

THE VALE NEWS

Dec. 4, 2013

Vol. 38 Issue No. 19

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

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Dec. 4 Dave Gavett, Headmaster - Green Mt. School
11 Christmas Party - Commom Man Rest.- 6 PM
18 R J Austin from the Sugarbush fitness scene
25 No Meeting - Christmas Day

2014

Jan. 1 New Year's Day - no meeting
8 Rest. Raffle Drawing
15 Jennifer Reading - Anchor Person
22 Election of officers - Jim Reagan, classification Speech
29 Open

Birthdays -Al Barillaro

Anniversaries- none

NO MEETING NEXT WED. MORNING. HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE AT THE COMMON MAN 12/11 @6 P.M.

Meeting News

Today looks promising for skiing and several members showed up in their ski clothes, ready for a day on the mountain. Guests List: Exchange Students Liesbeth Jacobs (German), Thibault Pelhale (French), Rose-Marie's son, Ben White and Dave Gavett, our speaker today.

Announcements

Manny stated that we collect about \$40,000/year from Fundraisers, Sponsorships etc. and most of it we give back to the community, except for 10 - 15% which goes to International projects.

If you plan to attend the party, get your money in by Monday, Dec.8th at the latest. (cost \$42/person) cash bar.

*BOD follows regular meeting on the 18th of Dec.

*Gene - Restaurant Raffle. 14 members have still not picked-up their assigned tickets. More volunteers are needed for the next two weekends. There will be no club business conducted at the Holiday Party on Dec. 11th. Everyone is obligated to buy or sell their assigned tickets. Only \$230 came in for tickets sold during the last two weekends.

*Nominating Committee has a complete slate of officers for our next fiscal year. This will be voted on at our next meeting.

*The two exchange students each presented a Banner from their Rotary Club in Europe. Manny gave each of them one of our banners to take back to their home club. Thibault has a raffle (like a football pool) which he asked our members to enter. (He is raising money for his trip)

*Lorraine will run business sponsorship program again.

*Note: The name of our club is THE MAD RIVER VALLEY ROTARY CLUB. It was changed from the Valley Rotary Club when Jack Mansfield was president in 2003!

*John Hale: Meals-On-wheels fundraiser Christmas Party, Thurs. Dec 5th 2013
- 6 PM Slidebrook Tavern - Live Music by Tim Holter
Cash Bar - hors d'oeuvres - Suggested donation \$20
phone Carole 496-3386 or Valerie 583-2898

*Mega Bucks \$837 to the winner. Dave Gavett selected Judy's ticket and she drew the 9 of clubs for \$5 (Now there are only 13 cards in the deck)

Happy Bucks

Ken Amann - met Al Barillaro's family at Al's house

Gene S.- made over 1,000 mile trip to visit family in Va. and L.I. Thinking of going to Colorado

Bob Holden - Both sons home for Thanksgiving

Stan N. - Happy. Several Rotarians in ski clothes - ready for the mountain

Jim Leyton - annual trip to Manhattan for Thanksgiving - got speeding ticket

Judy - Daughter got engaged on Burnt Rock Mountain

Dave E. - Daughter here for Thanksgiving and skiing

Ken A - Daughters coming

Monk - drove across new bridge on route 100 without any delays

Al Barillaro - great Thanksgiving day with family

Dave K - going to Ken Friedman's

Ken Friedman - David will have tractors on Depends

Al B. -Ken left car door open.

Program

Adam introduced Dave Garrett, the Headmaster of the GMVS. This elite boarding school includes Middle School and High School. It has a high academic standing as well as a nationally known Sports Program.

Average class size is 12. They just had another outstanding year for college admissions. Alpine - 8 GMVS students on National Teams: 5 of them on the US ski team, for example.

Dave said the school has a wonderful relationship with Sugarbush.

Languages - German and French taught at GMVS and other languages (such a Chinese) are available at Middlebury College. The students also put on plays and have an arts program in addition to athletics

The kids also do community service (did a lot of volunteer work after MRV was hit by "Irene").

Their staff has 50 full timers as well as some part timers. They are at capacity. They have no room for expansion - not enough R.E. They want to do a really good job with what they have.

They accept only 20% of the applicants. Students are admitted based on character, grades and community service.

They have a tough academic program but have low drop-out rate.

School year starts Aug. 18. Alpine athletes train in Chile, Austria, Colorado and Hood. 8 GMVS students on National teams.

Nordic -Three Eastern Cup Victories by GMVS; winners at the Junior Nationals and many more.

Kids stay in class until 6 PM. When racing, do work on computers.

Tuition - \$45,000 for boarders, \$32,000 for day students. Some financial aid is available starting in 8th grade. Travel expenses are high.

The school is proud of their athletic achievers, and also proud of their good students.

All students (if not injured) participate in sports.

Their seniors SAT scores ranked in the top 40 of all boarding schools. No school in the U.S. puts more kids in top colleges. The students find college easy compared to their work load at GMVS!

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?

The Vale News

PO Box 267, Waitsfield, Vt. 05673

Club Officers

President	Manny Apigian
Pres. Elect	open
Past President	Doug Stoehr
Vice President	Bruce Bertholon
Secretary	Robert Grant
Treasurer	Dave Ellison
Community Service	Dinsmore Fulton
Vocational Service	David Koepele
Club Service	Al Barillaro
International Service	Joe Goldstein
Rotary Foundation	Jim Leyton
Membership Committee	Jack Miner
Sergeant-at-Arms	Ken Amann
Editor	Wini Thorsen
Assistant editor	Carol Hosford