

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	31	Vickie Walluck- Dori Ingalls
April	6	Joe Goldstein - Aaron Locker and Suzanne Slomin of Kingsbury Market Garden
	13	Rotary-Person-of-the Year Dinner - Barn Door
	20	Joe Klimek - Dr. Marvin Malek
	27	Larry Ryan - Colonel Scott E. Manning
May	4	Open
	11	Audrey Witschi -

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: Dave Ellison 3/25; Ken Friedman 3/24; Ralph Walker 3/24

Anniversaries: none

Meeting News

Bright sunny morning brought out a crowd of bright sunny people, including guests: our regulars, Benjamin and Anna White; the director of the Mad River Path Ass'n., Autumn Fouchee and Harwood Union student and member of Interact Club, Olivia Nifhi.

Announcements

Audrey welcomed every one and started the meeting With Pat Pinkston, the director of the Interact Club and Olivia (dubbed the Bag Lady) who were here to sell Tote Bags and canvas grocery bags at \$10 and \$8 each for the WISER project. This project's goal is to raise \$1,400 to pay for a girl to go to school in Kenya. Olivia told us their club is very active and they also work for Polio+, and sent a shelterbox of needed supplies to an International disaster area. They set up a display table for the Rotary Home and Garden show in Waterbury. They succeeded in selling about 20 bags to our members. Doug Stoehr said he was inspired by the efforts of this group of young people. Pat says the group has about 20 to 30 active members.

Monk – Triathlon (Sugarbush Adventure Games) we need 8 volunteers with strong backs to pull kayaks and canoes from the Mad River at the end of that stage of the race on the 1st Sunday in April.

There will be a District Conference held at Stowe April 29th thru May 1. If interested, get details from the Rotary Website.

The Rotary International Convention is in New Orleans from May 21- 25. If you are interested, get the details from the Rotary Website.

YBYI -Gene said he is glad the selling is over and we did better than last year.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	
Warren Store	\$1,373	\$1,159	(214)
Shaws	1,636	1,446	(190)
Mehurons	2,130	2,920	790
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	5,139	5,525	386

Outstanding - 21 Members @ \$80 each = \$1,680 (full distribution)
5 Members owe partial amounts \$220, for a total of \$1,900

Thus the expected total will be over \$11,000.

Jack Simko is our super salesman. Jim Groom commented that Jack even sold him a pack while they were on duty outside of Mehurons.

Gene appreciated Lorraine's help in e-mailing the sales schedules to the volunteers. He thanked Ken Amann for all his assistance and Jim Leyton for use of his office foyer. If you have not paid for all your tickets, you can leave the money at Jim Leyton's office this week.

Lorraine - The annual Rotary-Person-Of-The-Year-dinner will be held on Wednesday April 13th at the Barn Door Restaurant in Waitsfield. Dinner will be \$38/person, Cash bar and the honoree will be Troy Kingsbury. Menu and reservations details will follow soon. She asked for paid reservations starting today.

Heli was promoting the George DeBouff Race. You can sign up at Chez Henri's @ \$40- per Bib Fri. 4 PM or Sat. morning. You don't have to race to win a prize. The \$40 includes all activities. RACE AT 3 - 3:30 PM on Sat. Lots of prizes.

Tom Byrne contacted Leon Bruno in Hawaii by e-mail to inquire about their sister club in Japan. We could help. They were planning to go to Hiroshima but canceled. They are trying to raise \$16,000 to aid N. Japan and hoping to leverage the amount thru R.I. to \$56,000. The donation would be funneled thru the Hilo Club to guarantee the funds would be well spent.

Joe Koch attended the girls Nancy Allen Race and commented that people under 30 ski different.

Al Molnar - The GSE team from Turkey will be housed by Vicki Walluck at the Waitsfield Inn but a couple of hosts are needed to provide dinners for one or two of the Turks on Wed., April 27th. Also the whole team will be treated to a pot luck dinner at the Waitsfield Inn on Tues. April 26th. Members are needed to provide: appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts. Al Barillaro is in charge of coordinating this dinner.

Mega Bucks - \$551 to the winner. Bob Grant had the opportunity to locate a nice Easter Egg, but found only the six of hearts for a mere \$5.

Happy Bucks

Clayton-Paul - good week to drive

Stan- Thrilled to be skiing again

Lorraine - Ski racing over without any injuries

Tom - Leon and Ellen are safe

Jack Mansfield - spent time with wonderful grandson (a proud grandpa)

Bob Holden- Glad Interact Club doing so well

Jack Miner-Son visiting and skiing

Ken Friedman- feels young in spite of birthday

Len- Happy for Ken's birthday

Dave Ellison- Loved Helicopter skiing and daughter visit to celebrate his birthday

John Basile -bought one of the WISER bags and put it on his head

Art - Gene did great job with YBYI Raffle

Sissy - family here to celebrate birthday

Peter - Happy to be back

Ralph - New knee

Joe Koch- great skier's snow in March

PROGRAM

Dinsmore introduced Autumn Fouchee, the director of the Mad River Path Association.

Jim Leyton took a picture of Autumn receiving our check for a \$1,000 donation from Audrey. This was the donation to the Path Association voted by our BOD at their last meeting.

Autumn thanked us for the gift and told us it took a lot of effort to maintain the path and keep the Public informed.

For an update on the path going from South to North she started on the Warren Bridge with its beautiful views going forward to Riverside Park. They received a grant in January and have put steel beams over the River. They expect to put the wooden planking down in the spring. Also work on another loop near Mill Brook - a special pathway.

Dog Issues - Local ordinances protect the atmosphere along the path. There are groups of volunteers looking for a place where dogs can run loose with the condition that their owners clean up the mess. They have volunteers to empty the dog waste boxes along the path.

She thanked Rotary volunteers who have worked on the path and Harwood students for their efforts.

The Greenway situation (where the Neill's pulled their license with the town for the public to use their property): Taxes, dogs and lack of appreciation from the public were the issues. The people treat the path as it were public property.

She is working with the towns to give a small reduction in taxes as a gesture of thanks to the property owners who allow the Path association to use their property. The Path Ass'n. will put in more dog stations and enforce the rules to have dog owners pick up the dog waste.

The Path Ass'n. Annual Meeting will be at the Lareau Farm on May 2nd - a Big Party. Last year they had 400 members, so far this year they have 200.

Summer Projects- Mapping the entire path; Clean up the trails after the winter; note that all sections should have dogs on leash,

Finally they are so grateful for our support.

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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