

THE VALE NEWS

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Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

April 22 John Mansfield - Piero Bonamico and his topic will be "Building on Success".

28 Rotary-Person-of-the-Year Dinner

29 NO MEETING!!!!!!

May 6 John Crump

13 Dave Ellison

20 Jim Groom

27 Carol Hosford-Charlie Hosford ³Project Harmony²

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 Suzee Lynn 4/16

No Anniversaries this week

First meeting in Timbers while the Sugarbush Inn is closed. We need a microphone here in this large dining room. Small crowd with only two guests; Nicholas Laskowski and his girl friend Ariacue Reynolds.

Meeting News

Ken announced we had received thank you notes from: 1)The Green Mountain cultural Center for our donation of \$500. 2) Central Vermont Adult Education 3) Meals On Wheels program for our donation of \$450

Jim Leyton reminded us of the District Conference at Dartmouth on Saturday

Still Free: The Vermont Community Energy Mobilization Project will give you a Free Home Energy Assessment and tell you how to save energy and money. Call Dennis Derryberry at 496-7662.

The Rotary Person-of-the Year dinner, will be held on Tuesday, April 28,2009 at the Common Man Restaurant. Cost of dinner, which includes hors d'oeuvres, will be \$35. Cash bar with beer and wine special. Your paid reservations to Jim Leyton are due. (See ad in Valley Reporter)

Claudia Becker (of the Big Picture) was selected for this honor for all her contributions to our Valley.

Mega Bucks: No drawing today, as the tickets were left at the Inn.

Happy Bucks

Lorraine contributed \$5 with apology for leaving Mega bucks tickets at the Inn

a lot of people just happy

Dave - skiing with his son

Tom Byrne - going to No. Carolina to be with Dad

Monk - just threw in a \$

Rena put in \$3

Len Rubin - Glad he did not have to stand at the door at Timbers

Stan - no Megabucks, so put in \$2

Carol Hosford- hosting visitor from Armenia for Project Harmony

Karl - wife treated him with trip to Montreal

Audrey - back from fantastic trip around the world

Ken - Tomorrow is the opening day for the new Yankee Stadium

Editor¹'s note: I missed a lot o stuff today as I could not hear what people said who were more than 6 feet away. A microphone is really needed for this big room!!!

PROGRAM

Peter introduced his son Nicholas, who was a Rotary exchange student in Germany in 2003. The Laskowskis hosted exchange students in Cooperstown and that is what inspired Nick to become one.

Nicholas planned to show slides taken in Europe, but he had only a white sheet to display the photos from his computer and the light in the room was too bright, so it became just a talk show.

His family moved from Vienna to Cooperstown, N.Y. while he was a little boy. He was in H.S when he was granted the Rotary Exchange scholarship. He lived in Germany with 3 different families. Made new friends in school. It took him a couple of months before he was comfortable with the German language. School was more of a cultural experience than educational as all the courses were in German.

He traveled a lot with his host families. He still visits these families and they visit him in the U.S.

Every month the Rotarians arranged for 80 - 90 students to get together and he had a chance to learn about their homelands. These students came from all over the world. At their first meeting, they spoke mostly English and used a lot of hand gestures, but by the third meeting they were conversing in German. All these kids were Rotary sponsored. Several kids from the same country would get together to make presentations about their homeland.

He was able to travel by train all over Europe, figured he rode over 50,000 miles. He studied Natural resources in his year before college and met a lot of smart people in Europe. He saw a lot of windmills in Europe. The European governments support renewable energy projects, several towns get together and form coops.

Kids party (and drink) but don't drive. They go to parties by bus, train, taxi etc.

All the kids have to go thru 4 - 5 interviews before being admitted into the program.

He feels this experience was a wonderful influence on his life as he got to meet people from all over the world and broadened his views. His present job is connected to Natural Resources.

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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