

THE VALE NEWS

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Rotary Theme Topic for November – Foundation - a time to highlight our commitment to the work of the Rotary Foundation

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Nov.	20	Win Smith, Pres. Sugarbush Resort
	27	no meeting - Day before Thanksgiving
Dec.	4	Dave Gavett, Headmaster - Green Mt. School
	11	Christmas Party - Common Man Rest.- 6 PM
	18	Open
	25	No Meeting - Christmas Day
2014		
Jan.	1	New Year's Day - no meeting
	8	Rest. Raffle Drawing
	15	Jennifer Reading - Anchor Person
	22	Election of officers - Jim Reagan, classification Speech
	29	Open

Birthdays - Monk Bancroft 11/19

Anniversaries - Gary & Frances Plewak 11/17/71

Meeting News

Best description of this morning is BRRRRRR!!! as we slid around on the thin coat of ice and snow in the parking lot. Only guest today is Jim Condos, the Vt. Secretary of state.

Announcements

*Gene - Restaurant Raffle. 49 prizes have been received for 45 restaurants. Raffle tickets distributed to the members today as well as venue assignments for the weekend.

*Committee to select people for the 2014 - 2015 slate of officers is meeting after our regular meeting this morning. Anyone interested in being on the Board should make this known to the nominators.

*Jim Reagan helping with publicity for our club taped Jim Condos speech today.

*Carol Hosford we will not have a speech contest this year because no high schoolers signed up. I'll be working with Steve Rand, chair of the English department, to see if we can figure out a way to stir up more interest next year.

*BOD meeting next week

***Mega Bucks** \$781 - Joker eluded Al Barillaro again today as he drew the king of hearts. (only 16 cards left in the deck)

Happy Bucks

Jim Leyton - delighted to have Jim Condos here today.

Dave Koepele - Glad to be home again after long road trip

Stan N. -Had lots of Wednesday dental appointments lately but not today.

Al Barillaro - More about wonderful grandchildren

Gary Plewak - happy

Tom Byrne - Happy about Red Sox

Chris P. - Happy about weather for economy's sake, going to escape to warmer climate for 2 weeks for his sake

Monk - broke record for number of events attended in one day at Dartmouth.

Dave E. - New workroom organized,

Gene - Grateful all the members will help to make the restaurant raffle a success.

Manny - Reminder - Holiday Party will be on Dec. 11th

Program

Manny introduced Jim Condos, the Vt. Secretary of State. Jim has been a Vermonter since his 4th birthday and held numerous positions in the Vermont state government. His family moved here to have a better life for their children.

In 2010 he was elected to his present position.

He asked his staff to get better organized and be able to respond more quickly to the public. He wanted them service oriented and to connect to the public.

Their department receives annual reports on all businesses. This process has now been computerized. They are also working on updating the election process to make it more accurate and reliable. Now registration can be done on line.

The state will not accept a vote by phone. They require a hard copy for security for absentee votes. Carolina had a problem as some people who mailed in votes ahead of time were dead by election day,

Another function of the state dept. is to issue and renew licenses for everything that requires a license. They have increased the number of professions that require licenses to protect the public. A board of peers decides whether or not to grant a license.

State archives are being updated. Some of the old maps go back to 1927
In 1976 transparency - access to public records was updated.

They try to have elections fair and free with access to government activities.

He states that a politician can't please everybody all the time - just be honest when you state your position and people will respect you.

If you don't vote, don't complain about what the government is doing!

Thanks Jim for informing us about the state department's functions.

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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