

THE VALE NEWS

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Community Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Dec.	21	Brian Crandall- Nat'l Senior Games Org.
	28	No Meeting until next year
2012		
Jan.	4	Al Molnar David Clark GSE Team Leader to South Africa who will share his experiences and views on this fascinating country and people.
	11	Ken Friedman - Kathie Friedman - Senior A'ssn.
	18	Jim Groom
	25	John Hale - Adam Greshin

Attention - anyone scheduled in January please let me know before next year 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.

Birthdays JOE GOLDSTEIN 12/18

Anniversaries-- none

Everyone was glad to be back at the Inn this morning, we had a full house, including guests: Ben White, Yuma Cormier and Sue Minter, from the Vermont Transportation Dept.

Announcements

Lorraine thanked Terra Rossa and Al Barillaro for a great party last week.

She was delighted to inform us that today the matching grant for Disaster Recovery in Vermont has been sent to R I. It is now in the Foundation Trustee's hands to review. She hopes we will hear it has been accepted for funding by early in the new year. Again...thanks to all our pledges and pledges of many others. The Grant request is for \$400,000. Great holiday present for the state of Vermont

Next Meeting will be on the terrace (GMVS taking over the dining room).

Al Barillaro had three bird houses left over from the party. Ken Amann negotiated for all 3.

BOD meeting next week after regular meeting.

YBYI Project.

Manny's App for sign-up sheets brought in 15 volunteers for the weekend to man 54 shifts. Leading volunteer is Jim Leyton with 11 shifts, Gene Scarpato w/ 6 shifts.

Note: For people who complain about the cold, the Warren store is warm, offers free coffee. People will receive an e-mail two days before your scheduled shift.

They are trying to locate the boxes with all the ticket paraphernalia –they believe Gary Plewak has it.

Billy Brauer has created an interesting ad for the YBYI project.

They don't believe they can install the outhouse on the pond before February

Every week the top seller is awarded a prize.

Give a key ring with purchase of a 5 pack.

Note - Next week we will be voting the election of officers for 2012-2113

Jim Leyton - If a member of EREY, when you reach \$500, the club will match the \$500 and you will be a Paul Harris Fellow. If paid before Jan. 1st it will be deductible this year.

Christmas Card. The \$175 raised from the signatures on the Rotary Christmas Card were used to buy 7 \$25 gift cards from Mehurons and were given to the nurse at the Warren School. She will distribute them to needy families.

This was a change in procedure from previous years, when we took the money and purchased all the fixings for turkey dinners and brought them to the Warren School on the last day of school before the Christmas holiday.

Carol Hosford told us that there are still numerous families not back in their homes after "Irene". Construction and painting needed, also legal work.

Mini Bucks - Dave Koepele drew the 6 of spades

Happy Bucks

Bob Holden in house for 2 weeks had lots of help

Al Barillaro - Holiday Party

Carol Hosford - Met people coming once per week to help with Green Cup

Jim Leyton - 2nd week in January, look for big announcement about Eastern Systems.

Wayne Foster - back in Valley until April

Lorraine - family birthday coming

Betty - paints wall board

Ken Amann - lives in Valley where no extra help required for Bob Holden

Clayton-Paul Jr. - daughter got into Wellesley

Dave Ellison - Living in community where people respond in time to tragedy makes one feel good

John Crump - repair work finished yesterday.

Adam Greshin introduced Sue Minter who brought her computer presentation showing the gathering of the forces to repair the immense damage left by 13 - 14 inches of rainfall by Irene.

There were 585 miles of road damage and 700 people redeployed.

They established public access to towns cut off. Inspected all bridges for safety and obtained access for utility companies.

She showed videos of destroyed roads such as Plunkton Rd., Rt. 107 in Stockbridge, several of our computer experts helped with the computer renditions in White River - Randolph area. Other roads shown were the town highway in Braintree, Cavendish Canyon, in Vt. Hancock, VT intersection of RT 100 and RT 73. Many Pre and Post Irene shots around Vermont.

Hundreds of National Guardsmen were on the scene. They constantly updated Maps, showing where roads had opened up and bridges repaired.

By Sept, most roads and bridges were in operation.

Expected cost is \$250 million.

This is a summary of her presentation. Adam Greshin has promised to e-mail me a detailed report.

My computer is acting up and I had better send this off before another page disappears.

Wini