 1977. Has a staff of 40 spread over 7 regions, with over 5,000 members.  They completed over 1,500 projects and conserved 525,000 acres.

The MRV Farmland Conservation Program was created at an open Meeting on Sat. Nov, 5,1983 at the Fayston Town Hall.

They accomplish a lot of their programs by working with the Conservation  Partnership, the Vt. Land Trust, The Vt. Planning District, Friends of MR and others.

They get donations of easements, bequests of land, purchases of land, purchases of conservation easements.  All these activities help Vermont landowners protect their land.

When a farm is for sale, they purchase it and hold on to it until they can locate another farmer to take it over, thus preserving the rural land and preventing it from going into developments. They show people new techniques to make farms affordable.

They also create public trails, agricultural land, forests & sugarbush as well as historic resources.  Thus farming is a major component of the MRV economy - a legacy of diverse and rural landscapes a “British Countryside”.

                            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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