

## THE VALE NEWS

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

### Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Apr	4	Trish Hopkins John Lynch of Vermont Driving
	11	Joe Klimek - Peter Neilson of Higher Mind Media & Quench Art Space
Sheri DeFlavio of 4 ourty Bridge		
	18	Joe Koch
	25	Billy Brauer - Wendy Brauer (opera)
May	2	Lorraine K. -Valley Arts Foundation
	9	open
	16	open
	23	open
	30	open
June	6	Bob Grant

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 Koepele 3/30; Pat Pinkston 4/2

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

### Meeting News

Small group on this damp cold day (there were snow flurries during the meeting) but they did not dampen the spirits of our members as they were a really noisy group at the Inn. Only 2 guests; Ben White and our speaker Rachael Miller representing the ROZALIA PROJECT whose mission is to clean up all the waters of the world - that includes streams, rivers, lakes and oceans.

Lorraine welcomed everybody and announced there would be a quick BOD today to discuss a plan to have a Golf Tournament to be sponsored by our Club at Sugarbush this June.

Jim Leyton got in a plug for EREY and told us that Jack Miner was awarded a prize by the District for bringing in the most new members during the last fiscal year.

Reminder District Conference May 18-20 at The Mountain Club on Loon in Lincoln, New Hampshire. See me or district website for more info on packages. Packages still available to reserve a day or more.

\* 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 Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

**\*Megabucks** - \$640 Lucky draw - Vickie Walluck; unlucky pick - 8 of clubs

### **\*Happy Bucks**

Ken Amann - Jackie Leyton using new copier to create art work for us.

Leyton - second

Joe Koch - Happy everyone is happy

Monk - nice Subaru

Clayton-Paul - daughter in chorus of musical

Lorraine - Thank you Rachael

Brian Crandall - going home for Easter

Jon Jamieson - Happy to have Rachael here today

Leo - grand daughter singing in national choir

Jack Mansfield - going to visit family in 2 states

Dave Koepele - Happy Joe Koch is back

Al Barillaro - stimulating conversion at this table

Gene - I don't give a damn

Stan - return trip from D.R. safe

Art Conway - Nice short summer

Vicky - Exchange student Sebastian staying

Dave Ellison - heading to Michigan to attend nephew's Bar Mitzvah

Editor's note: 1) Will the "Happy Bucks" speakers please talk louder and slower, so we can tell who is speaking and what the person is saying.... 2) Will the rest of you please be quiet while that person is talking, otherwise don't complain if we get the comments attributed to the wrong person or botch them all together!!!!

### **PROGRAM**

Jon Jamieson introduced Rachael Miller of the Rozalia Project. This is a non-profit organization whose mission is to remove trash from oceans, lakes and rivers. Picking up trash along the shores has become a world-wide event. Trash includes plastic of all kinds, cigarette butts (no. 1 on land). These things do not dissolve. Even newspapers take over 6 weeks to break down

#### **TIME TO BREAK DOWN**

cigarette filters - last forever

plastic bags 10 - 20 years

fishing nets 30 - 40 years - causing entanglements

soda/beer cans 80 - 200 years

plastic bottles 450 years

fishing line 600 years

In addition to humans picking up trash, they have a robot that can go under water to recover trash. Also sonar shows pictures of the bottom which they used off shore at Newport, R.I. to locate debris. They actually found a crab born in a bottle under water.

Lobster traps are built to break down but algae grows around the trap and seals the openings.

They used this equipment around Boston Harbor and the Charles River and located tons of debris, included old clothing.

Micro plastic such as bottle tops and other small objects are ingested by small fish, which in turn are eaten by big fish and wind up on our dinner tables.

A study showed rocky areas collect large amounts of debris and in greatest need of cleaning up.

Then they went to Vermont near South Hero where 80 people in 2 hours located 7,500 pieces of trash along the shores of Lake Champlain.

Around the waterfront in Burlington, 50 volunteers picked up 800 pieces of trash. From that survey, they estimated there is 3,800 pounds of trash/mile in Vermont.

The DOL Grant Program will help reduce the trash impact in Vermont. They are hiring people at \$14/hour to pick up trash. This will also benefit many people who are in need of a job. The Vermont program will continue until fall. Their group is mentioned by the World Wide Organization.

Mad River is included in their project.

In the Q & A period, she told us that NYC has stopped dumping garbage in the ocean.

People are finally realizing the damage to the earth caused by discarding trash. It is not just messy to look at but can cause diseases to animals (including people).

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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