

## **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. Valley School  
11 Christmas Party - Common Man Rest.- 6 PM  
18 R J Austin from the Sugarbush fitness scene  
25 No Meeting - Christmas Day

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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** - Judy Reed 11/20; Chris Pierson 11/30; Jim Reagan 12/1

**Anniversaries** - none this week

### **Meeting News**

The moon was still shining as I drove to the meeting this brisk morning. Good day for Win to give us an update on the Sugarbush Resort. Our only guests were: Win Smith and Carol Miner, who came to hear Win's report .

### **Announcements**

\*Gene - Restaurant Raffle. Distributed raffle tickets to members who had not picked them up last week and venue assignments for the next two weekends as there will be no meeting on the day before Thanksgiving. \$591 came in for tickets sold last week.

\*BOD meeting today

\*Jim Leyton - Note November is Rotary Foundation Month. Reminder for EREY (Every Rotarian every year Club)

\*.Manny - Reminder - Holiday Party will be on Dec. 11th at the Common Man Restaurant - 6 PM cost \$42/person. Menu details will be printed next month.

\*Note: The name of our club is THE MAD RIVER VALLEY ROTARY CLUB. It was changed from the Valley Rotary Club when Jack Mansfield was president in 2003!

\*John Hale: Meals-On-wheels fundraiser Christmas Party, Thurs. Dec 5th 2013  
- 6 PM Slidebrook Tavern - Live Music by Tim Holter  
Cash Bar - hors d'oeuvres - Suggested donation \$20  
phone Carole 496-3386 or Valerie 583-2898

\*Leo announced everyone is invited to his house for Thanksgiving dinner.  
Please RSVP

\*Ken Amann - His mother-in-law is moving out of Evergreen Place next week (after Thanksgiving) to his house, and he needs help with the moving. When he knows the exact day he will inform the members who have volunteered to help.

\*Mega Bucks \$811 to the winner. Win Smith selected Joe Goldstein's ticket but Joe drew the ace of spades for a mere \$5. 14 cards + joker left in the deck.

Happy Bucks

Bob Holden - got a buck out to getting a 4 pointer

Jack Miner - glad that his wife here today

Jim Leyton - going to Manhattan for Thanksgiving with family

Monk - Ski season upon us

Jack Mansfield - \$5 back in Paradise with Barbara

Wayne Foster \$5 -1) closed on house 2)Rotary members helped with moving

3)had 1st party last night

Ralph - 4 sons coming for Thanksgiving

Dave Koepele - Jackpot lives another week

Stan N. - looking forward to ski season

Al Barillaro - grandchildren coming for Thanksgiving

Dave E. - Shelves finished before hunting season

Joe Goldstein - grandchild coming for Thanksgiving (theme for today)

Sissy Walker - 14 (all ages) coming for Thanksgiving

Betty M. - managed to get \$ out of pocket ( no grandchildren coming)

Judy Reed - friends came for birthday dinner and daughter coming

Ken Amann - happy for help offered

Win - (bought raffle tickets) happy it's cold and mountain will open on Friday

Dinsmore - Happy

## **Program**

Win is a former executive VP of Merrill Lynch and is the Chairman and CEO of Summit Ventures, LLC. Win purchased Sugarbush Resort in 2001. He is also the author of book coming out "Catching Lightning in a Bottle".

Win - Happy we have snow and cold weather. Lots of people buying tickets and yes, you can keep your pass from last year. It will be updated by computer.

Last year was a great year. 270,000 skier days. Moose running around slopes. Dec. 28th huge crowd (9,600) and they were not prepared for such a big crowd. Next day, 9,400. Usually Martin Luther King day is their best day.

This year they have expanded room in the lodges to handle the large volume.

2,500 people rode the lift from Sugarbush South to North. There will be ample parking this year.

They have added furniture to the Gate House and the Valley House.

He promised to increase the quality of the food. Most people eat at noon and leave around 2 PM.

They have paved the roads around Mt. Ellen so it won't look like a third-world country, painted buildings and improved the aerobic room and locker rooms to reduce complaints from the women. Now using low energy equipment.

They plan to open the mountain from top to bottom by Thanksgiving, 2 additional ticket windows will be opened in the Gatehouse to prevent skiers from having to stand on line outdoors waiting to buy a ticket.

Sales of pre-season tickets are ahead of last year - including all types of passes. Last year 80% bought on day after Thanksgiving.

Had a good Summer in spite of wet weather. Hosted 27 weddings at Sugarbush South. Will add North as a wedding destination this Summer.

Many supervisors and other employees returning this year - makes for great continuity.

Win was certainly delighted over last year's successful operation and brimming with enthusiasm for the coming season.

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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