

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. 16 Ben Plewak - Autobiography. speech
23 No Meeting (Thanksgiving Eve)
30 Harwood Students talk about 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, the 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

Started out as a foggy day, but cleared up quickly even before our meeting started. Small crowd this morning with only one guest, Benjamin White (but they made enough noise for a full house.)

Announcements

Lorraine has Sal Spinosa's badge waiting for him, but he was not around today.

Al Molnar expects to move to Middlebury before the end of the year, then Joe Goldstein will be his replacement

Update on district flood relief: To date 26 of 41 clubs have made pledges to the grant fund for a total of \$34,301 . When matched by RI our funds will turn into \$51,451.50 (funds are matched 50¢ to \$1. In addition, thanks to Past District

Governor "T" Tall's appeal to our Group Study Exchange Partner District in Taiwan, we now have a pledge of \$15,000 from them, and our current South Africa GSE Partner has pledged \$2,000. This money gets doubled, as does \$5,000 from our District for a total of \$44,000.

District 7870 (Southern Vermont and Southern New Hampshire have pledges that will put it over \$250,000.

Heli announced that the Warren Public Library presents "The Ghost Army". Tom Roche discusses his involvement in the secret WWII 23 headquarters special troop. Sunday November 13, 2011 at 2 PM, no charge

Al Barillaro told us the cost of the holiday party dinner will be \$40/person. More details next week.

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.

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 \$268 Joe Klimek pulled the king of spades for \$5 (he has more skill picking grapes)

Happy Bucks.

Tom Byrne - upset that everyone was talking at once. He plans on visiting Dad in N. Car.

Joe Koch - just happy today

Gene - Virginia had Cat scan - 10 years free of cancer

Bill Brauer - Glad people are talking, then he won't have to talk so long.

Joe Klimek - Happy Wini made things clear

Bob Holden - report on house - putting floors in. Open house on Sat.

Needs help to move stuff - will send e-mail 2) birthday last week

Jack Mansfield - good report from Cardiologist

Monk - son lost power in home in Conn,

Leo - Insurance paying for new frame for Tundra. Tennessee on business w. wife (or did he say w/o wife?)

Jon Jamieson - trip

Stan - yellow line finally painted on Access Rd.

Lorraine - hiked in woods - found out youth hunter weekends

Carrol hosford - Watched ball game. Son's team victorious.

John Crump - ANR approved work on stream bed - need town & Fed approval

Dinsmore - 3 year cancer free

Dave Koepele - back from California
John Hale - enjoyed golf w/ old friends in Florida
Art - trip
Vickie - happy to be here
Dave Ellison - House winterized - daughter got job.
Clayton-Paul - daughter - division 2 field hockey team champions
Al Barillaro - Access Road paved in time for our Holiday Party

Program

Our new member, Billy Brauer speaks extemporaneously about his life.

Billy is a successful artist. Comes from NYC - had an illustrious start by failing art in H.S

He says children should always be encouraged (whether they are good or not).

Billy went to a Liberal Arts college, became a good golfer - shot a 68, got a golf scholarship, made 1st squad on college team

He entered the Visual Arts Academy in NYC but fell behind as he did not have enough formal background - all the students could really draw. He looked at subjects from a different standpoint.

When he was in the advertising business, all the other people had nice clothes - he was more the hippie type but had original ideas

He came to Vermont for a New Year's Party

Then he looked around for a place and found a house at 68 East Warren Rd. It was a dirt road back then. The house sold for \$15,000 and he got a mortgage for \$15/month, while he still had a job in NYC.

All he ever wanted to do was paint. He started raising sheep. Did the shearing etc.

People were nice to him - became friends with other hippies. It was an interesting time - did not have a studio as he was still connected to NYC.

He had a show in 72 - good start in the Brooklyn Museum. He was trying to make a living as a painter not as a farmer.

His life had difficult stages, but everybody helped him. He started teaching. Had the same class for 40 years.

He worked every Thursday - that way he knew what day it was.

In NYC, if you have no money - you are poor. In Vermont he got by exchanging time for goods. (He had lots of time)

His past is mixed up in his mind - the years look pretty much the same. Here in Vermont he did pretty much what he wanted to do and could get along without money. He took 10 years to test the waters

Finally sold a couple of paintings of women

Then he hooked up with a good outfit in Boston - very good job.

His class consumes one day per week - now teaching at his highest level. He took in students on the GI bill - some were policemen. One student got a job as a security guard for a museum and became a painter.

His job is to find out what people are good at. He gets models for free - people like to do it. He often works on more than one piece at a time.

He works with galleries and then puts on shows. Now he is established.

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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