

## **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. 23 No Meeting (Thanksgiving Eve)  
30 Harwood Students talk about Rotary Interact + Henri Ribas presentation & Q & A
- Dec. 6 Holiday Party - Terra Rosa Tues. 6 PM Happy Hour  
7 No Meeting  
14 Joe Goldstein - Sue Minter, Deputy Commissioner of Transportation for VTRANS.  
21 Brian Crandall  
28 No Meeting until next year

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 21 is not firm yet. If you want that date, let me know.

Birthdays: Monk 11/19 Judy Reed 11/20

Anniversaries: Gary & Frances Plewak 11/17

### **Meeting News**

Brilliant sunshine this morning. The sun must have gotten into the chef's eyes as breakfast was a little late. We had several guests: Benjamin White, Harland Goodwin from the Salvation Army, Steve Dates and Fritz Horton, members of the Charlotte/Shelburne Rotary Club. Glad to see Henri is back from his vacation in France.

Steve Dates presented our club with a check for \$1,000 from the Charlotte /Shelburne Rotary Club for the MRV Flood Relief Fund.

### **Announcements**

Lorraine gave Sal Spinosa his badge and welcomed him into our club.

NO MEETING NEXT WEEK

ON THE 30TH WE WILL BE MEETING AT THE INN AGAIN

Lorraine thanked Jack Miner for setting up a new website for us.

BOD meeting immediately following our regular meeting today.

Annual MRV Rotary Christmas Card. Wini collected 29 signatures and \$145 this morning and will continue at the next meeting. Before Christmas the card will be e-mailed to all our members and the money will purchase food for 3 Christmas baskets to needy families.

Al Molnar expects to move into his new condo in Middlebury before the end of the year, then Joe Goldstein will be his replacement on the board.

Sad News - Len Rubin has sent in his resignation due to ill health and old age.

Al Barillaro is collecting checks and menu choices for our holiday party. See his e-mail for details Cost \$40/person, cash bar. Deadline is Nov. 30th

Bob Holden - update on repair of his house in Moretown. Things are going a little slower than he expected but he says he is sleeping in his house on Saturday night, come hell or high water. He is still asking us to help him move stuff from his barn to his home and will send the members an e-mail when the house is ready to receive the furniture.

Sal Spinosa reported that the Waitsfield Bridge will be open in 3 - 7 days definitely by Thanksgiving! This makeshift bridge will last until Spring, when a permanent one will be installed. Bridge street will be paved today.

YBYI project.

Gene brought in his miniature Outhouse and showed us all its amenities (pin-up poster, outside shower, flashlight etc.)

Ken Amann told us he had obtained approval for our selling venues and approval for the sponsors. He will soon be handing out sign-up sheets.

2012 District 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.

Mini Bucks - Winner's share \$290. Billy Brauer did not find the joker this time, just the 9 of spades and used his \$5. to sign the Rotary Christmas card.

Happy Bucks.

Wayne - Happy to be back

Vicki - Painting the Inn finished until Spring.

Joe Klimek - Billy did not win today  
Al Barillaro - Temperature dropping. Time to make snow  
John Crump - approved for repair work in the Spring  
Sal - Happy not sitting next to Wini. Wini costs him \$  
Joe Goldstein - a friend won Jeopardy  
Gene - going to watch Macy's parade. His grandson is marching in it.  
Jim Leyton - going to NYC for Thanksgiving. Jackie allowed to shop for 1/2 day  
Dave Ellison - Janet going to Baltimore for a few days. Daughter coming home for Thanksgiving  
Bob Holden 1) Going to Massachusetts to have Thanksgiving dinner with son's girlfriend's parents 2) Norwich Hockey team starting home games  
Jack Miner - going to Oregon to visit son's family  
Betty - Happy to see Gene's outhouse back  
Vickie - happy

## **Program**

Ben Plewak's Classification Speech.

Ben was born in NJ in 1976 (a bicentennial baby) Then his family moved to New Canann, Ct. when Ben was in 2nd grade.

They had a ski house at MR Glen, skied weekends and spent summers in the Valley where he developed love of nature.

He joined the Boy Scouts and earned the order of the arrow, Helped out in Habitat projects ex- helped clean up after Irene.

Graduated from NCHS where he received a music award for sax and was a member of a jazz band. His major was Biological Foundations of Behavior. Spent his junior year in Botswana where he studied ecology and volunteered with Habitat building bricks in Serowe. Did some grad school work in biology at UNV, in Reno.

He got a few jobs doing biology research but they did not pay enough  
Bad News - His marriage did not work out.  
Good News - It produced a son, whom he adores.

Got a job as territory manager for various manufacturer's representative firms for 7 years. Then his divorce coincided with a layoff from his employer.

He returned to the Valley and is now working with his father as an account manager for Westport Funding where he works with companies to finance equipment purchases, especially renewable energy firms.

Hobbies - NFL, birding, gardening, skiing, saxophone, art, music , etc.

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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