

THE VALE NEWS

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Rotary Theme Topic for February - a time to highlight our goal of world understanding and peace

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Feb 13 Adam Greshin - Legislative Update
20 NO MEETING - PRESIDENTS WEEK
27 Craig Eilers - Health Savings Accounts etc.

Mar 6 open
13 open
20 open
27 Sen. Ann Cummings - Legislative update

Editor's Note: Please inform Wini (496-6710) of your speaker at Least 2 weeks in advance.

Birthdays: Wini 2/19/23

Anniversaries: Leon & Ellen Bruno 2/23/57

Meeting News

We had the pleasure of the presence of the following exchange students today:

Current Students

Nicolas Cordova

Pablo De La Vega

Vjera Krasek - not in attendance today

Out Going Students for 2013 - 2014

Quentin Bell - going to Switzerland

Theo Morton - going to Belguim

Gianna Kaiser - going to Sweden - summer 2013 - not in attendance today

Announcements

*BOD meeting today

Exchange student protocol - We must take in as many as we send out. Total of 6 in the district; with Waterbury, we are taking in 1/2 of the students in the district.

*YBYI - Ken stated that we are in the final stretch. Friday was filled, but many needed for Saturday and Sunday. If everyone signs up for 4 stints by the end of this campaign, we will catch up to next year.

New Procedures for Booking Speakers for Rotary Meetings

A Speaker Committee has been formed to reorganize the manner in which we recruit speakers and to set up guidelines for identifying potential speakers. Members will be responsible for submitting potential speakers to the committee. We are not specifying specific dates per member unless we find that members are not coming forward with speakers.

Potential speakers should fall under one of the following categories:

1. Local businesses - this will allow Rotary to keep in touch with our sponsors and allow them an opportunity to speak to us.
2. Education - to provide information and knowledge that will be of interest to club members.
3. Charity organizations- since our club donates to many local charities, it is important to know what the organizations are about and what they do.
4. Political/Legislative- to inform us of the hot topics in the political arena.
5. Ideally the speaker has not spoken at a previous MRV Rotary meeting in the last 12 months.

If the committee approves of the speaker we will get back to the member with the go ahead to confirm a date.

Once the date has been confirmed with the speaker the member will notify the committee and we will give the information to Wini to publish. Please make sure you follow up with the speaker a day or two before the meeting to confirm they can still make the meeting.

The Sponsorship Committee put out a poster listing all our current sponsors and on the back they posted all of the organizations where our club dollars go.

To view this list, go to the MRV Rotary Club Website: look for club documents - sponsors.

Wini knitted a baby outfit for a one year old infant, which included a sweater, hat and booties. Doug auctioned it off with the money being donated to The Heating Assistance Program. Al bought it for \$30.

MEGA Bucks \$84 to winner - Bob drew 5 of clubs for \$5

Happy Bucks

Karl Klein - may rejoin club and become a sponsor

Betty - overjoyed

Monk - skied top of MRG OK - tough going on bottom half

Al Barillaro - Connecticut Rotary buddies had plenty of snow

Tom Byrne - XC skied

Bob Holden - Glad to win \$5. Going to attend a concert this weekend in Ithaca where Eli is playing. Also happy that Eli's minor is in finance.

Larry - Happy

Jack Miner - Dad is recovering from broken femur.

Heli - entered 5K XC ski race at Leonard's. Was lapped by big XC ski skater almost at beginning, but won gold medal for over 70 age class.

Gene - glad Doug back

Jim Leyton - explain

Doug- weekend with buddies

Dave Ellison - gave young girls snow plow lesson and wound up parallel skiing

When Doug woke Joe Klimek to inform Joe that the morning meeting was canceled due to icy roads, Joe was on his cell phone in VA

Thus ended Happiness time this AM

PROGRAM

Since Adam's speaker (Terry Kellogg, chief executive officer, 1% for the Planet) did not show up this morning, Adam did an impromptu legislative update this morning.

Of course the required bill to pass the legislature at this time is the budget, which is their main topic. but gun legislation is the hot topic which Adam is involved in. Our state has not had a problem with guns, but the problem is that we are a larger society than we were 200 years ago. Now most people live in cities. In olden days kids even brought weapons to school. Now we have to draw the line somewhere. A background check should be required to purchase a gun. At present dealers are required to ask for a background check but not a private citizen selling a gun.

Vermont is a "free" state - anyone can carry a concealed weapon, but your permit is not good in another state. You cannot carry a 10 cartridge clip with the gun. Not considered sportsmanlike.

Many people in this country feel everyone has a right to own any weapon necessary to defend themselves - what is available for law enforcement should be available for private citizens.

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 tall Concerned?

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