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

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

February 10 Monk Bancroft- Gordie Hall - Coordination of First Aid & Fire Units in the Valley. He is a member of the Warren F.D.; The Valley Ambulance Service; and the MRG Ski Patrol

17 John Basile

24 Tom Byrne

March 3 Bob Grant - Classification Speech

10 Art Conway

17 Dave Ellison

24 Ken Friedman

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

Mike Kelly 2/8

Anniversaries

none

Meeting News

Another bright ski day resulting in only 36 attendees at our meeting, including guests Henry Erickson and Maggie Burke from Vt. Adaptive Ski Org. and John Basile's son, John Basile Jr.

Announcements

Dave K. started the meeting by reading us a Thank you note from The VTHH & H organization for our \$1,000 donation.

The RI Convention in Montreal. So far 105 Rotarians from our district have registered. For those interested in a day trip, there will be a bus leaving from Burlington at 7 AM (provided they get 40 people) . Call Jim Leyton for details.

The Rotary Challenge Ski Race will be held this year on Friday, March 5th at Bolton Valley Ski Area. This event supports the Vermont Heating Assistance Program and is organized through the Richmond-Williston Rotary Club.

When: Friday March 5th, 2010, Registration: 3:30, Race begins: 5:30, Dinner: 6:30 Main Lodge, Awards: 7:30 Main Lodge.

Registration Fee: \$45 includes race, ticket and dinner. Dinner only: \$30.00 Contact Heli if you want to enter the race. Heli is trying to line up 2 or 3 teams. Also, you can come watch the race, have dinner and sell YBYI tickets.

EREY - No comments from Jim Leyton today on this subject.

YBYI (YOU BET YOUR ICE) OUR BIG WINTER RAFFLE

Weekly report on Outhouse activities by Gene. Betty followed Joe Koch into the outhouse and suggests Gene install a ventilator. (He has since put in a can of air freshener.) Another poor girl entered the O.H. not realizing that one of our serious pasta eaters had just left. Her screams were deafening and when Gene got the emergency call, he couldn't find his car keys and ran all the way to the O.H. where dangerous gas fumes were detected. When he managed to open the door, the girl was almost fully dressed but nearly fainting and sweating like a pig. He could hardly get her out of there and nearly fainted himself. Lorraine is here today and fully recuperated. He would be mean and insensitive to reveal the name of the member who stunk up the place but he had to say that Al Barillaro needs to see a doctor.

Gene Scarpato said we have taken in a total of \$1,100 so far. Slim pickings during the cold weekend. He passed around the sign-up sheet for volunteers this coming Fri. & Sat. We have only 7 weeks left to sell tickets. The committee hopes to install the Outhouse on Friday afternoon.

Haiti donations - Dave Ellison told us that our BOD has already donated \$2,000 to Shelter Box for aid to Haiti. Members who wish to donate, can make out a check to Shelter Box and give it to Dave. He will collect them for a couple of weeks and then turn them all over to the Shelter Box organization.

If you have already donated to other organizations for Haiti, e-mail Dave about it.

Leo Cohen proposed that our club donate money for a new toaster to be used for our breakfasts.

MINI Bucks

The winner will receive \$210. - Al Molnar - no joker got \$5.

HAPPY BUCKS

Betty - Gene needs underwriter to cover O.H. improvements

Jack - Entertaining O.H. committee chairman

P. Pinkston - Going to see son in 3 - 1 act plays

Art Conway - Enjoyed Margaritas in Mexico

Jack Miner - Happy snow is good on the mountain

John Basile Jr. - Happy to be here

John Basile - Glad son is here today

Gene - Recovered from standing out in the cold last weekend

Rich Reisner - Happy Sally, Maggie and John Jr. here

Al Barillaro - visitor from Conn. - Funny OH tidbits

Ken Amann - Heli helped with electrical work

Tom - rehearsing for Valley Player shows

Jim Leyton - Did not have to pitch for EREY today.

Dave K noted that someone purchased \$39 worth of groceries at Mehurons and charged it to Rotary. Anyone know who it was??????

PROGRAM

Al Barillaro introduced Maggie Burke, who has college degrees in Adventure Education and represents The Vermont Adaptive Skiing & Sports organization.

Rich Reisner commented that the U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee, has announced that Maggie Burke is one of six coaches and program leaders selected to attend the 2010 Paralympic Experience Vancouver, March 10-17, 2010, in Vancouver, Canada.

Maggie has been the Northern coordinator for three years at Sugarbush. During that time the program has grown to serving over 600 clients supported by over 100 volunteers who are trained in Adaptive Skiing methods. Maggie commented that the relationship with Sugarbush and the generous support that they give to the program makes it possible for those individuals with disabilities to experience the fun of skiing and riding.

Maggie brought a junior mono-ski that was purchased with funds donated by our Rotary club last year. She also showed us an example of a monster binding for mono-skis. This year, our Club donated \$1,320 to Vermont Adaptive so they could purchase three additional monster bindings to make the skiing experience safer for mono-skiers.

Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports is the only year-round disabled sports program with daily programming in the state which is committed to empowering individuals with disabilities. The organization promotes independence and further equality through access and instruction to sports and recreational opportunities including alpine skiing, snowboarding, and other winter sports; kayaking, canoeing, sailing, rock climbing, horseback riding, and more. More than 400 volunteers serve clients from all over the world in three locations in Vermont - Pico Mountain at Killington; Sugarbush Resort in Fayston; and Bolton Valley Resort in Bolton.

Recently they ran a program involving 31 kids which severely taxed their staff, but they said the extra effort was so rewarding, just seeing the joy it brought to the kids (3 of them were on respirators)

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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