

THE VALE NEWS

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World Understanding - A time to highlight our goal of world understanding and peace.

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Feb 8 Brian Crandall- Nat'l Senior Games Org.
15 Ken Friedman - Kathie Friedman - Senior Ass'n
22 NO MEETING (Presidents Week)
29 Dave Ruane - Ann Day - Nature of the Valley
Mar 7 Doug Stoehr - Brian Joslin - Medicare +Suppl.
14 Dinsmore Fulton - Sarah Seidman from VHAT
21 Henri Borel - Hospice Rep.
28 Jon Jamieson- Darryl Depot 5 Puroclean

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: none

Anniversaries: none

Meeting News

We had a big crowd this morning of 53 people including Gail Hietzker and Deborah Kahn, both from the Warren Library, Carol Groom, Benjamin White and exchange students (both present and future) Sarah Joyne, (USA), Sebastian Thorsted (Denmark), Henrique Ribas (Brazil), Marie Lo Kaufmann (France) and Sam Robinson (USA)

Announcements

Today's speaker is Gail Hietzker on behalf of the Warren Library.

No meeting 2/22, President's Week as the Inn is fully booked.

YBYI Corporate Sponsorship update: \$2,250 collected so far, mostly from new businesses and more money promised as a result of our letters to established businesses.

Lorraine has posted LOGOS on our Web site.

Ken Amann is back from Florida and gave us a report on the YBYI sales.

If this warm weather keeps up, the outhouse may be in danger. It must be wired very soon.

60% of the members have participated in sales, but more are needed this weekend and he passed around a sign-up sheet (getting volunteers the old fashioned way) Sales are 9% ahead of last year. He will place envelopes in the box addressed to him, which customers can use to mail the stubs to him. He reminded us that we keep the SMALL portion of the ticket – the part with the buyer's name, and choice of time and date. Ken will pick up money and ticket stubs at end of last shifts.

The top sellers (winners) are: 1) Chris Kirchen & Ken Amann at Warren Store; tied for second - team of Leo & Dinsmore, and team of Billy Brauer & Joe Goldstein, 4) Heli & Trish 5) Jim Leyton & Rob Tierney
Ken noted that Jim Leyton had signed up for 11 shifts.

Ken has hand warmers for salesmen with cold hands and suggested that pencils be used outside, as pens tend to freeze.

Changes in venues - Shaws first shift dropped and another shift added to Mehurons. Warren Store changed to Sunday afternoons. Changes to take place in 2 weeks. Manny has already changed the dates for the people who signed up for the deleted shifts.

Table not needed at the Warren store. Heli fixed the leg on their table.

Betty contributed an art work consisting of miniature windmills

The annual Rotary Ski Race at Bolton will be coming up in March. Heli will need people to form teams. Someone from the Williston Club will give us all the details soon.

Rotary-Person-of-the-Year Committee consists of Jon Jamieson, Trish Hopkins and Heli Hietzker. Dinner will probably be in April. If you have anyone in mind, inform the committee and they will add the name to their list of candidates.

Heli announced it is time to join the MRV Seniors Association. It costs \$5 for a whole year and enables you to get discounts at many local stores. The \$5 fee will benefit the seniors.

Fundraiser for the Hospice organization will be held at Chez Henri's on February 10th.

Megabucks: \$472 - Carol Hosford tried her best to locate joker but grabbed the 9 of hearts for \$5.

Happy Bucks

Chris Kirchen - going to see Canadians play hockey

Gene - Superbly happy

Heli - happy to give acceptance speech

Jim Leyton - Lola is coming
Ken Friedman - 1/2 going to be happy on Monday
Ken Amann - John Crump sent message from Mexico - "I may be in Mexico but I still have the floor"
Betty - would like to hear Heli's speech
Brian Crandall - Rooting for Giants in Superbowl
Dave Koepele - skied with teenage girl
Carol Hosford - grandson - keyboard
Tom Byrne - Happy not living in Florida
Leo - Enjoyed VSO concert - tickets donated by Jim Leyton
Al Barillaro - visited Claire Rubin. Reported she is holding up OK
Lorraine - her son learning to ski fast
Stan Needleman - With present ski conditions, he doesn't feel too bad to be on the injured list.
Dave Ellison - Got to airport early this morning for Janet to catch plane to Florida. Happy he made the round trip safely.

PROGRAM

WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Gail Hietzker thanked the Rotary Club for inviting her to be the guest speaker. She introduced Deborah Kahn, the Warren librarian, who mentioned that the three Valley libraries (Moretown Memorial, Joslin Memorial and the Warren Public Library) are currently doing some strategic planning together. Hopefully, sometime soon, we will have a "Valley" library system.

Gail mentioned some important 2011 library stats: computer usage is about 23 people per week; over 8,500 people visited the Warren Library this year; and 14,443 items were checked out including books, audio books, movies and magazines. The weekly pre-school Story Hour draws about 17 children each Wednesday and there were 43 library programs/events last year with 1044 participants - this was our first year to go over the 1000-person mark. The Staff includes a full-time Librarian, part-time Children's Librarian, a part-time Volunteer Coordinator/Library Assistant and a part-time PR/Event Director (Gail Hietzker). We have a Board of Trustees, 18 regular circulation desk volunteers and an active Friends of the Warren Library that raise funds to help with library programs and miscellaneous library items.

The library's outreach is very important. To share costs and PR promotions, our programs/events have included the following organizational partners: VT Humanities Council; Joslin and Moretown Memorial Libraries; MRV Rotary Club; MRV Seniors; Rootworks; the Big Picture Cafe and Theater; and the Waitsfield and Warren UCC Churches.

Our ongoing public relations include biweekly columns in The World Newspaper, weekly articles in The Valley Reporter, Facebook, an active library website and various listings on the Waitsfield Telecom Community Calendar. We also send out a

quarterly library newsletter, "The Bookworm", to over 300 Warren Public Library patrons.

The presentation mentioned several upcoming library programs: a February 4th "Take Your Child To The Library Day" (10 AM); a "Button Up VT" Workshop on Monday, February 13th (6:30 PM); a Poetry Slam/Community Potluck at the East Warren Community Market (2nd Floor) on Friday, February 17th (6 PM); and our on-going art exhibits. Gail thanked many valuable library volunteers for helping make the Warren Public Library a viable community organization.

Thanks went to the following volunteers with Rotary Club connections: Carol Miner, Sue Stoehr, Fran Plewak, Val Hale, Kathie Friedman, Judy Reed, Betty Hansen, Dave Ellison, Jack Miner and (last but not least) Heli Hietzker.

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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