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

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Mar 16 Wini Thorsen -Salvation Army
23 Larry Ryan
31 Vickie Walluck
April 6 Joe Goldstein - Aaron Locker and Suzanne Slomin of Kingsbury Market Garden
13 Open
20 Joe Klimek - Dr. Marvin Malek

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: none

Anniversaries: none

Meeting News

So nice to see the sun again, even if it is over piles and piles of snow. Our guests today were Vern Penner, a Rotarian from Annapolis, MD and our regulars, Benjamin & Anna White.

Announcements

Heli's report on the Bolton Ski Race:

Hi, I did get the results for the Bolton Ski Challenge today, Howard thought that we had a lunch meeting, so here they are:

Team 1: Heli 22.34, 23.80; Monk 24.45, 25.66; Bruce 25.31, 26.38; Henri 26.34, 27.28 Total time: 1:38.44

Team 2: Dave B. 21.22, 21.87, Jack Miner 30.08, 32.43; Gary 30.29, 33.28; Dave K. 30.34, 30.55 Total time: 1:51.93

The fastest time was T. Crandall (Shelburne) 19.82

We got a bunch of trophies: the "oldest and wisest", 301 years combined, best overall Rotary team, best over 70, over 75,

So, thanks for the participants, it is a lot of fun and we are supporting the Vermont Heating Assistance program. P.S. Monk won the 50-50 raffle.

Jim Leyton reminded us of the EREY Rotary Foundation Program. R.I. is the organization who supports the Ambassadorial, scholarships, Polio+ and many other projects around the world. Each member contributes \$100 for 5 years and then our club matches that \$500 for a total of \$1,000 and the member then receives his Paul Harris Fellowship.

Jim then proceeded to give Doug Stoehr his Paul Harris Certificate and pin and Doug became our latest Paul Harris Fellow. Jim urged the rest of our members to join the program.

Triathlon- Dinsmore - It's for the Sugarbush Adventure Games (aka the Triathlon), and we need 6-8 strong backs to pull kayaks and canoes from the Mad River at the end of that stage of the race.

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

There will be a Rotary International Convention in New Orleans from May 21- 25. If you are interested, get the details from the Rotary Website.

YBYI - collections: week #7 Mehurons \$328; Shaws \$ 130; Warren Store \$136 for a total of \$594. Gene also reminded us to bring in the stubs and \$\$ for each member's personal tickets. There are only two weeks left until the dead line.

Caryn Crump e-mailed us the following message: PH International (formerly called Project Harmony) is thrilled to bring its first Serbian Community Connections delegation to Vermont from March 30 April 18, 2011! Eleven professionals and one escort from the Republic of Serbia will be here to learn about "Inclusiveness and Other Programs for People with Disabilities" (PWD). Sponsored by USAID and administered by World Learning, this delegation will work with representatives from the Agency of Human Services, the Vermont Department of Education, the Vermont Family Network, Washington County Mental Health, Special Olympics, Disability Rights Vermont and the Vermont Center for Independent living, along with special educators from the New School, the Essex School District and numerous other non-profit, advocacy and health organizations across Vermont. Participants will observe how inclusive programs and inclusive societies raise awareness about the talents and contributions of PWD in addition to learning what legislation, regulations, and protocols exist to ensure equal opportunities and inclusion of all PWD into the education and employment sectors.

Integral to the success of the program is the home stay experience. Our guests are looking forward to experiencing American home life by living with families in Vermont for the duration of their program. As such, we are seeking individuals and families in Addison, Chittenden and Washington Counties who are interested in being a host family for all or part of a 20-day home stay from March 31 April 18, 2011 for one or more of our Serbian guests. The delegation will be comprised of

Serbian professionals working with or for people with disabilities and specifically, two participants are walking impaired and one participant is in a wheelchair. Hosting responsibilities include providing a comfortable and clean place to sleep, breakfast and most dinners, minimal transportation to centralized pick-up and drop-off locations, and some weekend cultural activities.

Importantly, being a host family offers your guest(s) an opportunity to experience life in an American family. The hope is that community members will volunteer to host our guests so that learning can happen with the host families as well as during the more formal, program-planned activities that take place throughout the weekdays. In most cases, the host family experience is the highlight of a participant's time in the United States, opening hearts and minds to new cultures and lasting friendships for the Serbians as well as Vermonters.

The Republic of Serbia is a landlocked <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Landlocked>> country in Southeastern <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Europe> Europe, located between Hungary <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romania>> to the north, the Republic of Macedonia and Kosovo to the south, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Montenegro to the west and Romania and Bulgaria to the east. Serbia is about the size of Maine. With a population of approximately 7.3 million people, most of its people live in the cities, particularly the capital city, Belgrade. The nation's official language is Serbian. Although the majority of Serbians belong to the Eastern Orthodox Church, the country boasts high religious diversity, and is considered one of the most diverse countries on the continent.

The conditions and support systems for most children and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities in Serbia are poor and in many instances PWD are invisible as a number of services are only beginning to become accessible to them in some areas. The lack of inclusiveness, unequal opportunities, stigmatization, lack of available public resources, and insufficient public awareness has led to unequal access to education and employment. Until recently there were few if any programs for PWD to gain the skills and training they need to be contributing members of society and to ultimately provide for themselves. It is the hope that following completion of their visit to VT the delegation will return to their country with a zeal and skill set to compel substantive and systemic change.

