**THE VALE NEWS**

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Foundation - a time to highlight our commitment to the work of the Rotary Foundation

**Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

Nov. 12th Jon Jamieson  - MRV Community Fund

        19th Marilyn Bedell  - Rotary Foundation How they use our money

        26th no meeting (Thanksgiving)

Dec.   3rd Jeff Lynn - Bridge St. Butchery

        10th Christmas Party at 5:30 PM - Terra Rosa

17th  Bertil Agell

        24th  Christmas Holiday -  N0 meeting

        31st New Year’s Eve holiday - No meeting

Jan.  7th Brian Kravitz - Coordinator - Rest. Drawing

      14th Open

    21st Betty Keller MD

**Birthdays:** none this week

**Anniversaries:**  Gary & Fran Plewak 11/17/71

**Meeting News**

Rainy weather greeted us this morning. Our guests were: Jon Jamieson, Andrew Cunningham and our 3 exchange students: Jose Silva (Brazil), Emile Chen (Taiwan) and Vilmos Zatric (Hungary)

Gary Plewak led the meeting today.

**Announcements**

\*Restaurant Raffle run by Dave Babic & Gene Scarpato.

So far 45 certificates received., 10 more must be turned in ASAP

The tickets have been printed and distributed to members who were present.  The goal set for this raffle is $6,000.  In addition to the usual weekend selling places Dave brought in a list of events where there will be long lines of people:

Waitsfield Elementary School SKI & SKATE SALE

Nov 15 & 16th    9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  (Sat & Sun)

Thank-you business size cards were distributed to members to give to participating restaurants when dining at these establishments.

Raffle Drawing set for Jan 7, 2015

\* Two new members have been proposed for membership in our club and will be discussed at the Next BOD.  They will have to go thru the usual protocol.  Approval by the BOD, an announcement in the Newsletter to inform all the members, then upon payment of dues they will become members.

\* Rotary Foundation Month - Jim Leyton reminded us:EREY (Every member pays installments of $100/year towards a Paul Harris pin

 \*Senior Center (Evergreen Place) is serving breakfasts on Mondays only.  Not enough people showed up on Thursdays.

\*Christmas Party will be on Dec. 10th at the Terra  Rossa Restaurant. $42/person for dinner. Cash Bar. Gordon Hoare was accepting checks today in lieu of Al’s absence.

**Mega Bucks:**   $280 -Henri was excited to have his ticket selected but let down when he picked the 3 of hearts for a mere $5.

**Happy Bucks:**

Ken Amann - 1) waiting for grandchld to come into this world  2)Insulating foam being added to his house for a warmer winter

Rose-Marie - Her daughter is manager of the Christmas Carol Play at Harwood H.S. this year

Jon Jamieson - here today to talk about the MRV Community Fund

Jim Leyton- Thrilled to be walking & talking

Joe Klimek - happy grape production

Jack Mansfield - Just happy

Dave Ellison 1) Vacation in Italy fun 2)thanks for all the condolences

Bob Holden - glad to see exchange students attending our meeting

Jack Simko - visit to Spain

Monk - Back from visiting friends in the Albany- Schenetady area

Henri - big business today - made $4

Tom Byrne - good time visiting dad in N.C.

Art Conway - 13 yr. old freshman made varsity

Dave K. - happy

Betty - Happy for Monk in Schnectady

Doug S. - wishes Ken were more exuberant

**PROGRAM**

Jon Jamieson:

In 1989 there was a lady in the MRV who had multiple sclerosis and was in a wheel chair. She did not have the money to make her mortgage payments.  Some friends got together and organized a fund raiser to save her from eviction.

It was very successful and the organizing group realized there might be others who fall in the gap between state/federal assistance and have no other means/family of support. That is how the MRV Community Fund got started.

They provide financial assistance to individuals or families living in the MRV, who are suffering economic hardship thru no fault ot their own. There are state and federal programs designed to support the disadvantaged but virtually all of these programs are long term.  Sometimes people fall thru the cracks or suffer from circumstances that don’t fit any government guidelines.

The mission of the MRV Community Fund is to act as a bridge to ease unexpected circumstances, not to provide continuing support.  They pay fuel bills (deal with local companies). They contribute to the Food Shelf.  They aid in transportation for people with low paying jobs.

They have received a generous offer from a long-time benefactor: he will donate up to $400,000 in matching funds for every dollar raised before January 15,2015!

YOUR DONATION WILL COUNT DOUBLE THIS YEAR.

Please help make a difference.

MVR Community Fund

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                            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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