

## **THE VALE NEWS**

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### **Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

April 28 Rotary-Person-of-the-Year Dinner  
29 NO MEETING!!!!!!

May 6 John Crump  
13 Dave Ellison Dave & Janet on their trip  
20 Jim Groom  
27 Carol Hosford - Charlie Hosford "Project Harmony"

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 4/25; Kathy Friedman 4/26

Anniversaries: Bob & Karen Tierney 5/4

Second meeting in Timbers while the Sugarbush Inn is closed. Another small crowd with only two guests (our speakers); Piero and Andrea Bonamico of the Mad River Chorale.

### **Announcements**

Jack Mansfield is looking for members to volunteer for the Scholarship committee. People are needed to review the students' applications and decide who will be the winners this year.

Kathy Friedman is selling Greeting cards to raise money to support the Senior's Meals-On-Wheels program. The cards are done by a local artist and are selling for \$5.00. If you did not buy a card or two today, they will be on sale at the Big Picture, during Brunch on Sunday April 26th.

Leo Cohen announced that he has taken on the task of BFD (Big Freakin Duck) head of the Duck Race Project for this year. We will be hearing a lot more from him in the future.

Jack Miner spoke with Ron Geren and informed us that Ron's treatment is going well but Ron has good and bad days.

Ken announced that Adam Greshin's name badge arrived.

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.

Don't forget: NO MEETING ON THE 29th.

Mega Bucks: \$370. Betty Maguire - holder of winning ticket today. She drew the 3 of hearts and donated her \$5 prize to the club.

Happy Bucks

Karl - Susan to sing at camp weekend.

Tom - Back from visit with dad in No. Carolina

Joe Koch and Art -Delighted over arrival of Spring

Bob Holden - April 15th - has come and gone and he survived. Also Eli turned 18

Betty - Happy Birthday to Kathy

Monk – Going to NFL Draft held at Giant Stadium

Sissy - Ralph had successful knee surgery

Dave Ellison - Skied last Sunday - sunny & warm

Karen - Enjoyed skiing with Dave

Larry – Son's trip to Montreal

Ken- Will celebrate wife's birthday. Picking up daughter at airport.

Several members just Happy - even tho not going/coming from a trip, no visitors coming/going, did not ski, did not have a birthday, just enjoyed the pleasant weather.

## **PROGRAM**

Jack Mansfield introduced Piero Bonamico, the head of the Mad River Chorale organization.

Piero told us that they had left the Bundy as the building took too much of their time and money. They are now an Arts organization with:

- Multiple ensembles who have performed across the state
- Relationships with leading artists and performers in the U.S. who have performed with and provided educational opportunities thru MRC and to the general public
- The highly successful launch of Counterpoint who have performed nationwide and broadcast on National Public Radio and Television
- Have about 100 performing members, giving 10+ performances per year generating a positive balance sheet.

Money raised in 2009 will go toward creating and promoting programs. In 2009-2010 they will offer Arts Education, Jazz, Cabaret, Musical Theater, and Classical Music activities in the mix.

Thus their sponsors' public exposure will be greater than ever before. The result of these factors will be a greatly enhanced marketing program and greater sponsor recognition.

## Specific Programs:

The Vermont Young Musicians Award. This year they have a fully funded statewide campaign to find the best young musicians and bring them to the Mad River Valley for the final round of the competition.

Along with its main concerts, The Mad River Chorale is serving as the host choir for the Vermont International Choral Festival in Stowe (focusing on Jazz standards)

The Mad River Kids Chorale is being completely reworked. It has been turned into the Vermont Young Singers Chorus and will have 4 distinct ensembles for singers at every stage of development. The programs' mission is to "Graduate Singing Musicians."

Cafe Noir Productions, their theatrical arm has had 3 successful cabarets at Sugarbush in 2009 and have contracted for 3 more.

Also musicals at the Waterfront Theater in Burlington and at our Valley Players Theater this summer.

The final element of the long-term plan will be a new professional singing ensemble tentatively called Unison. This would be a 12-voice professional vocal ensemble dedicated to the highest levels of artistic excellence and to educational outreach.

They hope to overcome the reluctance of male teens to perform as singers. On the popular show "American Idol," the finalists were all male this year. Most of the participants either sang in their school choirs or performed their school musical productions.

Unison's singers would be appropriately paid. Flexible in skill (ability to play a musical instrument e.g.) and commitment to make the ensemble their top priority would be important factors.

The Mad River Chorale hopes we will join them and become members in 2009 and that businesses will sponsor them. They ask us to spread the word about their dedication to the Mad River Valley and their exciting programs.

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