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

**Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

Feb. 5 Frank Vanecek - Norwich Univ.VP (enrollment Mgt)

  12 Club Assembly- usual time & place

  12  Evening - 6 PM Valentine Party Mad River Barn

    19 Scott Funk - Sec. 1 Lending 7:30 A.M. at the Waitsfield United Church. (Sugarbush is booked up for President’s week)

26 Jen Fleckenstein of Fayston   - Pure Water for the World, a global safe water advocacy group.

Mar.  5  Gen. Heather Lynds & Bob Hefferman  - Mad River Barn &  White Horse Inn

       12  Heather Timins - Vt.Adaptive Ski & Sports

       19  Open

       26  Open

April  2  Amy Schram - Better Business Bureau - Scams & Fraud

**Birthdays**

Henri Borel        2/11;      Larry Ryan 2/11

**Anniversaries**

Wayne & Lorraine Foster 2/8

**Meeting News**

People trickled in slowly during the snowstorm this A.M. Only two guests:

Gordon Hoare (who has been recommended for membership) and our speaker Frank Vanecek, VP of enrollment in Norwich University.

**Announcements**

Al Barillaro has arranged a Valentine Day Party for our club at Mad River Barn on Feb. 12th.  Cost  $27.50/person  It will be an evening party and there will be a Rotary Club meeting in the morning (at the Waitsfield Church basement)

YBYI Raffle - Karl Klein and Chris Pierson have been persuading Bartenders to sell our raffle tickets, last weekend the total sales of both indoor and outdoor locations were $457.  They passed a sign-up sheet for this weekend around to all the members today. We need to increase our outdoor sales in spite of the weather.  This is one of our big fundraisers. We will get publicity for this event during the next 6 weeks in the Valley Reporter.

Lorraine will discuss the sponsorship program at our Feb. 19th meeting

Bolton Ski Race

Dave Ellison has 4 entrees to form one team for the Bolton Ski Race in March this year, needs 4 more skiers for a second team.  He has to replace Heli as Heli is now racing for the Middlebury club.  People who don’t want to race, could come - cheer on our teams and have dinner.  It is another indoor locale to sell YBYI raffle tickets; and a fun evening.

Mini Bucks  - $50 - Jim Leyton - First to start on new pot, did not find joker - club owes him $5

Dave Ellison presented Jim Reagan with a check for $965 for drawing the joker from the deck last week.

Happy Bucks

J. Leyton - Happy his ticket was chosen even if gave him only $5

Monk - operation on wife successful

Al Barillero - had a happy story

Stan - happy

Wayne - big winner at duplicate (Dave Koepele partner)

Bob Holden - hockey

Clayton-Paul - showed Trish how to sell tickets on her smart phone.

PROGRAM

Dr. Vanecek is starting his 38th year with Norwich University in various positions such as enrollment recruiter, student affairs, business & management.  In 1993 he organized the movement of the undergraduate civilian population from Vermont College to the Northfield campus.

Dr. Vanecek began with the history of Norwich Univ.  Alden Patridge, the founder of Norwich attended Dartmouth College and graduated in 1806, stayed on as a professsor until 1816 and superintendent (1815 - 1817) of the U.S.Military Academy at West Point, NY.

He had far reaching plans to develop a national system of citizen-soldier academies. He resigned his position but kept trying to fulfill his dream until he succeeded in 1834, when the academy finally received its charter and Vermont officially recognized the institute as Norwich University.

In March of 1866 a disastrous fire destroyed Norwich University’s principle buildings. By April, the trustees voted to relocate to Northfield.

From its humble beginnings in Northfield, Vt. -  with Jackman Hall and 11 acres, Norwich Univ. has expanded over the past 148 years to 53 buldings on 64 campus acres.

Norwich today is the oldest private military college in the U.S. with an enrollment of 2,200 undergraduate students, men and women from 46 states and 20 countries.  Norwich has 1,400 Corps students and 700 civilian students.  60% in the Corps of Cadets are granted commissions in the US Miitary.

It is not solely military. Norwich offers 30 bachelor’s degrees, teacher licensure and ROTC programs representing all four branches in the US Armed forces.  One of their special features is leadership training - enabling their students to go out into the world and make a difference.

Both civilian and military programs stress the common code of honor, which prevents lying, cheating, stealing and toleration of these activities. This is run by the students

Community Partners - Norwich shares their facilities with nearly 30 outside groups and their students volunteer in Vt. communities in various capacities. They helped their neighbors recover from the storm “Irene” by donating over 4,000 hours of assistance.

US News & World Report rated Norwich University’s online Master of Business Administration as one of the best in its 2014 rankings.

                         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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