

## **THE VALE NEWS**

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Rotary Theme Topic for March - an opportunity to promote services to youth & young adults

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

March 13 Gov. Shumlin  
19 St. Patrick's Day Party - MRG Base Box 5: 30 P.M., Cocktails, Dinner follows, price \$30  
20 NO MEETING  
27 Sen. Ann Cummings - Legis. update

April 3 Karen Nevin - Festival of the Arts in Vermont  
10 Terry Kellogg, CEO, 1% for the Planet,

Editor's Note: Please inform Wini (496-6710) of your speaker at least 2 weeks in advance.

**Birthdays** - Dave Ellison 3/25; Ken Friedman 3/24; Jim Groom 3/18; Ralph Walker 3/26

**Anniversaries** - Jonathon & Amy Jamieson 3/16/96

### **Meeting News**

There was excitement in the air this morning as everyone waited for Gov. Shumlin and his assistants to arrive. Doug even wore a jacket and tie for the occasion. We filled 8 tables including all the extra guests: Susan Stoehr, Carol Groom, Carlos Rello, Bob Messner, Bill Barnes, Susan Klein, Governor Shumlin, Dave Yacovone, John Campbell and camera lady, Alex Maclay.

### **Announcements**

PLEASE NOTE: NO MEETING NEXT WEEK ON MARCH 20th

\*St Patrick's Day Party on March 19th at Mad River Glen 5:30 P.M.

\*Heli - Bolton ANNUAL Ski Race on Friday, MARCH 8TH, Our teams took home 3 prizes

\*Lorraine - sponsorships

In an effort to keep everyone updated on our Corporate Sponsorship campaign, see below for a list of businesses who have signed on for this year. Thank you letters have been sent, but I know some members like to also thank businesses in person.

We have not heard from quite a few 2012 sponsors, so please follow up with your businesses. Refer to website for spreadsheet of businesses and assigned Rotary contact. Please let me know if you have any questions.

\*Lorraine Keener

2013 Corporate Sponsors

Here is the current list of 2013 Corporate Sponsors - new total \$9,900!!!

Allen Lawn Service - \$250  
Baked Beads - \$500  
Better Travel - \$250  
Bournes Energy - \$250  
Brother's Buidling - \$250  
Eastern System - \$100  
Hall & Holden - \$250  
Irasville Country Store - \$250  
Jamieson Insurance - \$1,000  
Ken Amann Leather - \$250  
Mad Marathon - \$250  
Mad River Massage - \$1,000  
Mad Triathlon - \$250  
Maple Sweet Real Estate - \$1,000  
Moore Builders - \$150  
MSA Mortgage - \$500  
Neill Construction - \$500  
Olenick & Olenick - \$250  
Paige & Campbell - \$500  
People's United Bank - \$250  
The Store - \$250  
Suburban Propane (Pyrofax) - \$250  
Sugar Lodge - \$250  
Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom - \$250  
Washington Electric - \$250  
Westport Funding - \$500  
Wood & Wood - \$150

\*YBYI Manny's report on March 13th. (deadline for turning in tickets is today)

The outhouse is still standing, but we don't know for how long as it is surrounded by water.

\* Father's Day Golf Tournament planning started. Sugarbush booked for the day and the committee already has two generous sponsors!

\*Leo Cohen announced, "Clayton-Paul has arranged for us to use Square Up to take credit card payments for ticket sales via cell phone. I have set it up in my phone and it works well. It should be a good sales tool for us."

\*BOD meeting following regular meeting today.

**MEGA Bucks** \$149 to winner . - John Hale - lucky ticket, unlucky card \$5

### **Happy Bucks**

Dave K. - Rain stopped

Stan - skied a lot yesterday

Monk - local sports?

Al Barillaro - Sorry that U Conn girls lost to N.D.

Bob Holden - Harwood girls #2 in Vt.

Jack Simko - Happy to have governor here

Gene - oldest attendant @ PETS - won hat!

Dave E. - Wife improved enough to be able to get out of the house

### **PROGRAM**

Jim Leyton introduced his friend Gov. Slumlin by saying people want to hear the governor speak, not about the speaker.

The governor thanked Jim for inviting him and said he brought his assistants because the ride was lonely; that he was glad to be in the Valley and he visits often..

He promised that if people voted for him, he would supply the mountains with lots of natural snow. Every time it snows, he reminds Win Smith that he is delivering on his promise.

He finds it tough finding financial resources in the state of VT. He is trying to balance the budget. We are the most progressive state in the union. If revenue is not enough, he will try to bring in more business and create more jobs, especially high tech jobs.

In 2011 we were the only state to see income growth. We are moving on the fast track.

IBM changed from layoffs to requiring more workers, particularly high level positions - engineers for example.

That brings us to the education system. We need improvements to meet the needs of business. All across the state there are 2,000 new jobs requiring more than H.S. level of education to fill these jobs.

Education Funding - We spend more per capita than any other state yet most kids are not going beyond H.S. We need ed funding beyond H.S. to fill the new high tech positions. He wants funds to give money to kids for one or two years of state college to increase their ability to fill job openings. Another method is for kids to "shadow" experienced workers on the job.

At present we don't connect the dots from education to job level experience. An early start makes a huge difference.

We spent \$17 million- matched to federal funds. We are 2nd in the country indexed to federal standards for education.

Welfare -We have no time limit on welfare. Put a five year limit and give applicants job training. Also don't take away all their benefits at once. As it is, a lowpaying job gives them less money than welfare as they are no longer eligible for benefits. We need a program that will give the poor an incentive to work out of poverty to prosperity.

He has no control over how towns spend the education funds that they receive from the state. He thinks school budgets are too high.

Health Care - The high cost is the biggest obstacle for job growth.

The US spends the most in the world for health care.

There were more questions but he ran out of time.

Editor's note: My report is based on what I heard. As I am hard of hearing, even with hearing aids, there may be some errors.

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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