

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. 10	Nick Laskowski (classification speech)
17	Rosemarie White
24	No Meeting (day before Thanksgiving)

Dec. 1	Jack Mansfield
8	Restaurant Raffle Drawing
14	Christmas Party at the Common Man
22	open

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: Bruce 11/06; Rosemarie 11/5

Anniversaries: none

AT 6:20 AM today, it was dark enough to need a flashlight for your editor to walk her dog. The sky was clear, there was a sliver of a moon, stars were shining, the trees were bare and it was 22°F but at least there was no wind. There were crystals on the ground from frozen dew and the ski slopes were covered with snow.

Meeting News

Thirty eight people got up in the cold and dark to come to the meeting, including our speakers Eric Brattstrom and Dotty Kyle who were going to speak about Global Warming.

Congratulations to Adam Greshin who won his bid for reelection.

Announcements

Restaurant Raffle - Ralph said sales were going well and he set the schedule for 3:30 - 5:30 PM on Friday and Saturday as those were the busiest times as well as a little bit warmer. The sign-up sheet filled up quickly. The drawing will be on Dec. 8th (6 weeks to coax your friends and family to buy your tickets) Odds of winning something are 1 in 30.

Our Annual Holiday Party will be held at the Common Man Restaurant on Dec. 14th.

Cocktail Hour 5:30 (inc. hors d'oeuvres) Dinner at 7 PM), cash bar.

Dinner choice: Atlantic Salmon, Roast Chicken or Short Ribs

Dinner price \$37 inc. salad, Main course and dessert.

Be sure to inform your spouse of the time and place of our big event so she will put in on your calendar in plenty of time. Al Barillaro was accepting checks and reservations.

Medical Center Open House

We have been invited to attend the Medical Center Open House on Wednesday, Nov. 10th, from 5 - 7 PM. to celebrate their 5 years in their new building, meet the practitioners, learn about health services, tour the place and have refreshments.

Log Carriers - We received a check from Ken Amann for a percentage of the sales made at the last meeting.

Al Molnar gave us the news about the Rotary Group Study Exchange Between District 7850 (VT, NH & QC) & District 2440 (Turkey).

Call for Team Leader and Team Member Applications

Our Rotary District 7850 is looking for a Team Leader and four Team Members for a Group Study Exchange (GSE) with Western Turkey's District 2440. A GSE is a reciprocal exchange of teams between two Rotary districts in different parts of the world to promote understanding and goodwill between countries by providing groups of young professionals with opportunities to learn about their professions in the context of another culture, including opportunities for personal and occupational networking. Each district chooses a team comprised of one Rotarian Leader and four Non-Rotarian young professionals.

Dates of Travel:

Our District's team will tour Turkey District 2440 from 2-May through 2-June-2011.

Similarly, our district 7850 (Northern New Hampshire & Vermont and southern Quebec) will host a team from Turkey's District 2440 from 25-April-2011 through 25-May-2011.

Mini Bucks \$165. to the winner. Dotty picked Sissy's ticket. Sissy picked the 6 of diamonds for \$5.00

Happy Bucks

Karl Klein - No more election commercials for this year

Clayton-Paul - Golf course looked like a skating rink

Stan - Glad it snowed last night

Al Barillaro - Mountain looked lovely

Monk - Enjoyed 3 day weekend in Hanover

Tom - voted yesterday

Dave Ellison - visited friends & family in No. Car. and attended a Rotary Mtg. there.

Joe Klimek - Glad his wood is stacked and covered

Jack Mansfield - It was a beautiful drive this morning

Bob Holden - 1) Saw Eli in Ithaca 2) had 100 kids for Halloween & 3) celebrated his birthday

Trish - Happy to see Dotty & Eric here

Caryn Crump - Hired @ Norwich MBA Program

Judy- Thought she saw a bear running in the parking lot

John Crump - Going to Mexico to stay married. Be back in May. Invited us all to visit.

PROGRAM

Karl Klein told us that he was helped by other innkeepers when he moved here from California, especially by Eric Brattstrom and Dotty Kyle. They helped him install energy saving heat and water systems with state of the art equipment. They have remained friends. They planned to do a slide show, but their computer was not compatible with Ken's projector so Erik had to wing it.

(I think we have heard this story before)

Erik has an Earth Science degree with follow-up education in Global Climate Change.

Scientists have been writing about global warming since 1896. Swedish Chemist Arrhenus was the first to warn about the dire consequences. Since then there has been a steady parade of articles, conferences, etc. describing the melting of arctic ice, ocean levels rising, climate change, the greenhouse effect and other disastrous events.

He tried to explain to us results of exponential growth in the percentage of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. The world population is growing at the same time we are using up our resources, both at exponential rates. Our rain forests are being destroyed and toxins are being dumped into the ocean also at rates increasing exponentially.

He predicts that a result of inaction will result in Global Catastrophe in societies, economic health, human and environmental health and the end of civilization as we know it.

Smaller countries, such as Denmark have already built windmills and are exporting energy. When we run out of cheap oil, we will have to cut back on our lifestyles.

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