Mega Bucks - \$490 to the winner. There was a delay before the drawing, as Henri decided to buy 6 raffle tickets. Even though Gene stirred up the tickets, one of Henri's was selected, thus Henri made a profit of \$1.00 after he pulled out the king of clubs.

Happy Bucks

Jim Leyton - 1) David Babic's Classification speech was inspiring 2) Happy about member participation in EREY Program

Carol - Went to Brooklyn & NYC for daughter's book presentations. All the little girls got big hairdos and the boys styled haircuts.

Tom Byrne- Valley Opera Fest starting this week

Stan - Gene working so hard
John Basile – That's it - just happy
Art - Good medical report for Barbara
Monk - Daughter did well for 1st skiing in 15 years
Gary - friend Jim visiting
Heli - Thrilled about the Bolton Race results
Bob Holden - Eli coming home for Spring vacation
David Babic - Happy to be doing speech
David Koepele - Bright sunny ski day
Doug - plowing done - skiing today
Ken Friedman - Gorgeous day
Audrey - Thanked everyone for their happy thoughts
Henri - Glad to win \$5
Jim Leyton - after thoughts - So pleased two other men wearing ties today.

PROGRAM

Our newest member, David Babic, not only speaking today but received his badge today. He thanked the members for making him welcome.

He asked all of us to recall the first memory of the importance money in your life.

His background is Canada, Ireland, Italy, and Croatia.

- The name Babic Came to US 1900's. -Ellis Island, NY-train-VT, trained to be a Blacksmith

-Passed down grandfather Rico who is now 96, could really bump our ski race avg.

- Tom Babic, -born Montpelier, VT. - St. Mary's school. Married Linda Tomasi.

- Linda Montpelier, VT Family Tree-but her family tree traces back to the founding of this country.

Development -US

- Mr. William Bradford 'Mayflower' back in 1620. Governor courts, the colony's finances

Development -VT

- IRA Allen - one of the founders State of Vermont / leading figure in the declaration of the Vermont Republic in 1777. Petition UVM

-Tomasi: history of service and excellence: WWII D-Day 1944.

- David, which means 'Beloved' (middle son of 6 siblings)

I started skiing when I was 7 , skiing with my family

- Washington, VT - very competitive played many sports including gymnastic (Stop) -IMPORTANCE of MONEY

-- Jean Qc Brassard in 1992 Olympic Competition -competitive career skiing for the Waterville Valley Freestyle Team.

goal-setting, plan for success. This race inspired me to compete.

When I was in H.S., I competed in every event in which I was eligible. In my first race, I was so excited and nervous, I attempted a difficult trick and fell.

-My First Freestyle Competition was as Sugarloaf.

-Move to Colorado

-First year injury/ Back to School

-Mt. Hood, Oregon - worked as waiters, BATHED IN RIVER.
served food while wearing Tuxedos, lived in tents during the summer to save money. Qualified for the US team.

-World Cup Start 2002 in Tignes, France (6th place)!

-First World Cup Podium ONE OF BEST Days (Steamboat 2003-Celebration)!

-Spring and Summer I split time between School, training, Coaching young kids

-I would later become owner/Director of Mogul Logic Summer ski Camp, Canada

Life on World Cup Tour:

-Mix of pleasure and pain:

Travel world - 16 stops Visiting Japan, Korea, Europe, Scandinavia, North America, and South America.

-Culture/Friendship -met a lot of people in many countries.

-Planes, Trains, and Automobiles: Travel to 2005 WC event Tignes

Canceled flight, no coach, Arrive on own, Geneva-Zurich, Carry to Bus, bus to hotel.

-Missed Qualifying of Olympics 2006/2010- 2 skiers

After 2006 -Family: married wife Katie 2007 and had a Son, Wyatt Dean in 2009.

-I enjoyed the time we spent here in the Mad River Valley/travel difficult

Ski Carreer - Why Jones?

-I joined Edward Jones because of the opportunity meet and help a large number of people within the community that I live. I wanted to become more actively involved in the community and provide a service that could help others. I got tired of living out of a suitcase, long travel delays etc.

I wanted to ski because I loved skiing not because I had to.

- Edward Jones has been around since 1922.

1. We focus on the individual long-term investor.

- We provide quality investments in a well-diversified portfolio with a long-term investment strategy.

-In addition, Edward Jones is an Industry leader in the level of training and support that is provided to their advisor. The idea is to meet individuals where they live and work and really get to know the client and their Main Concerns and help them meet their goals.

-SO, in an effort to learn more about you, I'm interested to know about YOUR FIRST MEMORY of the Importance of Money in your lives. (PICK Someone)

Why Rotary? Why now?

1. I grew up with Rotary in my family - guest speaker Volunteer- father is 30 yr.
2. Being more present in the community, I look forward to giving back
3. I look forward meeting many new people and spreading good will to others.

P.S. Athletic Highlights:

2-World Cup Victories 2004 -Arial, SUI, 2008 Valmalenco, ITA

6-World Cup Career Podiums finishes

5th-2008 World Championships

2006 US Freestyle National Champion

2008-US Athlete of the Year

2005-First Athlete to perform an Off-Axis Spinning 1080 degree rotation in Moguls competition

Editor's note: I visited David at his office and noted several beautiful 1st and 2nd place trophies he received for winning international freestyle skiing races.

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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