

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 15 Ken Friedman - Kathie Friedman - Senior Ass'n
22 NO MEETING (pres.¹ week)
29 Dave Ruane - Ann Day - Nature of the Valley
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 Purocle

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 Henri Borel 2/11; Larry Ryan 2/11, Nick Laskovsski 2/8

Anniversaries-- Wayne & Lorraine Foster 2/8

Meeting News

This morning your editor did not need an alarm clock as the moon started shining thru her bedroom window at 6 AM. It did not have this effect on all of our members as we had a small crowd with no guests today. Today's speaker is Brian Crandall - topic - The Senior Games

Announcements

Heli announced that there will be a concert at the Warren Church at 4 PM this Sunday. It is a fundraiser for the Green Mountain Girls farm at Northfield.

Lorraine reported:

- o Corporate sponsorship update - Thus far - \$4,700.00 in corporate sponsorship we need to continue the effort! With this winter who knows how long it will be until the outhouse falls in.
- o We still have to hear from 20 businesses that donated last year!!!
- o Congrats to all keep up your efforts!!

See attached sheet listing sponsors thus far on your table!

- o Board Meeting is slated for next week February 15th.

- o No meeting during President's week February 22nd
- o Per Marilyn Bedell we all have the opportunity to opportunity to see and hear RI President Kalyan Banerjee in Maine on 30 March 2012.

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 Double Tree 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.

- o Update on Vermont Recovery Grant from Marilyn Bedell things are still progressing with the grant when they contacted Rotary Foundation/Grant Coordinator they got the following response:

"Please know that the competitive process takes longer than the traditional Matching Grant process. While I appreciate that you are facing pressure from the people in your community, such a large grant request has to be reviewed on multiple levels. The file has been through its preliminary review, and the program officer is currently in communication regarding the Advanced Site Visitor. At this moment it looks like someone will be sent to Vermont to review the situation, but I will be in touch shortly with the final decision.

As this year Rotary is on a slightly different international meetings schedule, the file will be sent to the Trustees for remote review. This means the file will be reviewed by the Trustees once it is completed."

Jim Leyton told us about the Business Expo at the Big Picture next Wednesday. All local businesses will be represented - free admission and free food

Ken Amann report on the YBYI sales.

We are 11% ahead of last year in ticket sales. Last weekend collected \$697 - best so far. The change in schedule - adding the Warren Store at noon on Sunday proved beneficial. Top sellers last week - Trish Hopkins and Betty Maguire.

We are at the 1/2 way point and going into the critical phase. Bad news - only a few people signed up and Ken had to pass a sign-up sheet for this weekend. Good news - No "No Shows" so far this season.

He asked that people do not take home their sold ticket stubs and money. He will be at the Jim Leyton's at the end of the shift to collect these items in order to keep the records up to date.

He handed out the schedule for this week - note Friday is on top and Saturday is on the back of the sheet. Please put the correct date on your sales.

Ken has hand warmers for salesmen with cold hands and suggested that pencils be used outside, as pens tend to freeze

The wiring system is very complicated and took 2 hours to install.

Chez Henri is holding a Fundraising Dinner to support Vermont Home, Health & Hospice Organization on Friday, Feb. 10th. Call for reservations 583-2600. A great evening for a great cause.

The annual Rotary Ski Race at Bolton will be coming up in March. Heli will need people to form teams. Someone from the Williston Club will give us all the details soon.

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: \$472 - David Ruane pulled the 2 of hearts for 5\$

Happy Bucks:

Dave Koepele - going to Florida

Stan Needleman - happy to miss plane to Florida

Art Conway - 1)fixed leak 2) off to Mexico

Lorraine Keener - good friend in Stowe

Al Barillaro - Buddies from Conn. coming to ski Okemo & Sugarbush

Jim Leyton - 1) So pleased he had nothing to do 2) What Lola Wants...

Dave Ellison - Wife returned safely from Florida

Bob Holden - tax time approaching

Chris Kirchen - Happy about Giants big win

Brian Crandall - ditto

PROGRAM

Brian Crandall from N.J. has been in the Valley part time for 15 years.

He loves sports, not just to watch, but to participate and finds the National Senior Games a way to stay active and compete, as the entrants are divided into 5 year age groups. His motto is "If you are doing something, keep doing it".

The organization was formed in St. Louis in 1985 and called the National Senior Olympics and the event drew 2,500 competitors . The US Olympic Committee told the seniors they had to change their name and they became the National Senior Games Association.

Now they hold the event every 2 years and draw 10 to 12 thousand competitors. They are sponsored by Health Organizations.

There are no dues, but people must register to compete. They compete at the state level and the top 4 may go on to the National. This year it will be in Cleveland. There are 19 sports, individual and teams.

Brian started at age 50 in Racquetball, won the tryout at the state level and came in 6th at the Nat'l. Everyone wants to win, but they are friendly and there is a lot of camaraderie.

They used to have winter games, but now just Summer games.

Last time he went there were two competitors over 100 years old. People come from all 50 states and Canada

Editor's note: I competed in bowling at least 6 times. It was easy to qualify in Vermont, but much tougher in the Nationals; best I ever did was 8th, but it was a lot of fun meeting people who were so upbeat. Also entered once in the winter games when the tryouts were held at Sugarbush. I was the only female in my age group and qualified by merely completing the slalom run, making all the gates to the finish line. For that I won the gold medal.

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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