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Foundation - a time to highlight our commitment to the work of the Rotary Foundation

NOTE: WE ARE MOVING OUR MEETINGS BACK TO SUGARBUSH INN NEXT WEEK

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Nov. 11	Betty Maguire - Mad River Cancer Support.
18	Audrey Witschi
25	no meeting (day before Thanksgiving)
Dec. 2	Wini Thorsen
9	Christmas Party at Timbers 6 PM
16	Restaurant Raffle Drawing

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: Rosemarie White- Nov. 5th; Bruce Bertholon - Nov. 6th

No anniversaries this week

Membership anniversaries - Lorraine Keener and Judy Reed in Nov.

It was cold this morning, but we were all happy to see snowmaking at the top of the mountain. This will be our last meeting at the Pub for this year. Our guests this morning were Daniel Lee, Vicki Wallic, Virginia Scarpato and Anna & Benjamin White.

Daniel Lee told us about the great need for bone marrow donations. He said he was not going to ask for money, but hoped eligible people (between 18 & 60) would volunteer. He said it is not a painful operation. Daniel is a Hardwood H.S. student and this is his Eagle Scout project. He needs people to register and give DNA samples. If the organization finds a match, then the bone marrow is needed.

Meeting News

Announcements:

Dave said there would be a quick BOD meeting at the end of the regular meeting today.

Restaurant Raffle- tickets

Ralph was very busy handing each member a pack of 15 tickets and told us we would be allowed to sell our tickets in front of Mehuron's on Fri. and Sat. nights after the club tickets are sold. Last week Jim Leyton and Ralph sold a lot on Fri. evening and Al Barillaro joined Sissy and Ralph on Sat. The total sales were over 100 tickets. The ad in the paper caused one lady to show up in front of Mehuron's requesting to buy raffle tickets before they got set up! Ralph thinks we will be able to sell the 1,500 tickets quickly as they are a popular item.

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.

Mega Bucks - over \$900 to the winner. - only 18 cards left in deck. Joe Koch had another chance today and blew it again.

Jim Leyton got 2 more members to sign up for EREY this week. He is working hard to meet his goal- needs 35 more to join the group.

Bob Cummiskey received his membership badge today and is now officially a member.

Monk has 2 tickets to a college football game this weekend. He can't attend the game and is giving away the tickets. Call him if interested.

Wini passed around our annual Rotary Christmas Card for signatures and a payment of \$5. Before Christmas, the completed card will be e-mailed to all the members. This spares the members the cost of sending Holiday cards to Rotary members and the money collected goes to buy Christmas dinners for needy families with children in the Warren School.

Happy Bucks

Ken Friedman - The Yankees game tonight!!

Monk - Heading to Florida to visit family

Leo - Dinsmore CT scan perfect.

Joe Klimek - Snow is on the way

Joe Koch - His Mega bucks tickets drawn 2 weeks in a row.

Jim Leyton - son healthy after bypass

Betty - Happy for Dinsmore

Stan -snowmaking

Ralph - Things going good with the Rest. Raffle

Peter - Historical Society Dinner a success.

Jon Jamieson - Recovered from the flu

Jack Mansfield - Happy to be back

Jack Miner - Father (97 years old) survived car crash - No more driving.

Sissy - Happy that Ralph is happy

Bob Holden - Got see Eli after weeks away at college.

Doug Stoehr - Opening boxes after move

Art Conway and Dave Koepele among the happy group.

Program

It was Gene Scarpato's turn to do his classification speech.

Gene was born in 1931. His mother was expecting a girl and had selected the name Eugenia. He had two older brothers who looked after him until he was ten and then they entered the services and went off to war. Although they both saw heavy fighting, they were extremely lucky and survived unscratched. Gene passed around photos of his family when they were boys. At ages 69 and 71 he lost both of them and still misses them terribly.

He grew up in Queens and went to Catholic School where he had to take a bus and the subway to get to H.S. For a while he joined a XC track team in the Bronx which meant he left home at 6:30 AM and returned at 6:30 PM. That was too much traveling for him and he joined a local track team. They became known as Gene and the 3 Johns - proved to be a winning team. Gene passed around photos of his team. He believes that a picture is worth a thousand words.

After HS he attended St. John's University. After 3 years. He made 2nd lieutenant in California and trained in the mountains. He was on his way to Korea when the peace treaty was signed. Then they sent him to Okinawa to open a camp and plan a mock attack. It turned out to be the same area where his brother had fought during WWII.

During his senior year in HS, he met a 14 yr. old girl and fell in love. When he returned stateside from his Okinawa adventure he married that same girl. They brought home their 1st child from their honeymoon. After their 2nd child was born, they moved to Bayside. Another kid came along and they moved to Lynbrook. They stopped at 5 (3 girls and 2 boys). Gene passed around more photos showing his family. While his children were growing up, he coached basketball, baseball and eventually got into local politics. This led to his becoming mayor. He lost the next election and returned to recreation. Ran again (the new mayor was anti-business) and this time served 12 years. When he retired they put up their house for sale and moved to Vermont.

Lynbrook has 20,000 people and full service commitment, including 60 full time cops. Up here, we have one cop and he caught Gene for speeding.

He hears people complaining about taxes but the taxes here are less than ½ of the taxes in Lynbrook. He paid \$11,000 in taxes for a house with a small lot and here he owns several acres. They had the Waitsfield house for 23 years and used to come here for skiing.

He owned a successful Printing company with his 2 sons for 60 years. A customer offered to lend them money to expand. Unfortunately the customer turned out to be a crook. They closed the business, paid off the debts. Gene got a job with the county for 5 years, earned a pension until he retired and moved to Vermont. It is a completely different life here.

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