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

**Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

Mar 26  Catherine Hamilton -  Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vt.

Apr  2  Amy Schram - Better Business Bureau - Scams & Fraud

      9  Honduras Team Report

    16 Gov. Schumlin

      23 William Carrigan, Vt. Dept. of Financial Regulationtion -  Fraud

Prevention

    30 Jim Reagan re: Senior Housing

May  7 Will Flender, Exec. Dir. - MR Path Assn.

      14 Rob williams - Vermont Public Bank

      21 Jeb Spaulding - Vt. Sec’y. of Administration

      28 No meeting - Rotary Person of the Year Dinner

**Birthdays**  Dave Koeple   3/30    -    Ralph Walker 3/26

**Anniversaries**     Bob & Sandra Grant 3/30

**Meeting News**

Spring in Vermont is still hiding behind the icicles.  Hopefully she will venture out this weekend when a lot of people are heading south, including our president, Manny.  Only one guest today, Catherine Hamilton (Blue Shield/Blue Cross). A few of the Inn guests sat down with us today, until they learned they had to listen to our club business then they moved to the other side of the screens.

Doug has agreed to run our meetings while Manny is away during the month of April.

\*Jim Leyton proposed the slate (listed below) to elect board members for local Rotary Foundation for one year:

Doug Stoehr - President

Dave Ellison - Treasurer

Bob Holden - Agent/Secretary

Manny Apigian

John Hale

It received a unanimous vote.

\*Al Barillaro Called Dr. Cook’s wife and informed her that her husband had ben proposed for our Rotary-Person-of-the Year. She said he would be thrilled. A date has not yet been set for this event.

\*Dave E. gave Doug a check for winning Minibucks last week.  Since we do not have a new deck, today’s winner, Monk, will have to  wait until next week to draw a card (Assuming the Sargent of Arms buys a deck of cards). Monk will draw a card before next week’s winner has his/her ticket selected..

The Intreract group at Harwood are having a fund raiser. They will perform  Spring cleaning jobs and with the money they raise will be donated to the school.  They are asking us to help out by giving them jobs on April 4th to April 15th - 16th    Email your requests to Manny.

**Mini Bucks** $50 Ticket winner - Monk’s ticket was pulled from the basket.

**Happy Bucks**

Jim Leyton - happy

Tom Byrne $3  - 1) Chris gave Tom a ride 2) glad to be back in Vt.

3) Susanna to Germany

Manny - Staying a month in N.Carolina

Dave E. - week in Vale coming up

Betty - another just happy

Stan - Judy back safely from dog sitting in Calif  (very old dog)

Al B. - UConn basketball teams still on top

**PROGRAM**

Manny introduced Catherine Hamilton - VP of Blue Shield/Blue Cross, a UVM grad., Women’s Health & Battered Women organizations.

She entered the Vt. Triathlon one year. It was the 1st Sunday in April and a snowstorm occurred that morning.

She is now overseeing the Health Care Reform Program (Obamacare) in Vermont.  Vt. has its plan- plays a leadership role for our state. She has criss-crossed the state 3 or 4 times - put 35,000 miles on her car while bringing the plan to all the towns.  Blue Cross has to change its policy to conform to the new rules - a universal system of health care - a single payer system.

It is important that we all understand the new rules.

Canada is govt. run and govt. financed. Taiwan has a system that doctors designed.  Vermont will have a similar system.

Vermont is already a high tax state. Health Care is 20% of our economy.

Estimated cost of new Health Care is $2.5 billion. At present, our current taxes total $800,000 annually.

The proposed plan will be govt. financed.

Medicare will remain.  The financing plan = 105% of Medicare.

Another problem - how to provide for travelers.

Work is going on to integrate doctors and hospitals. There are still gaps in the system and financial issues.

In the past, Health Care reform has been incremental - no huge changes put into effect at one time.

                         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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