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Rotary Theme Topic for October - Vocational Service - a time to highlight Rotary's contribution to the second Avenue of Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Oct. 9 Robert Roper - Pres. Ethan Allen Inst.

16 Doug Dimento - Dir. Communications - Agri-Mark

23 Grace Butler - Interact Club - status & projects

30 Win Smith, Pres. Sugarbush Resort

Nov. 6 Phil Scott - Lt. Gov. of Vermont

13 Jim Condos - Vt. Sect'y. of state

20 open

27 no meeting - Day before Thanksgiving

Dec. 4 Dave Gavett, Headmaster - Green Mt. School

11 Christmas Party - Commom Man Rest.

18 Restaurant Raffle Drawing

25 No Meeting - Christmas Day

Birthdays - none this week **Anniversaries** - Al & Ellen Barillaro 10/9/71

Meeting News

The violent thunderstorm late on Monday afternoon took down a lot of the beautiful foliage but there is still a lot left for the leaf peepers to view. Only 2 guests today, Ben White and our speaker Rob Roper

Announcements

- * Mad Dash Volunteers needed to work at the Mad Dash, the morning of October 13 (Sunday). Anyone interested should contact Dinsmore Fulton.
- *Restaurant Raffle Gene distributed more letters for members to use when visiting restaurants to collect gift certificates. The certificates are needed before the tickets are printed (in 2 weeks)
- * A Special BOD met after last meeting to reduce the number of tickets printed for the Rest. Raffle this year.
- *Last week the club gave a party to Heli & Gail Hietzker to honor them for all the time and effort they have donated for the benefit of our community. They are

moving to Middlebury in November and will be sorely missed by many people. It was a big success - over 70 people came to pay tribute to the Hietzkers.

*Heli - Thanks for making the Rotary Quarterly evening event a party for Gail & me. We appreciate the kind words, the gifts and the gathering of friends.

The Valley has been a special place for us the past 16 years and the MRV Rotary Club has played a major role in our lives. Thanks again for a great evening and for not roasting me too badly.

BOD next week.

We will have a member discussion on how we may use the WEB to sell raffle tickets and reduce the number of hours that members have to sell tickets at various locations in the Mad River Valley

*Mega Bucks - \$664. (22 cards remaining in deck) Manny had the chance today, but could not find the joker.

HAPPY BUCKS

several people with multiple "Happies" today. Notes provided by Karen W.

Manny - attended 45th alumni reunion and parade. When in college he said "I'll never get that old" Norwich grad.

Tom Byrne - new puppy golden doodle doing well. 2) Red Sox won last night Stan N. - Voted for Bond issue

John Daniell - NE. has several small Indian tribes. One chief while giving a talk, was asked what he thought of teams named after tribes. He said his favorite was the Red Skins.

Rob. Roper - Stow Octoberfest - huge success. Note. First winner of the raffle was the head of the Octobrerfest; second winner - was in charge of the raffle! Bob Holden - going to see Eli in Rochester

Monk 1)Trip to Vinyard - Dartmouth classmates 2)Golf course he went to in Japan will be the Olympic course.

Dave Ellison - long delayed - enclosing work space in garage

Doug Stoehr - going to Block Island

Heli - 1) Good Moving sale 2) No "roasts" at party last week. Thanked everyone for coming.

Dinsmore - new bride & groom coming to wedding

Wayne Foster - Sold home on Boston

Art - Back from Yellowstone before it closed

Al Barillaro - Great job by MR Glen for the party. 2) Ellen lucky to celebrate 45th anniversary with him 3) Grandson not greatest grandchild in world anymore, must share honor with new sister, Alice.

PROGRAM

Bob Roper, the president of Ethan Allen Inst. spoke to us about their mission -

A Triumph of Liberty thru Free Market Orientation

They feel that Free Market Capitalism is the foundation of the U.S. It is what makes our country so great. This does not mean huge corporations who have a monopoly over trade.

Capitalism needs money that can be used to produce further wealth. It depends on wealth to create charity. In a capitalist system, people can engage in peaceful voluntary exchanges free from force or fraud.

Humans form governments to preserve property rights.

Commerce, not foreign aid gets people out of poverty. Our government protects us from having a man with a club stealing our belongings. What happens when the government becomes the holder of the club (thief) or when the state collects taxes to redistribute wealth?

Welfare is a cause of poverty; free market capitalism is an antidote to poverty.

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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