

## **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	27	Larry Ryan - Colonel Scott E. Manning
May	4	Dave Koepele - Paul Luciano
	11	Audrey Witschi -
	18	Doug Stoehr
	25	Ralph Walker

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: Jim Leyton 4/26

Anniversaries: none

### **Meeting News**

Heavy rain plus thunder & lightening pursued the driver to the Inn this morning causing a big drop in attendance today. However our speaker, Dr. Marvin Malek, made it all the way from Montpelier to do his presentation on Health Care Reform.

### **Announcements**

BOD today immediately after the regular meeting.

CVHHH is promoting 1) Training Program, 2) On May 7th there will be a get together to watch the Kentucky Derby. Cost \$25, includes big prize. If interested, get details from Audrey.

Heli was selling Mother's Day card's to benefit the Meals-On-Wheels program.

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.

Al Molnar - The GSE team from Turkey will be housed by Vicki Walluck at the Waitsfield Inn but a couple of hosts are needed to provide dinners for one or two of the Turks on Wed., April 27th. Also the whole team will be treated to a pot luck dinner at the Waitsfield Inn on Tues. April 26th. Members are needed to provide: appetizers, and desserts. Al Barillaro is in charge of coordinating this social hour + dinner - Please e-

mail him and tell him what you are bringing. They are not Muslims- only dietary restrictions is no pork.

The Inn will serve wine as they have the license- it will be a cash bar.

Al Molnar answers the question who are they?

- 1) OZLEMSEKIN - Team leader, female 24 yrs. old, orthodontist and professor.
- 2) FLYNN ZEYREK, male 31 yrs. old - Training Consultant/Education.
- 3) ERTUGRUL YILDIZ, male 34 yrs. old - automotive industry ratio/change manager.
- 4) UMRAN BICEN, female 31 yrs.old - veterinarian.
- 5) SECIL YAGCI - female 27 yrs. old – customer service coordinator/container shipping industry.

Heli told us that Meals-On-Wheels is now being run by Kate Burn (496-6564). More volunteers are needed.

Leo was happy to announce that Dinsmore is recuperating rapidly - can now navigate stairs.

Gene - final report on YBYI

Gene and his crew pulled the fallen outhouse from the pond on Saturday. Even some non-members helped. Joe Klimek brought his truck to transport the pieces (the door had come off) back to its storage location. The Rotary sign is still at the bottom of the pond. Anyone want to go skin diving for it?

Total sales and donations \$12,081. Of the 3,000 tickets sold, only 133 listed a date later than the actual fall-in time. The winners were all happy with their prizes.

Ken Amann has offered to run the project next year with Gene as 2nd in charge.

**Mega Bucks** - \$626 to the winner. Gary Plewak pulled the 6 of clubs for \$5

### **Happy Bucks**

Joe Klimek - paid \$5 fine as his phone went off during the Rotary-Person-of-the Year-dinner

Jim Leyton - \$2 for birthday. happy-to-make-it thru-another- year and come November he will be a great grandfather.

Jack Mansfield - kids coming to visit on weekend

Al Barillaro - Troy felt he was the most honored guest to receive the award.

Bob Holden - TAX SEASON HAS ENDED but he still has 266 extended returns to complete He was sorry he could not attend the Rotary Dinner.

Tom Byrne - Susanne going to France for 2 weeks

Stan- Happy his grandchild has a choice of several colleges

Monk - Sad he had to attend a funeral in Missouri and lost his luggage  
Joe Koch - Happy Gene did such a good job on the YBYI raffle  
Art Conway - Happy Ken Amann has taken the baton to run the YBYI project for the next year  
Betty - Glad to sit next to Ken Amann  
Gary - Sorry to say team did not improve  
Trish - great skiers in group  
Dave Ellison - Niece has new skis and coming here this week-end to try them out.

Editor's note: I had no help today - comments may have been omitted or confused.

## **PROGRAM**

Introduction to Marvin Malek by Joe Klimek

Dr. Malek received his medical training in Syracuse, NY and residency at Cook County Hospital. He spent most of his career in community medicine, providing care to underserved populations.

He received a grant from the Kellogg Foundation to pursue advanced training in the field of "health policy" at Harvard School of Public Health. He currently practices internal medicine at Central Vermont Hospital. He provides medical consultations and intensive care to hospitalized patients.

Dr. Malek remains active on the issues of health reform, has testified before the legislature and given talks around the state to allow Vermont to lead the nation toward a more humane and affordable health care system.

Dr. Malek proceeded with his computer presentation to promote Health Reform in Vermont - The Case for single-payer universal health care system.

He stated that Health Care affects everyone in two ways:

1) We all have health problems. This causes even more anxiety when financial problems are added. 1/3 of all foreclosures are caused by health costs. Look behind doors and you will see someone has received a bad diagnosis.

Our health care system is taking a large chunk of our money. It is bankrupting the country. The problem is how to provide decent health care without bankrupting the nation.

At present people are afraid to leave their jobs and go into business on their own because they would lose their insurance and they can't afford health care on their own. At present 1/4 of the population is either underinsured or has no insurance.

44,798 people in the US die annually because they have no access to health care.

In the US life expectancy is lower than any other industrial country.

Seniors are not so bad off because of Medicare.

We spend double what other countries do but they have better life-expectancy rates than we do. In our country procedures cost more and we have a higher procedure volume, higher administrative costs and a higher cost of supplies (inc. drugs)

If you reside in Canada, you have a better chance of living longer.

Whatever benefit we have from all those procedures is often offset by complications caused by these procedures.

In Vermont health care is vague, we spend way more on administration costs and large companies spend about 15% on administration of medical costs- on paper pushing, insurance agencies etc. We pay more for everything such as wheelchairs, drugs, etc. Individual businesses pay 69% on medical and 31% on administrative cost. In the US some seniors are eligible, in other countries everyone is eligible

Since 1970 the growth in doctors is small but the increase in administration costs has skyrocketed. With a single payer system, everyone has comprehensive coverage - all needs are covered.

Here we have both public and private insurance. But with universal coverage, your insurance does not change when you change jobs.

Under Single payer:

Drugs are 50% cheaper; Drastic reduction in administrative costs. Appropriate systems will be designed for hospitals and doctors; there will be a comprehensive data base to detect frauds. There will be planning to match technology with need. Systems can be designed to improve public health. This will save money and create efficiency. All other developed countries have universal health care.

The Dr. ran out of time, so people had to ask questions after the meeting was over.

## **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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