

THE VALE NEWS

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Rotaract & Interact month an opportunity to promote services to youth & young adults

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

APRIL 1 Dave Ruane - Gary Avery re: I.D. theft presentation
 8 John Basile - Bob Comminsky of Edw. Jones Org.
 15 Peter Laskowski- my son Nicholas will speak about his year abroad with Rotary
 International
 22 John Mansfield - Piero Bonamico and his topic will be "Building on Success".
 28 Rotary-Person-of-the-Year Dinner

May 6 John Crump
 13 Dave Ellison
 20 Jim Groom
 27 Carol Hosford

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; Iona Kemp 3/26; Dave Koepele 3/30; Ralph Walker 3/26

No Anniversaries this week

Meeting News

Nice sunny Spring morning brought out 39 people including guests: Greg and Andy Miner (Jack's sons), Doug Stoehr, a Rotarian from Conn. who is building a house here, Liza Walker, our speaker from the Vt. Land Trust and Art Spielvogel, a regular visitor.

Announcements

YBYI Project - Karen Winchell won the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for guessing the time the outhouse would sink. It went down on March 18th (her birthday) at 12:52 AM. She also sold all the winning tickets.

Brief BOD meeting following regular meeting this AM.

Ken described a new feature of the latest IPOD operating system. It allows you to take your blood pressure. It also lets you view all the past issues of Playboy magazine- which may be a reason to use the cuff and take your blood pressure.

Donations approved by the BOD last week:

\$500 for Vt. Humanity Council,
\$500 for the Green Mountain Cultural Center (Opera Festival),
\$100 to the Library for a Book Discussion Group and
\$200 for prizes at the Nancy Allen Ski Race (sponsored by VT Adaptive Sports)
Also 3 - \$2,000 scholarships inc. Chas. Biederman Scholarship for a student interested in overseas projects and finally to sponsor a student for the Rotary Speech Contest next fall.

The Christmas Tree project netted only \$175 last season, thus it was decided to drop this fundraiser as the “elves” put in a lot of work and spent more money than it brought in.

YBYI Project

John Hale informed us that 37 members participated in this effort – selling tickets, erecting the Outhouse on the pond, etc. including Ernie Carrol who did the electrical work. The sponsors contributed \$2,100; Art Conway handled the publicity and Ralph & Sissy took over while John and Val were in Portugal. Heli took over the honor from Al Carpenter of selling the most tickets. Finally the project grossed over \$10,000.

Pat Pinkston and the Harwood Interact Club are raising funds for the WISER girls by having classes compete using “PENNY” Jars. Our club put in \$37.00 last week.

WISER stands for Women's Institute for Secondary Education and Research – A non-profit NGO working to build the first girls' boarding school and research center in Muhuru Bay, Kenya.

Jim Leyton - reminded our members about EREY -Every Rotarian Every Year – a club of sustaining Paul Harris members

MegaBucks: \$??? Liza Walker pulled Jon Jamieson's ticket. He selected the Jack of Hearts and collected \$5. (The \$5 was not in question)

Happy Bucks

Leo - Dinesmore received her last chemo treatment. He thanked everyone for their support

Art C - Watched pixilated woodpecker in tree (Did Art give it a Bloody Mary?)

Len - Observed robins

Art S. - Bridge lesson from Wini

Jim Leyton - Eastern Systems 50th birthday

Dave Ellison - birthday today
Betty - Outfit coordinated with Jack Mansfield's
Doug Stoehr -Happy for warm welcome and poured foundation for new home in Warren
Monk - Spring Skiing at MRG
John Hale - Great time in Portugal
Ralph - visits from grandchildren
Tom Byrne -Enjoyed Opera Festival dinner
Al Barillaro - Skied at Sugarbush North
John Basile -Has 4 sons - no grandchildren
Bruce - Glad John Crump did not have list of 'Happies'
Several others - Just enjoying the pleasant weather.

Still Free: The Vermont Community Energy Mobilization Project will give you a Free Home Energy Assessment and tell you how to save energy and money. Call Dennis Derryberry at 496-7662.

The Rotary Person-of-the Year dinner, will be held on Tuesday, April 28,2009 at the Common Man Restaurant. Cost of dinner, which includes hors d'oeuvres, will be \$35. Cash bar with beer and wine special. Please give your paid reservations to Jim Leyton at Eastern Systems. ASAP

Claudia Becker (of the Big Picture) was selected for this honor for all her contributions to our Valley.

PROGRAM

Bruce introduced Liza Walker of the Vermont Land Trust organization. They are currently working to preserve two local farms -The Bruce Farm, located at a scenic bend on Route 100 B in Moretown. This 102 acre farm has been owned by the Bruce family for over 100 years and is now on the market.

This farm includes 78 acres of managed forestland and a 1/2 mile stretch of Mad River. A young couple are negotiating a sale of this farm and will operate the only farm providing locally grown produce to Moretown and the northern end of MR Valley.

The second farm is the Kingsbury Community Farm - 20 acres on Route 100 in Warren. The Vermont Foodbank was selected by the VLT to be the new owners and will provide over 650 people in the valley with food. The Foodbank will transform the farm into a vital community resource.

The Vermont land Trust must raise the final \$120,000 to complete the purchase of the conservation easements on the Kingsbury and Bruce farms by March 20,2009. This campaign will also replenish the MR Fund, a source of seed money essential to conserving other properties in the Mad River Watershed. donations are still being accepted.

She thanked the local business for the support and is looking forward to the big parties celebrating the sale of these two farms.

A few quotes to give you a smile -----

"If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed." Mark Twain___

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress....But then I repeat myself. ___ Mark Twain

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.
George Bernard Shaw

Talk is cheap...except when Congress does it
Unknown

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