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**Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

April 16 Gov. Schumlin

       23 William Carrigan, Vt. Dept of Financial Regulationtion -  Fraud

Prevention

    30 Jim Reagan re: Senior Housing

May    7 Will Flender, Exec. Dir. - MR Path Assn.

        14 Rob Williams - Vermont Public Bank

      21 Jeb Spaulding - VT Sec’y. of Administration

      28 No meeting - Rotary Person of the Year Dinner

No Birthdays  nor   Anniversaries   this week

Club anniversary: Bruce Bertholon - 8 years.

**Meeting News**

Last night's snow did not deter people from coming to hear our governor speak this morning.  Guest list incudes: Tammy Tardif (winner of the YBYI raffle), Carol Groom, Jane Bancroft, Eric Brattshorn, Dottie Kyle, Peter Maclaren, Tony Italiano (MRVTV), Drew Platt and Caleb Hoyne (Harwood students), Nancy Wilson and Eric Samuelsen

**Announcements**

\*Chris Pierson:

The outhouse went in the drink Sunday, April 13th at 1:20 P.M. !!!!

The winners of this year's YBYI contest are:

1- Tammy Tardif -  $1000

2- Deb Beckett -  Sugarbush Season Pass

3- Andy Mikell - Mad River Season Pass

First order of business: Marv Ginzel presented Tammy Tardif with a check for $1,000 for making the closest guess as to when the outhouse would fall in the pond. Jim Reagan photoed the event which will appear in the Valley Reporter.

Carole Crossman invited us all to attend the MRV Senior Easter Day lunch on Thursday April 17 at noon at Evergreen Place.  Attendance has fallen off recently and to boost it up again, the seniors need help.

Last BOD voted to donate $1,000 to The Community Fund.

BOD meets today following regular meeting.

Wayne Foster reminded us that the Rotary Father’s Day Golf Tournament will soon be coming up.  Clean up your clubs and get your 4some together.

Al Barillaro announced that the dinner in honor of the Rotary Person of the Year will be held on May 28. Details will be published next week.

Megabucks:  Both Monk & Joe Klimek used their chances to draw a card from the new deck but both failed to find joker. A new ticket was pulled from the basket today by Tammy and guess what - she drew Joe Klimek’s ticket again.  He also failed again this time with the 4 of hearts,  Thus Monk got $5 and Joe received $10.  We are now caught up with ticket winners for the new deck.

At this point the governor of Vermont, Peter Schumlin arrived with Aly Richards, the director of special projects and intergovernmental affairs - office of the governor.  They had breakfast while Happy bucks was conducted.

**Happy Bucks**

Tom Byrne - Suzanna back

Rose-Marie - leaves for Hawaii Saturday

Gene - Art Show visit at Shelburne Museum

Jim Groom - Such a nice day ?

Bob Holden April 15th come & gone

Monk - Skied Mad River Glen

Al B - Both grandchildren visited from Boston

Stan - great Spring

Joe Klimek - 2 time Happy bucks loser (Hey he got $10)

Dave E. - waiting for Spring reappearance

Bob Holden - $5 for the governor

**Program**

Jim Leyton introduced Gov. Peter Schumlin and the Gov. apologized for being a little late (poor man wasn’t given time to finish his breakfast).

He stated that Vermont is a state where we can actually get things done.

We are coming out of the worst recession with the lowest unemployment rate east of the Mississippi. Cabot has brought new jobs in Waitsfield and there has been expansion of others.

We have a welcome environment for business (he did bring snow to the MRV). He skied here recently after a long hiatus and discovered how much skis have changed and that he had to wear a helmet.

He is trying to continue to have the best schools in Vermont.  Problem is student population is decreasing at the same time cost is increasing.

Health and insurance costs are going up.  He is working hard to have Vermont be first single payer health care state with lower cost than current system.  Quality of life is one of the best in the nation.

Big problem with drug addiction.  He is trying to get help quicker to addicts.

At present opium addicts may have to wait 3 - 4 months for treatment.  We spend over $50,000/year to cover cost of addicts in prison.

We have highest rate of graduation of H.S students but spend more on correction than education.  Also many citizens get ripped off by desperate addicts.

Health Care costs are rising faster than incomes.  We are spending 20% of income on H.C. and that will double in 10 years if we don't do something different.

Where will the money come from?  Public financing or H.C. premiums?

He hopes to spend less and get better outcomes by overhauling the system.  We must contain costs whatever system is adopted.  Biggest obstacle to change is fear.

Transportation and heating are also big state problems.  Increased efficiency and less dependence on fossel fuels needed.  VT has tripled use of solar energy. Need to have more fuel efficient public and school transportation.

In education, we have the lowest student/teacher ratio in the nation.  If we don’t contain this system, there will be no end of cost increases.

                             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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