

## **THE VALE NEWS**

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MARCH - ROTARY & INTERACT MONTH- AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE SERVICES TO YOUTH & ADULTS

### **Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

March 17 Dave Ellison - Sue Frechette, president of the Mad River Valley Health Center Board of Directors. She will present an overview on what is currently happening regarding the Health Center.

	24	Wini Thorsen - John Lynch - Driver Education
	31	Jim Groom
April	7	Beverly Kehoe - Vermont Festival of the Arts
	14	Rotary Person of the Year Dinner
	21	Ken Friedman
	28	Dave Ruane

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.

No Birthdays or Anniversaries for the first 2 weeks in March

### **Meeting News**

Simply gorgeous day today. Some of our members showed up in ski clothes, many did not show up at all. Total of 34 attendees, including our speaker Joy Worland and Benjamin & Anna White.

### **Announcements**

Dave K. told us that the last BOD voted \$100 to the MR Path Association and that the MR Path Ass'n, is partnering with Sugarbush to handle the administration of the Triathlon. They are asking for volunteers and Rich Reisner proposed that we handle one portion of the race i.e. taking the canoes out of the water, getting the bicycles out etc. Then we could put up our banner and get some publicity.

Latest improvements to the outhouse: Gene added a new green cushy floor mat because Joe Koch complained of cold feet. Then he asked the men to improve their aim and not water the flowers or the photo on the underside of the lid cover. The big outhouse is still standing, but is surrounded by water, so the 25 members who have not turned in their ticket stubs and money may just be making a donation if the outhouse falls in before those ticket stubs are in Gene's hands. So far the total received is \$6,629, not including the money given to Gene this morning.

Rich Reisner asked us to support the Nancy Allen (G.M.V. School Race) on March 22nd at Sugarbush.

Henri Borel (Chez Henri) Race at Sugarbush on Sat. March 20th. Racers win medals, hats and attend a great party afterwards. Lots of fun.

The Rotary Leadership Institute. Guy Babb urges our club to get at least 2-3 or more of our members to attend the upcoming sessions either at Rutland on March 20 or Lebanon on March 27 (or both since there are three levels). Call Dave K. if interested (see e-mail for details)

The Russian GSE team will be coming to Vermont this summer. We need a leader and a committee to host them and plan the activities.

The Rotary Challenge Ski Race was held Friday, March 5th at Bolton Valley Ski Area. We had 2 teams at the Bolton race, Team A: Dave Ellison, Monk Bancroft, Henri Borel and Heli Hietzker. Team B: Dave Koepele, Chris Kirchen, Doug Stoehr and Jack Miner.

We won a number of awards: Dave E., fastest 65 and up, Monk fastest 70 and up, Henri fastest 75 and up, A Team - oldest and wisest and third place overall (total 294 years) The two teams total ages was 560 years !

**EREY** - Jim Leyton. - Program still alive.

**MINI Bucks** - 298 to the winner. Our guest, Joy, drew Ken Amann's ticket and he drew the 3 of hearts.

## **HAPPY BUCKS**

Betty - Hats off to the A Team.

Chris - Jack & Chris skied at MRG

Jack Miner - Let's hear it for the B team!

Larry Ryan - Grandson did communications when flew to ?

John Basile - Loved the Opera Festival - Bid \$600 for a walk-on part in the opera - told he would wear a tutu

Jim Leyton - 3rd eldest granddaughter engaged

Monk - going to Cape Cod tomorrow

Joe Koch- thankful for the beautiful day

Heli - Enjoyed the Bolton Race - Both teams did well

Bob Holden 1) Harwood HS Budget passed 2) Norwich has a great hockey team won championship 3) Eli coming home for school break

Art - Grandson not being sent to Afghanistan

Gene - Happy outhouse is still standing

Dave Koepele - Pleased that Gene is such an enthusiastic YBYI leader

Jack Simko - Appreciates the attendance of so many Rotarians at the Opera Festival

## **PROGRAM**

Art Conway introduced Joy Worland, the librarian at the Joslin Library. Before she was a librarian, she played the French horn in national symphony orchestras.

Joy and her husband thought it would be wonderful to live in Vermont, but she realized she would have to make a career change. They noticed that every town had a library and she decided to get a masters degree in Library Science.

On a visit to Waitsfield, they went into the Joslin Library; met Betty Howell, who showed Joy the Vermont Library Association's "Job Opportunities" website. This turned out to be the answer to her prayers, when she applied and got the job at the Joslin library.

She loves working in the beautiful building, meeting people from all walks of life, working with volunteers and buying new books each month.

The biggest current activity is the automation of the catalog. They are putting all their records on an online catalog. Patrons can see if a book is available, place it on hold. Even if they don't know the exact name or author, people can get the data from their computer at home. This is what the Rotary's gift is helping to make possible for the library this year.

The new system is the one the Warren library began using last summer. Both catalogs can be accessed at the same time, thus resulting in fewer duplications, allowing more money to be spent on a wider variety of materials.

When she scanned the first book a couple of weeks ago, she was so thrilled, she had Sissy Walker photo the event for posterity. One small scan for Joslin, one giant leap for Waitsfield.

Library Usage - The new system brings in more patrons, some people come in daily to use the public computers, etc. They are also running programs such as the history of New England. Bill Doyle is presenting "Life in Washington County".

Last Sunday they hosted a Scrabble afternoon, with tea donated by Mint, the restaurant across the street.

Community Involvement - The library has become part of the culture of the Valley by collaborating with other organizations in the area. Story time increased the number of kids attending when the Stepping Stones preschool joined them. They are also involved with the local Boy Scouts.

They donated books to the Harwood students who traveled to Rwanda. They also serve as exam site for local college students doing on line classes from a college in Massachusetts.

Conclusion: Once they complete their big task of automation, many of the daily tasks will run more efficiently, leaving more time and energy for the new programs. It will improve their core mission - Getting books and information to people.

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