

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. 25 no meeting (day before Thanksgiving)

Dec. 2 Wini Thorsen- Jim Parker - Scuba Diving & Cave exploration

9 Christmas Party at Timbers 6 PM

16 Restaurant Raffle Drawing

23 No Meeting

30 No Meeting

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.

Birthdays: Monk Bancroft 11/18; Judy Reed 11/20; Chris Kirchen 11/30

Anniversaries -none around Thanksgiving time

Membership anniversaries - Heli Hietzker and Karen Winchell

Meeting News

Everyone arriving in good spirits on this beautiful cool morning. Guests included Anna & Benjamin White and prospective member Vickie Walluck.

Announcements:

Thank you notes received from; 1) The Open Heart Project at the Waitsfield Elementary School and 2) the Warren Library "Vermont Reads 2009" Program.

The BOD meets today following the regular meeting.

Art Conway presented Gene Scarpato with a miniature "Outhouse" to be used as his office while running the YBYI Raffle in 2010.

Doug Stoehr (who has taken over the Dictionary Project from Dave Ellison) started by giving out dictionaries to the 3rd and 4th graders. Doug says he will do all 4 elementary schools this week.

Heli says trucks are needed to collect donations - such as furniture from donors in time for their auction. The Habitat house in Duxbury is coming along very well. They received a check for \$25,000 from Green Mountain Coffee Roasters.

Evergreen Place. Heli reminded us that the Seniors are serving breakfast on Mondays at 9:00 A.M. for \$3.00. He urged us to attend the luncheons on Tues. & Thurs. as well as the breakfast as they need to increase meal attendance to get money from the Council of Aging.

Restaurant Raffle- tickets

Ralph informed us that we are ahead in sales at Mehuron's on weekends but lagging behind in ticket stubs turned in by members. Remember the money and stubs must be in before the drawing on Dec. 16th. That will be our last meeting this year.

If enough tickets are sold this weekend, we may not have to sell them in front of Mehuron's next weekend. If you sign up, don't forget to show up!!! Vicki was left all by herself last week as the other volunteer was a no show.

Sissy told us that members can also leave their ticket stubs and money at Jim Leyton's office during the week.

Rotary convention in Montreal. It is necessary to register before Dec. 15th (you can do it online). Also Tom Byrne has made reservations for hotels. After that prices will go up. Also daily bus trips are planned from Burlington to Montreal during the convention.

Holiday Party reminder. Give your reservations and payments to Al Barillaro ASAP. This is our big GALA of the year. You don't want to miss it !!! Dec. 9th; 6 PM at Timbers Restaurant. It is only 3 weeks away!!!

EREY - as Jim Leyton was absent today, Dave K. took over and reminded us that our club is still behind in its goal to have every member join the group.

Pat Pinkston told us that the Interact Club at Harwood H.S. is collecting items for the homeless, such as food, toys, clothes etc. Bring the articles to the next meeting and Pat will collect them.

Mad River Chorale presents *MISSA IN JAZZ*, Friday, Nov. 20th 7:30 at St. Andrew's Church, Waterbury, and Sunday, Nov., 22nd at 4 PM at the Warren School Stage. Reserved seating \$20, general admission \$15.00 call 496-4781 or www.madriverchorale.org.

Mega Bucks - Lorraine announced that the pot has reached \$1,000 for the winner. Judy Reed tried her luck today and drew the queen of hearts. Only 15 cards left in the deck!!!

Note: the pot has reached the max. All further ticket purchases will go towards the next pot.

Happy Bucks

Judy - great weekend in D.C.

Betty - hope Judy wins next time
Karen - Happy for the ladies' table
David Ellison -1) So pleased Doug is taking over the Dictionary Project 2) Trip out west
Gene - Receiving the Outhouse office
Len- Happy that Dave is happy
Ralph - Outside work finished
Art- On the way to Ohio for Thanksgiving
Joe Klimek - wonderful weather
Monk - Back from Florida
Ken - gorgeous sunrise
Tom Byrne - more than usual autumn sunlight
John Hale- Remembered to bring in raffle ticket stubs
John Basile - happy just to be here
Audrey - 2 grandchildren recovering from flu. Daughter coming for Thanksgiving
Al Barillaro - weekend in Boston. Daughter's 2nd anniversary
John Mansfield - Son accepted in college of his choice and 2nd great grandchild arrived.
Dave K.- Happy to have enthusiastic chairmen of Project committees
Peter - Kids coming for Thanksgiving

PROGRAM

Audrey talked about her round the world trip and showed us slides from the 13 countries visited on the trip to extraordinary cultures organized by Richard Kurin, Undersecretary for History, Art and Culture at the Smithsonian Institution.

There were 65 participants + staff on their private jet. They logged 32,290 miles and circumnavigated the globe, departing from Washington, D.C. and returning to Dulles.

The first country was Lima, Peru (Macchu Picchu), then Easter Island, to Tonga, followed by Auckland, N.Z., to Rototua, for Sulfur Springs and Maori, next Cairns, Australia. Bus to Port Douglas then snorkeling @ Great Barrier Reef.

At each stop she showed photos of people in their native costumes, ancient architecture, gorgeous scenery, etc.

They continued on to Papua New Guinea, - Kota Kinabalu, Borneo - Siem Reap, Cambodia- Kathmandu, Nepal - Agra, India - Aqaba, Jordan - Mopti, Mali, - Marrakech, Morocco and finally back to Washington, D.C.

Is your head spinning by now? She said she would not go again as they went to too many places -she would have preferred to stay longer and absorb more of each culture before moving on to the next stop. However she did get to see many wondrous sights in exotic places and shared the photos and books with us. One of the photos showed Audrey riding a camel in Timbuktu.

Thank you Audrey for sharing your trip with us.

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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