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MAGAZINE Month - A time to recognize the contribution made by THE ROTARIAN and 27 regional Rotary magazines.

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

April	25	Billy Brauer - Wendy Brauer (opera)
May	2	Lorraine K. -Valley Arts Foundation
	9	Jim Leyton - Sal Spinosa, newly elected Chair of the Waitsfield Board of Select persons, will speak about the duties, powers and no-no's of Select boards and address the specific issues now facing Waitsfield.
	16	Jack Mansfield
	23	Betty Maguire - Sean Lawson, The Beer Guy Microbrewery Presentation and Free Samples
	30	Visioning session in the evening place to be determined
June	6	Bob Grant
	13	Dinsmore Fulton - MRV Path
	20	Dinsmore Fulton - Cancer Support Group
	27	Changeover????

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.

No Birthdays nor Anniversaries this week

Meeting News

Seems that April is a month for our members to travel as there were only 34 attendees, including our speaker, Jay Kearns from the Mad River Valley Interfaith Council, here this nice sunny morning.

As Lorraine was away on vacation, Doug chaired the meeting. Leo led the group with the pledge to the flag and Jim Leyton attempted to lead us singing the Star Spangled Banner (Doug bailed him out). Leon Bruno has returned from Hawaii and Ken Friedman was able to "crutch" his way in.

BOD postponed until next week when Lorraine returns.

Volunteers will be needed to put up the framework on the Mc McCullough Barn on Saturday May 5th. Doug passed around a sign-up sheet.

The scheduled meeting for the morning of April 30th has been replaced with an evening meeting from 5 - 9 PM

All we need is a big enough place with wall space - possibly Bongiorno's room on the second floor. If you know of a better place, give Doug a call.

*Last call for District Conference - May 18-20 at the Mountain Club on Loon, Lincoln, N.H. (little tidbits to peak your interest...Moose tour, dinner on the Cafe Layette Dinner Train) See Lorraine for more info.

*Dinsmore - Sugarbush will be soon be holding the annual Triathlon, (with 4 events) - volunteers are needed at water stations, helping with the canoes etc.

*Heli is selling Mother's Day cards to benefit the Seniors Assn. and Meals-on-Wheels

*Wini will not be at the May 9th meeting and asked for someone to put out the Newsletter on that day. Vicky volunteered for the job.

* Joe Klimek- Golf tournament. The brochures and posters are ready to be distributed. A theme is still needed.

The proposed Golf Tournament to be held at the Sugarbush Golf Course on Father's Day - June 17th - the format will be a scramble. Cost is \$400 for a team of 4 players, includes 18 holes of golf + carts and lunch. 1 P.M. shot gun start. Details have not been completely worked out yet. The committee is hoping for 20 teams. If successful, they plan to make it an annual affair. Each T-box will have a sign listing one of our YBYI sponsors (giving them a little free publicity) and hoping they will attend the tournament with a team from their company.

The Golf Committee consists of: Joe Klimek, John Hale, Dave Ellison, Jack Mansfield, Manny Apigian and Gary Plewak

Megabucks - \$679 - Time to ring out the bells, throw the confetti, set off the fireworks-----
---because Jack Mansfield won the Jackpot when he drew the joker from the deck this morning!!!!!!!!!!!!

Happy Bucks -

Jim Leyton - Beautiful weather

Dinsmore- got her 2¢ worth in

Dave Ellison - has 2 projects going to improve his driveway (some people suggested an elevator to bypass that driveway during the winter)

Leon Bruno - had a great stay in Hawaii

Jack Mansfield -1) thrilled to be a winner 2) back from visit with grandchildren in California

Dave Koepele - commented on our feeble singing this morning

Ken Friedman - Happy to be able to get around again

Monk - glad to have condo in Hanover, but not moving there

Ken Amann - met daughter's future in-laws - seem like normal people

Wayne - expecting to play bridge this afternoon with 3 other Rotarians

Trish - garden plans

Larry - grand-daughter's accomplishments

Bob Holden - Ecstatic that all the tax returns have been completed on time.

Happy for Jack Mansfield winning the pot, and Leon Bruno back

Editor's note: I forgot to ask for help with Happy Bucks today, so the quotes may be a little off the wall. When I can't see the person, I have to guess who is speaking.

PROGRAM

Joe Koch introduced Jay Kearns of the MRV Interfaith Council, the "guy in the bucket" these days. It is a quiet organization. The reason for being quiet is that they give emergency help to needy people in the Valley and don't want to advertise what they do.

History - There was a clergyman who discovered that some people in the Valley needed food and he collected food in his office to help them out.

This organization tries to restrict their aid to people in the Valley as their resources are very limited. There are many organizations outside of our Valley.

Topics to discuss:

- 1) Emergency help
- 2) Food Shelf
- 3) Joys of the season
- 4) Thanksgiving Program

Emergency help - is the quietest item for reasons of privacy. A committee of 7 runs it, most referrals - people who need immediate help, come from the clergy or other organizations.

1) Lack of fuel, we give immediate help for a small amount of money - other programs may take days or even months to set up.

2) Car broke down and person needs to get to work every day, the council responds rapidly thru calls or e-mails. The person will be asked "Have you contacted any other organizations?"

They are not talking about large amounts of money - limit is \$750/year. It is less now as funds are short - limit \$300

This year was not a lot greater than previous years. They can only give an amount that will not break the fund. If a person needs help every month, they have to go elsewhere.

They do not pay money to individuals; they pay the organization supplying the service.

The Community Fund helps with larger things - such as a new roof

For an emergency (help within 24 hours), only 3 members are required to say yes and may even hand deliver to supplier. Beyond emergencies, they refer the person to the Community Fund.

The Food Shelf Program is an independent organization - grew out of the office of a clergyman and has grown over time. It's located downstairs at Evergreen Place and is well stocked with food now. Hours are mornings on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. A sandwich board is set up in front of Evergreen Place when the shelf is open.

Food comes from many different sources - Vt. Food Bank (some food purchased, some free), churches who give food/money, local farms, Mehurons and Shaws. The stores donate or sell at low rates and finally, schools have food drops. Last year, 772 households were served- 1,311 people. Some come regularly, others only a few times.

If you wish to donate, the most popular items are tuna fish, coffee fresh eggs, milk, ground beef, beans, juice, and cereal. DO NOT BRING OPENED PACKAGES. In summer, veggies from your garden are welcome. Cleaning supplies are also welcome.

Joys of the season - Voucher program for children. Money is used to buy vouchers. Businesses in town accept vouchers from parents as payment for toys, etc., and then redeem the vouchers from the Council.

Thanksgiving Day baskets. Food is collected by the Council and made into baskets for needy families. Schools, churches and others supply the names of the families to receive the baskets, thus privacy is kept for the families. Last year 65 baskets were distributed.

All help is voluntary. Some members are repaid for mileage and telephone expenses, others do it for free. Thus expenses are low, less than \$1,000/year. It is an extremely efficient organization.

They have a postal address: MRV Interfaith Council, PO Box___, Waitsfield, VT 05673 - or drop off a message at Evergreen Place (Food Shelf is downstairs)

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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