

THE VALE NEWS

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

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

February 18 Assembly Meeting
25 Joe Goldstein - John Hoffman - Direct Aid International

March 4 Bruce Bertholon
11 Henri Borel
18 Bob Holden - Income Taxes
25 Ken Friedman

APRIL 1 Dave Ruane - Gary Avery re: I.D theft presentation
8 John Basile
15 Peter Laskowski
22 Jack Mansfield
28 Rotary-Person-of-the-Year Dinner

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 - Anna White, Henri Borel and Larry Ryan all on 2/11 (Anna was 10 today, the others are a little older)

Anniversaries - none this week

Meeting News

A kind of crummy day, damp but at least above freezing. Thirty six attendees including guests: Anna White, Sebastian Leon, our current exchange student from Peru, Art Spielvogel and Richard Asck from the Williston Rotary Club.

Announcements

Ken, our fearless leader was back today to lead the meeting. He read aloud our mail: 1) from the Waitsfield Children's Center, expressing their thanks for our donation of \$10,000 and a note from the Valley Art Foundation thanking us for \$500 and a letter from the IRS which Ken turned over to Bob Holden our CPA.

Rich asked for help to run the VT Adaptive Ski Race to cook food on Feb. 22nd.

The Williston Rotary Club is running their annual Ski Challenge Race at Bolton on Friday, March 6th. Heli has 2 teams to represent our club. This is always a fun affair; gives us a chance to sell YBYI tickets at the awards dinner following the race. Richard Asck informed us that the cost of participating in the race, including the dinner is \$45. If you just come for the dinner it is \$30. The dinner will be held in the main lodge.

Tom Byrne told us that on Saturday night the Big Picture is having a Valentine Party which will last from 8 PM to 2 AM and will allow us to sell tickets there. They have promised Multi-generational Music (maybe you better bring a designated driver if you are going party for 6 hours.)

Heli, representing his committee, announced that the Rotary Person-of-the Year dinner, will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at the Common Man Restaurant. Cost of dinner, which includes hors d'oeuvres, will be \$35. Open bar with beer and wine special. Heli passed out flyers describing the menu and asked people to bring in their choice of entree along with a check for \$35/diner. Claudia Becker (of the Big Picture) was selected for this honor for all her contributions to our Valley.

Here's a Freebie!!! The Vermont Community Energy Mobilization Project will give you a Free Home Energy Assessment and tell you how to save energy and money. Call Dennis Derryberry at 496-7662.

Karen advised us that Rotary International is sponsoring a Polio Immunization Program in Nigeria during late March of this year.

Ralph Walker is looking for the round Rotary signs in order to put one on the Outhouse and also have them when selling tickets

You-Bet-Your-Ice

John Hale was pleased to announce that we have 21s sponsors for the YBYI Raffle. Thank you letters have been mailed to each one of the sponsors. He was also asking people to sign up to sell tickets in front of Mehurons for this weekend.

Mega Bucks- \$189 for the winner. John Basile's incantations let him down, as he drew only the lowly 4 of clubs.

Caryn Crump mentioned that there is an article in the February issue of Reader's Digest honoring Rich Reisner for his work with Vermont Adaptive. Because of that article, Reader's Digest donated \$1,500 to Vt. Adaptive. Isn't that wonderful!!!

Happy Bucks

Karl - His show on 2/28 will have songs from the Music Man

John Basile - Thanked us for the \$5, then returned the money

John Crump - \$1 for Win by the Steelers, \$1 because he is now a member of the Firefighters in Warren

Dave Ellison - Hosting medical student

Stan - Glad he resides in Waitsfield, not Warren.

Carol Hosford - Enjoyed watching the Circus in the Waitsfield School

Betty - Helping Kathy Friedman to not drop a stitch

Dave Koepele - Happy to have Sebastian here today.

Bob Holden 1) went to Chicago 2) Eli auditioning, 3) Hopes market will improve

Joe Koch - Jean had procedure to help relieve problems with her back.

Rich - Found Joe's ski mittens

Tom Byrne- Enjoyed beautiful sunrise

Al Barillaro - Something about timing Dave Koepele - Ski Race?? (too fast for me to keep up)

Karen Winchell- Her niece and boyfriend still together in Hong Kong.

Monk - Will put the signs on the Outhouse today

Jim Groom -In these uncertain times, glad to have tickets to sell
Dave -Family back from Guatemala
John & Caryn Crump going to Khartoum for 2 weeks.

PROGRAM

Bob Holden, who is hosting our exchange student from Peru, introduced Sebastian Leon and Bob told us he was amazed at how good Sebastian's command of English is after only 5 months training.

Sebastian said I am 18 and come from Pivra, a small city in the north of Peru where it is warm and close to the beach. I love it because my family has a house there and go every summer.

In 2008, I moved to Lima, the capital and lived with my brother in an apartment. I wasn't sure about coming here as I wanted to start school and meet friends there. Now I am glad I came here as this is a great experience. I am having a good time at school and I have met some nice people.

It is a unique experience as I am all alone in another country and speaking another language. That is the hardest part of it. You are so different, in my case I am shy with people, but I figure it out and learn new things about everything.

I am enjoying soccer and snowboarding and go to the mountain every weekend. I also go on Mondays and Thursdays after school. I am having a lot of fun and am very thankful about the opportunity you have given me and to learn English which is the most important reason. Thank you all very, very much.

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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