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

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

March 27 Sen. Ann Cummings - Legis. update

April 3 Karen Nevin - Festival of the Arts in Vermont

10 Terry Kellogg, CEO, 1% for the Planet,

17 open

24 open

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; Ralph Walker 3/26 Dave Koepele 3/30, Pat Pinkston 4/2

Anniversaries - Robert & Sandra Grant 3/30

Meeting News

With the snowstorm wiping out our St. Patrick's Day party and our meeting cancelled in anticipation of the party, it seems like such a long time since we got together, but today was a normal March windy, cool day, and we were back on schedule.

We had two guests: Senator Ann Cummings and Carol Groom who came to hear Ann tell us about what is currently going on in the VT senate.

Ann had an appointment in Montpelier at 9 A.M., thus she was moved to the top of our schedule (while some people were still finishing breakfast)

PROGRAM

Ann said many people are commuting to work and have to face hazards every day and should not have to face tax increases. But gas and soda taxes more likely to change than income taxes. A big problem is how to pay for health care..

The landfill problem will cause a big impact on the local economies.

After what passed yesterday, legislative committees will have to examine rate changes for alternative energy, scheduled tax credits and benefits. They want Vermonters to receive benefit payments not multi-million \$ corporations.

They have received complaints over the size of solar panels.

Gas tax alternatives? Place a high reg. fee on gas guzzlers?

There are a lot of small things on the agenda.

Ann told us the senate has 35 bills to vote on by Friday.

Under discussion are: Windmills including controversial amendments, concerns for ridgelines vs. energy production

Utilities - transmission lines problems in winter

another deficit expected this year

pay increases for govt. workers - inc. taxes

As we use less gas, gas revenues decline. Property tax rate cut but tax can still go up if assessments increase All things being equal, taxes should not go up. But rebate reduced. Using three year rolling average, the market is coming back.

When the market values increase, taxes up more slowly. When market goes down, taxes decrease more slowly.

At this point, Ann ran out of time. For more information GOOGLE Ann

Announcements

* YBYI - Manny - Fundraiser over except for Icehouse still standing. Sales revenue at venues \$5,400. Member's ticket sales \$9,500 (not all collected yet)

Not as good as last year. Jim Leyton received "IRON Man" award Gene got award for big sales.

Manny is looking for a volunteer for next year's YBYI Fundraiser.

THERE WILL NOT BE A FUNDRAISER UNLESS SOMEONE TAKES OVER!!!!!!

Duck Race requires leaders for this Summer.

Leaders are organizers - they do not do all the work. Many members willing to help

Rotary sponsorship= \$10,750 this year

By coincidence there is a Leadership Conference on Saturday April 13.2013. Doug is willing to accompany anyone willing to attend

*It was MRG who cancelled the St. Pat's Day party - they felt Rte 17 too dangerous at night. (especially after a ST. Pat. Party)

Person-of-the Year Party needs the committee to select a Person and arrange the event. Jim Leyton, Clayton-Paul Cormier, Jr .Gene Scarpato and Trish Hopkins compose this committee.

Gene attended the Northeast President Elect Training Session at Framingham, Mass. Rotary was described as a unique set of values: Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership. In addition we are non-political and non-religious.

Gene was oldest of 450 attendees. His favorite quote: "I'm so confused but at a high level".

Discussions held on the following points:

On Saturday, April 27 - District Assy. at Hanover H.S., Hanover, N.H. We must have representation or lose qualification for any District grants or funds.

MRV Record - Membership 2011-2012 (64) contributions to R.I (2011-12 \$2,600)

Total Rotary Membership 34,553 Rotary Clubs worldwide include 1,227,198 Rotarians in 207 countries and Territories

We must supply semi-annual reports with club changes in membership, officers, meeting hours, planning guides, grant training and youth exchanges.

Rotary has led fight to eliminate Polio in the world. We are getting close to eliminating Polio worldwide.

*Robin Foster distributed information about her project Day 1

*Lorraine - sponsorships -over \$6,000. this year

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

* Father's Day Golf Tournament committee will meet after the regular meeting today. Sugarbush booked for the day and the committee already has two generous sponsors!

MEGA Bucks \$176 to winner - Carol Groom drew the queen of clubs - \$5 .

Happy Bucks

Manny - His wife Pat leaving for a month

Tom Byrne - Glad that Carol Groom here

Jim Leyton - Expect Spring by July 4th

Henri - His race is a fundraiser for the Mad River Valley Health Center same as a Rotary Function. His race raised over \$5,000

Ralph Walker - MR Scramblers - Skinner Barn Wedding

Art - YBYI

Bob Holden - great time with family

Dave K - savings 29¢

Monk - Team Bancroft success

Robin - Day 1 raises \$

Clayton-Paul - Real Estate documentary on Hiroshima

Carol Hosford - grand children came up for weekend

Note: Trish Hopkins assisted with Happy Bucks and discovered how hard it is to discover who said what - so if we report the wrong bald head made a comment, we challenge you to do better.

Meeting ended with Joe Klimek leading the club in the 4 Way Test.

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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