

## THE VALE NEWS

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Rotary Theme Topic for November - time to highlight our commitment to the work of the Rotary Foundation

### Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Nov 14 David Babic - Ryan Nelson - Soc. Sec. & Annuities  
21 No Meeting (day before Thanksgiving)  
28 Vicki Walluck - Presentation by daughter on Denmark

Dec. 5 Christmas Party - At the Round Barn \$40/person 6PM  
12 Deb, Van Dyke - Dir. Of Global Health  
19 Restaurant Raffle Drawing (Winners selection)  
26 No Meeting - holiday week

2013  
Jan. 2 Assembly Meeting  
9 Robin Foster photography  
16 Open  
23 Open

Editor's Note: Please inform Wini (496-6710) of the name of your speaker at least 2 weeks in advance.

Birthdays - none this week

Anniversaries - Larry & RuthAnn Ryan 11/10/1962 \*\*\*\*50 years\*\*\*\*

### Meeting News

This was our first meeting at a local business location. We had a turnout of 32 members and they all seemed to enjoy the experience. Our only guests were Telephone Co. executives, Roger Nishi and Richard P. who told us about the company's recent progress.

Doug thanked the caterers for the tasty buffet. Doug thanked the phone company for hosting us and Lorraine thanked our club for coming.

Adam Greshin thanked us for electing him. He said every year there is about a 25% turnover in the statehouse and he was happy to stay.

\*Restaurant Raffle - Gene - We took in \$783 over the weekend

The drawing is scheduled for Dec. 19th. In the meantime, the members are asked to bring the cash from their sales to the next meeting. Some members have not picked up the envelope with the tickets assigned to them. By the way, the tickets in the envelopes are to be sold to family and friends, not at the weekend venues. Earlier hours will be used for the Warren Store, as they have the most

customers from 9 - 12 Noon. A sign-up sheet was passed around for the coming weekend.

\*Al Barillaro - Al asked members to bring non-perishable food for the needy to the Holiday Party at the Round Barn on Dec.5th

\*Hurricane Relief

The BOD will meet today to discuss what our response will be - Collect clothing, clean-up supplies, cash ?? Volunteer help - local group going after Nov. 20th, another church group sending volunteers.

The district has not notified us of their plans yet.

\*A Rotary exchange student has been placed with another family on L.I.

\*Jim Leyton - Pop Concert performed by the VSO on Fri. Dec 7th at the Barre Opera House. You can be a benefactor of an instrument for \$100.

\* Dinsmore - Mountain Bike event on Nov 8th (tomorrow)

\*Ken Friedman - Honduras Project getting poor response so far. They are organizing for February 2014 - Two weeks in the middle of February. He sent out videos of the hotel. Work is hard but evenings are fun.

\*Mega Bucks none today

\*Happy Bucks

Lots of people happy today - Lorraine, Clayton-Paul, Jr., Dave Ellison, Ken Friedman, Ken Amann, Roger Nishi, Al Barillaro, Tom Byrne, Sissy, Dinsmore, Billy Brauer, Leo, Bob Holden, Wayne Foster, Larry, Jim Leyton. Dave K., Doug and Judy Reed

Larry was thrilled to be reaching his 50th anniversary, Doug going to San Francisco, others happy to be at telephone Co. today, Monk enjoyed seminar on Animal House, many so glad election is over. Lots of other comments that I could not hear, - acoustics were not so good in the garage and Audrey, my helper was absent today.

## **PROGRAM**

Lorraine introduced the technical advisor, Roger Nishi, who came in early this morning to speak to us.

Roger said he loves Rotary for our fund raising and donations which make our community a better place to live. He was happy that Lorraine was president of our club for one term and he loves The Champlain Valley Telephone Co.

He says they only do things that are beneficial long term for the customer. They have spent millions of \$ to improve service - high speed internet innovations did

not stop here when the big companies did not want us. The federal regulators will budget us \$4 million but the cost will be \$44 million.

We should have more than required by the Feds, as we already have what the FEC requires, but need to cover more areas.

The Federal University Fund contributed \$10 million of the local bill. They make up 60% of the funds. Most areas get fiber optics but need Federal Funding for more of the balance of the \$44 million.

Lorraine asked Richard P. to explain about the new e-mail server and system.

The conversion from the old server to a new one was overlong - moved millions of messages - overloaded the system. He had a choice - keep all or junk some of them. He decided to save all. He has an incredible crew but they were in over their heads. Some people were unhappy over the weekend service. The assistance dept. is now using an upstate server for after hours inquiries and have received positive feedback. They will give as much time as necessary to a customer. Of course this may lengthen the time you have to wait to connect to a technician (hold time). The company has gone thru many contingencies during this conversion - e-mail has been flaky but not missing anything.

Customers use e-mail differently - some just for computer messages, others work thru WEB sites, i-phones and other electronic devices. Richard wants to make sure that the data appears the same no matter which gadget you are using.

HE TALKED ABOUT MANY THINGS you can do with their Google App, all of which were over my head. Therefore I am not going to attempt an explanation.  
(Your editor, Wini)

**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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