

## **THE VALE NEWS**

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### **Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

Nov. 9	Billy Brauer - Classification speech
16	Ben Plewak - Classification speech
23	No Meeting (Thanksgiving Eve)
30	Harwood Students 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: Bruce Bertholon 11/06 Rosemarie White 11/05

Anniversaries: none

### **Meeting News**

Lively bunch included the exchange students, Marie-LO Kaufmann, from France, Sebastian Thorsted from Denmark and Henrique Ribas from Brazil, as guests today. They are a delightful group. Also Sally Molnar joined her husband this morning.

### **Announcements**

Lorraine welcomed new member, Billy Brauer and gave him his badge.

Next week Billy will do his classification speech.

Al Molnar will be moving to Middlebury and Joe Goldstein will replace him as International Committee chairman.

Reminder that the Board Meeting is tomorrow night at Doug Stoehr's house.

Heli announced a Cabaret-style evening of desserts, beverages and music at the Warren Town Hall on Friday, November 4, 2011, 7 - 10 PM. Cost \$15 adults, \$5

children. Music provided by Bonhag & Evan Premo. All proceeds benefit the MRV Community Flood Relief Fund.

Dave Ellison reminded members that the club would like to track all Rotarian contributions made for flood relief. Individuals who donate can let him know how much they gave so that he can include totals for the club. No information is shared with anyone

Ken Amann updated the membership on the status of the YBYI fundraiser. Essentially, the committee has dropped the second selling table at Shaw's and has extended the selling period to include Christmas week. Selling resumes on MLK weekend and continues through mid March. We will not be selling for the first two weeks of January. Ken and Manny asked the membership to pledge 4 one hour selling shifts during the campaign. Ken promises leather prizes and surprises for top sellers.

The Rotary Leadership Institute will be held on November 5th in Rutland. This is an education opportunity, especially for those who will assume leadership positions in our club.

2012 Dist. 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 \$248 Audrey drew the 7 of spades for \$5.

### **Happy Bucks**

Ken Amann was joined by Manny to watch Norwich Hockey - good players  
Jim Leyton - Happy as usual  
Ken Friedman - daughter, Andrea getting married  
Audrey - wonderful Halloween trick/treat with grandchildren thru cemetery  
Billy Brauer - happy to receive badge - now full-fledged member  
Al Molnar - kids exchange program here  
Tom Byrne - Happy Sally Molnar here  
Stan - son in India doing something  
Caryn Crump - daughter produced 1st musical CD  
Marie-Lo , Sebastian & Henrique expressed thanks for all Rotary support  
Adam - commented on the charmed life of American teenager. @10:58 PM  
daughter hit send button to UVM for application  
Carol Hosford - spent weekend in Brooklyn - grandson 8 in band - plays keyboard  
Sissy - Joslin had Halloween party, Art came as a pirate  
Pat Pinkston- mother in hospital after heart attack.  
Clayton-Paul - his daughter submitted application @ 11:30 PM for Nov 1  
midnight deadline (Is this a teenager disease?)  
Dinsmore - glad to be back

Monk -Ski Magazine - Sugarbush & Mad River Glen got good plugs  
Dave Ellison - got photographs of parents/grandparents when young  
John Crump - getting repairs done for damage by Irene, happy last to speak.

## **Program**

Pat Pinkston let the students introduce themselves. They all had their programs on their computers complete with photos.

Sebastian Thorsted was first. He started by showing us a map of Denmark , the smallest and southernmost of the Scandinavian countries. It is separated from Norway by the Skagerrak Strait and from the tip of Sweden by the Kattegat Strait and to the East lies the Baltic Sea. In these waters lie 400 islands. The largest of these islands is Sjaelland, on which is situated the Danish capital, Copenhagen. The harbor contains the famous statue of the Little Mermaid. It is a flat country. It is the oldest monarchy but is a democratic socialist country with a high tax system , that takes care of its people from the cradle to the grave. The price of gas is so high, people drive small cars and most ride bicycles. It is famous for its cuisine - both delicious and delicate in presentation. Danish style furniture is popular all over the world.

Sebastian showed us photos of his house, school and family.

He became a Rotary exchange student to make friends and to connect all over the world thru traveling. He is in contact with Tara Walluck (our exchange student in Denmark).

Marie-Lo Kauffmann, also made a presentation with lots of photos of her country, France which is situated on the west of continental Europe. As everybody knows, Paris is the capital.

Marie showed many beautiful photos of both nature and architecture as well as her house and family. Particularly wedding pictures of her sister and husband - they were married last summer.

Time ran out before Henrique (from Brazil) got his turn. He will have to come back when the Harwood students talk about Interact, on November 30th, for his presentation and Q&A period.

It was very interesting to hear and see the background of our current students. It was also the first time we had 3 of them!

### **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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