

## THE VALE NEWS

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Community Service - a time to promote the importance of Rotary information to club members and awareness of Rotary on the community

### Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Dec     1         Jack Mansfield - MRV Chorus  
       8         Restaurant Raffle Drawing  
      14         Christmas Party at the Common Man  
      22         Nick Laskovski (class. speech)

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Jan.    5         Joe Goldstein - Aaron Locker of the Kingsbury Market  
      12         Leon Bruno - Program for Autistic Kids  
      19         Richard Reisner  
      26         Judy Reed

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:** Al Barillaro 12/6

**Anniversaries:** none

Our meetings return to the Inn next week

Before the meeting, while everyone was drinking coffee, Wini collected 39 signatures on the Holiday Greeting card, \$175 and 4 IOU's. Members who can't come to meetings can mail a check made out to MRV Rotary Club in the amount of \$5 and mail it to Wini at PO Box 367, Warren, VT, 05674. Wini will sign your name on the card. Gail Hietzker produced the card on her computer.

### Meeting News

Audrey was back from her trip to Italy and ran the meeting with renewed vigor this morning.

First item on the agenda was for the members to vote on the slate of officers for the next fiscal year. (as listed below) She accidentally omitted Jim Leyton and he nominated himself for the position of Foundation Chair. Audrey then added Jim's name to her list.

President	Lorraine Keener
President Elect	Doug Stoehr
V. Pres.	Gene Scarpato
Secretary	Robert Grant
Treasurer	Dave Ellison
Past Pres.	Audrey Witschi

Community Service	Dinsmore Fulton
Vocational Service	Dave Koepele
Club Service	Al Barillaro
International Serv.	Al Molnar
Rotary Foundation	Jim Leyton
Public Relations	Karen Winchell
Membership	Jack Miner

Sergeant at Arms (will be appointed by the new BOD)

The enhanced list was approved unanimously by the members.

### **Announcements**

We received a letter with a donation of \$500 from Ken & Katrina Eaton to use for our charities.

We got a thank you note from Marilyn Parker for the donations made at the viewing of the film SUDEF at the Big Picture.

Restaurant Raffle -

Ralph told us that the last raffle ticket set aside to be sold at Mehuron's was sold at 4:40 PM Sat. night, but there are still 14 members' who have not turned in their ticket stubs and cash. They can be brought to Jim Leyton's office before the drawing next week.

The drawing will be on Dec. 8th (less than one week left to coax your friends and family to buy your tickets). Irene Mehuron has agreed to pull the stubs from the barrel.

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.  
Al Barillaro still accepting checks and reservations.

Bruce - Continues to sell Mad River Calendars, with the benefits going to "PAWS" organization. They give aid to pet owners who can't afford to pay for food and care of their animals.

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.

Heli informed us about the fundraiser party for the MRV Senior Citizen's Organization and MOW. It will be at Slide Brook Tavern on Sunday, Dec. 5th from 6 - 8 PM. Food and music will be provided, Cash Bar. A donation of \$20 is suggested.

Leo Cohen has joined the Everybody Wins group of people who read to grade school children once a week at the Waitsfield School during their lunch hour. Everyone is invited to the library of the Waitsfield School on Tues. from 11 AM to 1 PM to see how the program works.

Jim Leyton again reminded us of the Foundation program of EREY program of contributing \$100/year until he/she reaches a total of \$500 and becomes a Paul Harris member.

Jim Leyton had 2 tickets for a VSO masterworks concert worth \$80. He auctioned them off to Al Barillaro for \$40. Al was the first and last bidder.

On Dec. 10th, the VSO is having a concert at the Barre Opera House. You can sign up to buy tickets from Jim.

**Mini Bucks** \$ 245 to the winner. Judy was elated to have her ticket selected but deflated when she drew the 3 of diamonds for a mere \$5.

### **Happy Bucks**

Dave Ellison - daughter here for Thanksgiving and returned home safely.

Sissy Sighed with relief that the Rest. Raffle is almost finished.

Jim Groom - Trip to Jamaica

Ken Amann- 1) Happy for access to Jim's office 2) Ken's wife is on the mend after a bad fall.

Joe Klimek - Happy

Stan - 3 days of skiing

Basille - another happy fella

Jack Simko - Thank you for coming to the Rwanda dinner on Dec. 6th at the Round Barn.

Tom Byrne - two weeks

Dave Koepele - Back from Alabama

Brian Crandall - ?

Al Barillaro - no problems

Jack Mansfield - as usual - good times with kids and grandchildren  
Jim Leyton - grand time in NYC Thanksgiving weekend  
Audrey - great time in Rome and had family over for Thanksgiving  
Jon Jamieson - Randi of water in office, now has town water.

Editor's comment - sorry I messed up the Happy Bucks, I had no assistant today and could not read my hasty notes.

## **PROGRAM**

Jack Mansfield tried very hard to get a group of singers to entertain us this morning without any success. Then Dave Ellison wanted to make his presentation about the District meeting, but needed Ken Friedman's help with the computer but Ken has not recovered from his strenuous exercise program to get in shape for skiing. So we all went home early

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## **Club Officers**

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V. Pres.,	Doug Stoehr
Treasurer	Dave Ellison
Secretary	Bob Grant

## **Committee Chairmen**

Community	Dinsmore Fulton
Vocational	Ken Friedman
International	Al Molnar
Club	Al Barillaro
Foundation Chair	Jim Leyton
Sgt. of Arms	Gene Scarpato
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