

THE VALE NEWS

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Community Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Dec.	28	No Meeting until next year
Jan.	4	Al Molnar - David Clark GSE Team Leader to South Africa
	11	Carol Hosford- Bob Holden on taxes
	18	Jim Groom
	25	John Hale - Adam Greshin
Feb.	1	Heli Hietzker
	8	Brian Crandall – Nat'l. Senior Games Org.
	15	Ken Friedman - Kathie Friedman - Senior A'ssn.
	22	Trish Hopkins
	29	Jon Jamieson

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: Rob Tierney 1/02

Anniversaries:

Clayton-Paul, Jr. & Yuko Cormier 12/31; Jim & Carol Groom 12/24
Chris & Lori Kirchen 1/01; Joe & Jean Koch 12/26; Jack & Barbara
Mansfield 12/31; Jack & Doreen Simko 12/28; Ralph & Sissy Walker 12/29

Meeting News

You had to be a hardy soul to come out this morning. AT 6:30 AM it was pitch black outside, then after a few minutes on the road it started sleeting, putting a layer of ice on the windshield, reducing visibility to a prayer. Our members must have had a few guardian angels looking after us as our usual number of members arrived, but without any visitors today.

Announcements

No meeting next week - resume at the Inn January 4th.

Lorraine wished everyone Happy Holidays

Lorraine gave us the slate of officers for next year as follows:

President - Doug Stoehr
Pres. - elect Gene Scarpato
V. Pres. - Manny Apigian
Robert Grant - Secretary
Past Pres - Lorraine Keener

Vocational Service - Dave Koepele
Community Service - Dinsmore Fulton
Club Service - Al Barillaro
International Service - Joe Goldstein
Rotary Foundation - Jim Leyton.

The entire slate was voted on and passed unanimously

BOD meeting today after regular meeting.

YBYI Project. Manny's App for sign-up sheets brought in 31% of our membership as volunteers for the 54 shifts. Leading volunteer is Jim Leyton with 11 shifts, Gene Scarpato w. 6 shifts.

Manny will be in the lobby helping members to sign up who are having trouble doing it thru the computer.

Some members signed up for more than one location at the same time!
Ken reminded us that we need a higher % to sign up in order to meet our sales expectations. He has promised a prize for the highest seller each week

Bill Brauer has made a poster/ad to appear in the Valley Reporter and signs next to the outhouse next to the pond.

Concert by the Mad River Chorale at Harwood H.S. on Friday @7:30 PM

Ken Friedman - Tuesday-Night-at-the-Movies Film Club party at the Big Picture this coming Tuesday. Open bar. Film free to members.\$5 for walk-ins

Jim Leyton - last plug of the year for EREY - The Foundation needs our money to do more good things this year.

Speakers - Wini told us that Sal Spinosa was the last person on the Classification Speech list, which means the emergency speaker pool is now empty. She suggested that some of the long time members offer to make their classification speech again and give the newer members a chance to learn about the older members. We need an emergency source to cover last minute cancelations.

Mini Bucks - (\$345 to winner) Doug Stoehr drew the 6 of hearts for \$5

Happy Bucks

John Hale - Happy we are not sitting on the porch
Jack Simko - Remembering former member George Tardy
Bob Holden - Jan 1st coming up soon
Jack Mansfield - wedding anniversary
Ken Friedman - NY Giants
Jim Leyton - Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to everyone
Doug Stoehr - Satisfied with snow conditions at Mt. Ellen
Bruce - paid a \$ for something
Dave Koepele - grandkids coming for Christmas
Al Barillaro - Celebrated Christmas last weekend
Ken Amann - pleased with support for selling tickets
Dave Ellison - daughter coming for holidays

Stan Needleman - son coming home still single
Monk Bancroft - Happy to attend a lot of events in Hanover
Chris Kirchen - holiday visitors

PROGRAM

Wini - Sal sent me the following notes

On 12/21/11 1:24 PM, "sspinosa@gmavt.net" <sspinosa@gmavt.net> wrote:

Born in Boston; lived in Somerville briefly before moving to Saugus, Mass to live with grandfather on his dairy farm; last working dairy farm in Saugus; now converted to ugly junior high school building. Attended Saugus high; more effort in sports than academics; attended Bates College; more focus on playing collegiate football than academics but graduated 1968, degree in psychology. Next 5 years roamed around a lot; first 2 years in CT working as a child care worker at a residential institution in Deep River, CT; next year enrolled in graduate work at Univ. of Denver in special ed; ran out of money, dropped out and worked construction; next year in Kennebunk, ME working for Lord Construction as brick layer and other assorted roles; moved to Chicago on the request of friend to work in a child care facility; dreadful and left 6 weeks later; return to Kennebunkport, Maine and worked for Kennebunk Chemical, now known as Tom's of Maine; one of his original hires, responsible for sales and other duties as required; sales slow; laid off.

Decided to go to law school and got accepted at small private school in Sacramento; succeeded academically and, despite plans to return to New England, landed good job in office of district attorney in Sacramento; worked there for total of 17 years although I left for one year to work as an assistant U.S. attorney in Sacramento.

Sacramento DA's Office fairly large and divided into sections; worked in following units: misdemeanors, standard felonies, career criminals; adult sexual assault, consumer affairs. environmental, welfare fraud.

Eventually got best job supervising the consumer and environmental protection division where I did all the environmental cases. Trying to return to New England whole time in CA; Took a one year sabbatical and attended Vermont Law School where I obtained an advanced degree in environmental law. Eventually landed a job as director of the enforcement division of the VT agency of natural resources; was director for 15 years; starting my own legal practice with focus on environmental consultation and litigation; having trouble seeing myself retired so the work must go on.

Activities here: been in Waitsfield with wife Debi for 17 years; 10 years on the Waitsfield select board; 10 years in the adult hardball league; enjoy hiking and reading; active in the valley players having been in 10 productions, last of which was "12 angry jurors" which I loved; we keep rescued greyhounds now displaced by the closing of many tracks; gap-to-gap hiker; climbed Katahdin 2 summers ago...extreme climb for an old guy. Debi is former police officer in Sacramento; Two stepsons, 1 a cop in Maine, the other working in an investment firm in Boston; I am first generation USA on my mother's side and second generation USA on father's side; family spread all over New England.

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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