

## **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 28 Dave Ruane - Dr. Corin Bauer, Waitsfield Vermont  
Re: A healthy spinal column/ central nervous system.
- May 5 Bob Cummiskey - Classification  
12 Adam Greshin - Don George  
19 Trish Hopkins - Classification Speech  
26 John Hale
- June 2 Manny Apigian Classification Speech  
9 Helmut Hietzker  
16 Win Smith - Sugarbush Resort  
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.

Birthdays: Kathie Friedman 4/26; Jim Leyton 4/25  
No anniversaries

### **Meeting News**

We have a lot to be thankful for this morning, sunny skies, no volcanos nor earthquakes to spoil it. This great weather brought out 45 people including Scott McArdle and Ann Dumaresq accompanying Chuck Allen. It was so good to see Chuck back again and looking well.

BOD meeting today.

Heli promoting sales of a Mother's Day card for the benefit of Meals-on-wheels.

Dinsmore - On behalf of the Mad River Path Association, a huge THANK YOU to Rotary for all volunteer support, and for the prize for the Nonprofit Challenge at the Sugarbush Triathlon.

Rich Reisner pointed out that Maggie Burke is being honored at the White House today for her work with VASS.

Attention Golfers! Randolph Rotary Club is having a Golf Tournament on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Leyton told us that the VSO Masterworks evening performance is sold

out but they are offering tickets to the open rehearsal for the Saturday afternoon performance at the Flynn Theater. Individual tickets \$20, group tickets \$16.00 (20 needed) Call Jim Leyton if interested.

Leo Cohen has started forming committees for our big Duck Race event. We are only 2 1/2 months away from opening date and he hopes everyone will get involved, come up with new ideas and make this one our best ever. He reminded us that Chuck Allen designed our first Rotary Duck.

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.communitiestakeroot.com/plant/index](http://www.communitiestakeroot.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.

Megabucks: \$437 to the winner today. Dave Ellison's ticket was chosen, but he picked the 10 of clubs and got 50¢/club.

## **Happy Bucks**

Ralph Walker - got 2 more days of skiing last weekend

Heli - Happy to continue to support local charities

Dave Ellison - skied to final day of season

Tom Byrne - trip to N.C. to visit dad

Len - Dinner for Rotary Person of the Year - best ever

Peter Laskowski - Almost motorcycle season

Monk- Going to New Orleans with Jane for Jazz

Sissy - good to see Chuck Allen at meeting today

Rich Reisner- Health good enough to go on 40 day trip

Pat Pinkston - enjoying vacation with son

Art Conway - visit with 10 yr. old grandson

Bette - blessed with new nephew

Chuck - Thrilled to be here

Jim Leyton - always happy about something

Al Barillaro - several 'happies' including the Bloody Marys handed out after the Triathlon

Dave Koepele - glad to have lifejacket when in canoe and glad to have the paddle he lost returned.

## **Program**

Joe Goldstein introduced Scott McArdle, of the Vermont Community Foundation. Scott is their senior philanthropic adviser. His job is to help people give away money. He lives on the other side of the Adirondacks.

This is Vermont's largest charitable organization. People come to them asking how to give their money away, as much as 16 Million dollars on the large end. It is a

nonprofit organization that works with individuals, families and organizations. They also bring federal funds into our state and help write grants. This is a 140 million dollar foundation.

Last year they gave away over 10 million \$ in grants by writing 2,000 individual checks. 89% goes into Vermont the rest goes to alma maters of the donors.

They are constantly getting new donors. They took in over 11 million \$ last year. They also invest money and made a net return of 28%, thus their money grows.

Some families come to them in need of tax relief from appreciated assets. The donors get to name their trust fund.

They research projects for people who want to donate, especially to local charities, as they have the staff to do the research. One lady wanted to know why aren't more Vermonters going to college? As a result, she set up a fund to give scholarships to deserving HS grads. They manage money by investing it and then send yearly checks to donees, thus they will handle your account long after your death.

They publish a Vermont directory of all the nonprofit charitable organizations in Vermont. They get their information from CPAs and local financial advisers.

Even though they are a 140 million dollar organization they are almost unknown as they are so spread out in the state.

They are almost overwhelmed with requests for grants and spend many hours reading proposals. They look for stability and worthwhile work done by the the organization. They do give feedback to the applicants. First of all the applicant must be a 501.3c nonprofit. They send staff members to consult with the applicants.

Vermont has more nonprofit organizations than any other state, but they are not organized and lack plans. Many people ask for anonymity when making donations.

They offer services for just about everyone who wants to make a difference.

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