

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	22	NO MEETING (pres. ¹ 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 Puroclea

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: Wini Thorsen 2/19/23

Anniversaries: Dave & Judy Ruane 2/19

Meeting News

Good turnout today, all tables filled, we sang America The Beautiful, the food was on time and we were off to a fine start. Our guests were Benjamin White and our two speakers, Kathy Friedman and Carol Crossman were from the MRV Seniors Association,.

Announcements

Lorraine reported:

- o No meeting next week due to President's Holiday Week (sleep in and enjoy)
- o The following week, February 29th guest speaker will be Ann Day on nature of the Valley
- o Corporate sponsorship update - Thus far - \$6,150 in corporate sponsorship
- o We are up \$1,600 from last year's sponsorships and we still have to hear from 18 businesses that donated last year!!!
- o Congrats to all keep up your efforts!!
- o Please refer to attached sheet listing sponsors thus far on your table and thank sponsors.
- o Thank you to Jack Miner for posting all sponsors logos on our website (great job web master).
- o Upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute classes Saturday, March 31st Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Parts I, II, III. Encourage all members to consider. Registration is low, if you are
- o Invitation to Waterbury's 75 Anniversary; see flyers on tables

Friday, March 2nd at Thatcher Brook Elementary School - \$25 pp RSVP by February 21st.

The Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year and honored that Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee will be their esteemed guest for the evening. They want to ensure that he gets a warm welcome and meets many Rotarians and guests from our District and beyond.

The event will be held Friday March 30th at the newly updated Hilton DoubleTree Hotel (formerly Wyndham) Exit #45 (Maine Mall Rd.) off of I-95 in South Portland. Space is limited and your response is requested by Friday, March 16th. I will forward e-mail to everyone with more information.

Doug Stoehr and Gene Scarpato attended Pre presidents-elect - for pre-training conference at Lebanon and learned about programs that we can participate in. The District offers a 4 hour visioning/strategic planning session to set up goals for our club - planning for the future of our club. Cost is \$200.

We should advertise more and tell the public about what we do for the community. It would help our Raffle ticket sales.

Heli - Bolton Ski Race will be held on March 9 th. We need volunteers for 2nd and 3rd teams to represent our club. Race entry and dinner \$47.; Dinner only \$30. Great place to sell raffle tickets (if the outhouse is still standing) They will exhibit the second cup we won.

Jim Leyton - 1) Plea for R.I. foundation, 2) concert tickets, 3) Business Expo at Big Picture on Wednesday

Ken Amann report on the YBYI sales.

Last 2 weekends - most impressive. He is thankful we are maintaining perfect attendance for the ticket sellers - there were 2 people at each sales venue. He noticed they were all upbeat and smiling - making a great atmosphere for sales, drawing in the customers. Sales winners were: Carol Hosford, Bruce Bertholon, Dave Koepele and Gene Scarpato. Special initiative shown by Wini.

The good news - \$733 in sales last weekend, making a total so far of almost \$3,200. Since there is no meeting next week, people are needed to sign up for The next 2 weekends. If you have not done at least 2 shifts, we need you. There are 5 shifts open for Friday and 8 for Saturday. These next 2 weekends should be our best as they fall into Pres. weeks, with many second home owners visiting the Valley.

Sales tips on selling- "would you like to help Rotary help the community?"
Trish uses soft sell - gets people engaged in our affairs before trying to sell tickets.

Rotary-Person-of-the-Year Committee consists of Jon Jamieson, Sissy Walker 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

Megabucks: \$518 Chris Kirchen pulled the ace of diamonds - \$5

Happy Bucks

Jim Leyton - Business Expo
Dave Ellison - Amazing skiing
Bob Holden - Thankful for all the members selling tickets
Art Conway - Happy too
Betty - got on roof of Outhouse
Monk - going to Colorado for skiing
Lorraine - just happy
Al Barillaro - skied Okemo with buddies then here. Buddies complained about treasurer of Conn. Club. Thanked Dave for his work
Jack Mansfield - Key West too hot for him
Audrey - Brother here - missed meeting last week
Dave Ellison -heli skiing in B.C., Canada
Chris - Happy to win \$5

BOD today

PROGRAM

Kathy Friedman & Carole Crossman explained that Evergreen Place is owned by the Vermont Land Trust and the MRV Seniors Assn. rent rooms from them at \$1 per year.

The Land Trust rents apartments to seniors or handicapped people at subsidized rates (if necessary). The renter must be able to live independently, as it is not assisted living. Renters are responsible to get their own meals. They can attend the congregate meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays like any other senior or sign up for Meals on Wheels (MOW), but meals are not included in their rent.

MOW receives the most subsidy money from the state. Clients can pay the suggested donation of \$4 but will receive MOW if they cannot afford the \$4. The same goes for any senior attending the congregate meals. The higher the attendance at the luncheons, the higher amount money The Senior organization receives from the state.

The only paid employee is the cook, all other workers (packers, deliverers, "bus boys", general helpers), are volunteers.

Since the cost of food is tight and rising rapidly. Lorraine needs a count in order to know how much food to buy, therefore please make a reservation ahead of time. Breakfast is also served on Monday morning if enough people have made reservations.

No food is wasted. Leftovers are put in packaged meals and frozen. Some people need meals 7 days a week, thus frozen meals are delivered on Fridays along with the MOW luncheon. If a storm is forecast for a Tues. or Thurs. both MOW and the congregate lunch are canceled for the sake of safety.

A rep. from the state goes over every menu with Lorraine to make sure the food is prepared according to their rules. She tries to use local products whenever possible.

The BOD of the Seniors plans activities, such as Travelogues, Fashion Shows, bus trips, Holiday parties such as Halloween. Yesterday they had a Valentine's Day auction and raised \$160. There is a foot clinic every 6 weeks for people who have trouble cutting their toenails. They also have an emergency evacuation plan, in case of emergency.

They also thanked Rotary for our donations and all the members who offer their services. It takes about an hour- starting at 11:00 A.M. to do a route of delivering MOW. They are always in need of more volunteers.

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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