

THE VALE NEWS

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Magazine - a time to recognize the contribution made by the ROTARIAN and 27 regional Rotary magazines.

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

April 21 Joe Goldstein - Scott McArdle Senior Philanthropic Advisor
The Vermont Community Foundation
28 Dave Ruane
May 5 Bob Cumiskey - Classification
12 Adam Greshin - Don George
19 Trish Hopkins - Classification Speech
26 John Hale
June 2 Manny Apigian Classification Speech
9 Helmut Hietzker
16 TBA
23 Dinsmore Fulton
30 Changeover Party

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.

Carol Hosford - Still asking for your on-line VOTE to help Waitsfield win a grant for an orchard at the Flamer Field. The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation will award 5 grants each month for the next 5 months.

Please visit [Http://www.comunitiestakeroot.com/plant/index](http://www.comunitiestakeroot.com/plant/index) and vote as often as once a day between March 15th & August 31st. We are in 9th place and need a lot of votes to remain in the top 10.

Our dinner tonight honoring Delbert Palmer held at Terra Rossa turned out very well. The weather was warm and pleasant for the 63 people who arrived at 6 PM for drinks and hors d'oeuvres. At 7 PM Jon Jamieson called for everyone's attention and made the following remarks to our honored guest:

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

The numbers go like this: 60 years of service to the Waitsfield Fayston Fire Dept., 20 of that as chief, and 30 years on the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service. In this 100th year of Waitsfield Fayston Fire Department history it's my pleasure to present Delbert Palmer with the Mad River Valley Rotary Person of the Year award.

Mr. Palmer is highly respected not only by his department and our community, but throughout the State as well. Delbert was born and raised in Waitsfield and is married to Sharlia. He had three children, two of which are surviving. He beams with pride when offers up that two of his grandchildren are currently members of the service.

Palmer's lifelong dedication and volunteerism started almost 60 years ago when he showed up on a scene at a fire and offered to help. The Fire Chief at that time told Delbert to report next week for training and he's been with the service ever since.

My family has known the Palmers for generations having farmed with them and enjoyed their award winning maple syrup.

The most remarkable thing about Delbert is to watch him make a presentation to school kids about fire safety. After 60 years he still has an infectious sense of pride and passion that translates directly to his audience. Thank you Delbert for all you do!

A photo was taken of Jon presenting Delbert with a plaque for all his years of dedicated service to the Mad River community. After the applause died down, everyone sat down to a delicious dinner ending with a special dessert - homemade cannollis.

There was no other business conducted tonight. Many people came up to congratulate Delbert for being selected as Rotary-Person-of-the-year.

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