

THE VALE NEWS

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Rotaract & Interact Month - an opportunity to promote services to youth and young adults,

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Mar	14	Dinsmore Fulton - Sarah Seidman from VHAT
	21	Henri Borel - Hospice Rep.
	28	Jon Jamieson- Darryl Depot 5 Puroclea
Apr	4	Trish Hopkins John Lynch of Vermont Driving
	11	Joe Klimek - Peter Neilson of Higher Mind Media & Quench Art Space; Sheri DeFlavio of Forty Bridge
	18	Joe Koch
	25	Dave Koepele

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.

Spring arrived at least a week early this year - all the ice is gone from from The Sugarbush parking lot and John Daniell is in M.R.Valley checking out his summer home.

Guests today: Donna Prudhomme and Sarah from Vermont Horse Assisted Therapy, Benjamin White and John Daniell (back for a week)

Meeting News

Announcements made by Lorraine:

Birthdays

Jim Groom March 18th

Karen Winchell March 18th

Anniversaries

Jon and Amy Jamieson March 16th

Club Anniversaries

Manny Apigian 2 years on March 17th

Trish Hopkins 2 years on March 17th

Jon Jamieson 6 years on March 15th

again lots on the agenda today, going to keep it brief!

* Today's speaker is Sarah Seidman and Donna Prudhomme from VHAT. Thank you to Dinsmore for coordinating. Next week Henri Borel has a representative from Hospice presenting.

* Corporate sponsorship update - Thus far - \$9.350. Great job everyone!

* Doug updates on Matching Grant for Flood Recovery and PETS conference.

* Ken & Manny recognition online volunteer signup weekly salescharts incentives to be top sellers great job!

Manny's Report

YBYI sales are now officially CLOSED for 2012! Please do not sell any additional tickets.

Turn in any outstanding personal tickets and cash to Ken at the meeting on Wednesday or leave with Jim Leyton at Eastern Systems if you are not be at the meeting.

This weekend we recorded \$1,130 in retail sales... The best performance of the year! Charts, graphs and more data coming tomorrow night.

Total sales so far \$15,500, corporation sales much higher than last year. Ken thanked everyone for their cooperation. Salesmen who did the most shifts - Gene with 13 and Jim Leyton with 10 shifts. Final accounting next week

o Jon Jamieson update on Person of the Year

There were too many candidates to decide on one person, therefore we plan to honor all the volunteers who helped clean up the mess left by "IRENE"

We will arrange for a block party in July. The committee will give us the details when the plans are definite.

Bolton Ski results.

	Red	Blue
Bruce Bertholon	56.43	29.19
Dave Babic	22.41	23.19
Ben Plewak	25.87	26.39
David Koepele	32.27	DNF
Al Barillaro	33.52	34.94
Monk Bancroft	25.77	26.05
Henri Borel	29.48	32.71
Heli Hietzker	23.11	23.65

Francoise Borel Desautel 26.20

Gabriella Desautel 36.34

Henri's daughter and granddaughter

Doug Stoehr - attending training classes for Rotary President - Elects - met with Marilyn Bedell . Heard about club visionary system - may help in club continuity. He learned how much work the Rotary presidents perform and thanked all of our past presidents and Lorraine for their efforts.

* Upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute classes Saturday, March 31st

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Parts I, II, III. Encourage all members to consider. Registration is low

The Rotary International grant to cover the damage by Irene in the state of Vermont will be \$400,000. The RI representatives were here last week to study the impact of Irene on buildings, equipment, furnishings, etc. in our area.

Carol Hosford - All the business owners on Bridge Street have banded together to provide landscaping, plants, bushes etc. for the area. R.I. may give a grant of \$1,000. On the corner of Bridge St. there is a new Art Gallery, whose owner is really committed to improving the area - wants the flavor of a walking street. A speaker will come to our meeting on April 11th to discuss the idea.

She suggested we table the Green Cup donation and talk to the people who are planning the beautification project. However this project will not qualify for the matching grants from the organizations giving to the flood relief.

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 DoubleTree 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.

Reminder - District Conference is scheduled for May 18-20 at the Mountain Club on Loon, in Lincoln, NH. Registration info can be found on District Website.

*Megabucks: \$587 - Billy Brauer drew the 4 of hearts for \$5

*Happy Bucks

Jim Leyton - His kidneys passed inspection

Ken Amann - Happy Outhouse is leaning

Gene Scarpato - Fantastic job performed by Manny and Ken A.

Joe Koch - beautiful day

Al Barillaro - Happy Manny & Ken A. volunteered to do it again

Betty - Bridge St. party

Dinsmore - son's wind farm in Cal.

Doug - great to hear about Horse Therapy for Handicapped

Stan - enjoying skiing again

Joe Klimek - Great fundraiser for the Opera at the Round Barn

Lorraine - Ski Racing season is over

Jack Mansfield - skiing in flower beds

Monk - late Spring skiing

Audrey - great job performed by Ken & Manny

Dave Ellison - calf muscle getting better

PROGRAM

Dinsmore introduced Donna Prudhomme and Sarah Seidman from Vermont Horse Assisted Therapy - a nonprofit organization who provides safe, effective and fun therapy riding experiences to children and adults with emotional, economic, mental and/or physical challenges.

VHAT is a nonprofit, formed in 2008 relies entirely on grants, individual & corporate donations, and a sliding scale tuition to meet its costs. VHAT is governed by a dedicated Board of Directors and supported by a part-time volunteer director and staff.

Therapeutic Riding - The rocking motion of a horse requires a rider to find and refind his balance. This stimulates areas of the brain where learning receptors are located. For students with autism, riding horses provide sensory integration, improve skills, encourage self-esteem, and teach the kind of respectful interactions that can help students reconnect to their peers, their families and their teachers.

They had a student, Ray, a 25 year old man who had been in many foster homes. He loved horses and this program made him employable and able to face mental challenges. He is now able to lead a horse, train a horse and take responsibilities.

Another student suffering with multiple sclerosis at first needed 3 people to get him to mount a horse. A cerebral palsy student finally made the transition to get up and sit on a horse. Putting on a helmet was an ordeal for him. These children are so thrilled when they are able to manage getting up and staying on the horse. They grin from ear to ear. Making these people useful has real cost benefits for the community.

VHAT has 16 horses at present - some are boarded. They choose "quiet" horses. Horses are sensitive and seem to 'walk-on eggs" with handicapped riders.

The effect of a horse's movement duplicates the movement of a rider's injury - something that can't be duplicated in a clinic.

VHAT interfaces with other organizations helping handicapped people. There are only 4 accredited programs in Vermont.

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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