

THE VALE NEWS

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

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

March	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
Apr	4	Open
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The April dates will be scheduled this weekend. If anyone wants one of these dates please let me know before the next meeting.

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: Ben Plewak 3-2-76, Caryn Crump 2/27. Jack Simko 2/27

Anniversaries:

o Leon and Ellen Bruno 55 years on February 23rd

Club Anniversaries

o Audrey Witschi 5 years on March 1st

Meeting News

Gray cold morning, but no precipitation. Good crowd including our speaker, Ann Day, Karl Klein (Past member, future member?), Vern Penner, Rotarian from Annapolis, Md. and George Hauerstein from the Williston-Richmond Club

Announcements

o Today's speaker is Ann Day on the Nature of the Valley, thank you to Dave Ruane for coordinating.

o Next week speaker is Brian Joslin on Medicare and Supplemental Insurance

o Corporate sponsorship update - Thus far - \$6,950 in corporate sponsorship

o We are up \$2,400 from last year's sponsorships and we still have to hear from 18 businesses that donated last year!!! Congrats to all keep up your efforts!!

o Please refer to attached sheet listing sponsors thus far on your table and thank sponsors.

- 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
- o Quick board meeting following club meeting please hang out for a few minutes.
- o Technical site visit coming up on March 12th
- o Thank you to Doug and Dinsmore for working on District Simplified grant benefiting McCullough Barn in Fayston stay tuned.
- o Special Club Vote on Green Cup - Carol Hosford

Joe Goldstein reported:

There will be a South African GSE Team visiting our District right after Memorial Day. Right now it appears that the MRVRC will host these folks on Tues, 29 May and Wed 30 May. The Team consists of 2 women and 3 men. Host families to provide lodging are needed for this Team. The Team member names, their city of residence and areas of interest are:

Team Leader is Anne Botha, from Orkney, Property developer

Team Members are

Lorraine Badenhorst	from East London	Attorney
Richard Fyvie	from Port Elizabeth South	Geologist
David Wright	from Grahamstown Sunset	Deputy Headmaster
Brendon Connellan	from East London Sunset	Commerce & Financial

Carol Hosford - International Grant

Shortly after Tropical Storm Irene, John Crump's Mexican Rotary Club offered to help with flood relief for the Valley. Their participation triggers the possibility of applying for an international matching grant.

If we are able to contribute \$5,000, the amount raised would be between \$17,000 and \$23,000.

John Crump, Ken Friedman, and I looked at the possibilities for businesses that will still need help when the money becomes available in August. We chose the blue building on Bridge Street, and specifically, the Green Cup.

The building houses 7-8 businesses. The Green Cup hired about 15 full and part time employees. Jason bought much of his food locally. The restaurant fostered a sense of community as people sat there having something to eat and conversing with one another. And it attracted people to that area; often these people browsed in the other shops on the street.

It is not certain that Jason himself will be able to reopen the Green Cup. However, it's the family's intent to retain the space for a restaurant, even if it should have to be leased out.

The club postponed the vote until next week. At that time, we will vote on whether or not to contribute \$5,000 toward equipment for a restaurant in the blue building on Bridge Street.

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.

George Hauerstein put in a plug for the Bolton Ski Challenge fundraiser for Heating Assistance.

Heli - Bolton Ski Race will be held on March 9th. We need one more volunteer for 2nd team to represent our club. Race entry and dinner \$47.; Dinner only \$30. Great place to sell raffle tickets (if the outhouse is still standing). Skiers will meet in MRGreen parking lot at 4 PM.

Ken & Manny YBYI Update

Top sellers last week were Doug Stoehr and Judy Reed, next were the team of Jack Mansfield and Joe Koch (sales maniacs), 3rd Gene Scarpato who performed 3 - 4 shifts last week.

There are only 2 weekends left to sell tickets - last chance to do your share of 4 shifts.

If you have not turned in the cash and stubs for the personal tickets you received, please note, they are due NEXT WEEK. Rotary-Person-of-the-Year Committee consists of Jon Jamieson, Sissy Walker and Heli Hietzker. Dinner will probably be in April.

Megabucks: \$548 - Ralph Walker picked the \$5 jack of diamonds

Happy Bucks (very noisy today - result - poor reporting.)

Joe Goldstein & Dave Koepele - both happy
Ann Day - has 2 grand daughters in Australia
Jim Leyton - grandson's 1st solid meal
Al & Ellen Barillaro - expect to be grandparents in Sept.
Carol Hosford- Daughter's book event
Art Conway - denies what he said previously
Trish Hopkins - hopes for sponsorship of \$500
Stan Needleman - skiing again

PROGRAM

Ann Day explained why she writes about nature and her curiosity about things. Her father was a professor of atmosphere physics at MIT, where he and his associates developed weather radar.

He took her for long walks in the woods and everywhere they went, her dad would show her how things worked and how to care for them. He was the practical scientist of the family. She learned about trees, wind, wood, the ocean tides and building a good fire.

Her mother was full of wonder for the natural beauty of the world around her. She loved animals and had a childlike curiosity for everything she encountered in her daily walks in the woods.

Ann has acquired a combination of an inquiring mind and land conservation from both parents. This encouraged her to learn more and share the information with others and hopefully make the world a better place to be.

She has been known to observe insects and talk to them.

She was born in Boston in the 1930's, moved to western Massachusetts, married in 1950., and became a certified ski instructor. She is happy to live in a place where she can observe nature (both big and small creatures) all year long. She writes poetry about small things, even a bunch of daisies with red crab spiders on them.

She mentioned the value of earth worms and how they turn the soil making it useful for growing things.

She loves to retire outdoors, observe nature when there is a gentle breeze which brings solace to her soul.

She read aloud several of her poems. One time she was ready to take a shower while at camp and discovered a slug on the shower floor. She gently picked it up, put it aside and talked to it while showering, then got dressed and carried it outside and put it down safely in the grass.

Sometimes it is hard to tolerate the creatures that are ruining our lawn and gardens, but if we learn more about these plants and animals, we may see how we have upset the balance of nature and thru knowledge we can bring a better understanding to our relationship with the world of nature.

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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