

THE VALE NEWS

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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

- 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-nos 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 5 P.M. Round Barn
- June 6 Bob Grant
13 Dinsmore Fulton - MRV Path
20 Dinsmore Fulton - Cancer Support Group
26 Changeover Tues. 5 P M - Timbers Restaurant

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 - 4/25/26 Jim lead the singing of "Happy Birthday to me"
(he always leads the singing of the birthday song)

Anniversaries: none (April is not a popular month for weddings)

Meeting News

Cold rainy weather continues along with the absence of 50% of our members. Our guest speaker today was Wendy Brauer who will tell us about all the local Opera events during the month of June sponsored by the Green Mountain Cultural Center. Sarah Hoyn, an exchange student was our 2nd guest.

Lorraine was back today. Before she could start the meeting, Doug Stoehr presented her with a new gavel. She thanked Doug for covering for her last week while she had an enjoyable time in Florida and found it hard to wake up early today.

Leon Bruno brought back a present from his trip to the South Pacific (an OMIAGI). You always bring a present to your host and then he sends one back and his wife includes something for the husband. OMIAGI is a Japanese word. Editor's note; (I am not sure that I got that right, but you get the idea.)

May 30th will be our Visioning meeting - It will be a simple dinner, followed by a discussion of future long range plans for our club.

Doug is sending out a survey by e-mail and asks each member to fill it out and return it to him ASAP. It will only take a few minutes and helps him to get to know what the members want for Rotary.

BOD today.

Volunteers will be needed to put up the framework on the McCullough barn on Saturday May 5th and Sunday May 6th. Doug passed around a sign-up sheet. A lot of volunteers; will be good publicity for us.

*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.

* Joe Klimek- Golf tournament. The brochures and posters have been distributed. An item about the tournament will be in the Valley Reporter this week. Now is the time to urge our sponsors to enter a team from their company

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. 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).

Jack Miner has put the event on our website.

The committee will get in touch with the other Rotary Clubs in our district. Sugarbush will make up signs "ID-ing" our sponsors (we have 22 sponsors).

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

Dave Ellison gave Jack Mansfield a check for his Megabuck winnings last week. Since the pot is now empty, The club will ante up \$50 until the ticket sales reach that amount.

*Megabucks - \$50 for the winner. Lorraine had the right ticket but drew the 8 of spades. Oh well, she received a new gavel and an Omiagi and \$5 today.

Happy Bucks

Jim Leyton - Enjoying his 86th birthday

Billy Brauer- Happy to have Wendy here today

Ken Friedman - Asked Ken Amann if his father-in-law had ever met the general (in Tuesday's movie)

Joe Klimek - survived being a wine taster for 3 days. There were 4,600 bottles of wine and 52 judges. He even tried garlic wine

Dave Ellison - Wall being reconstructed around his garden

Jim Groom- back from 3 week road trip

Tom Byrne - Spent 6 weeks in N.C. Back briefly as his father is very ill. Al will mow Tom's lawn while he is away

Stan - first year he was able to mow lawn in April

Al Barillaro - Will take care of Tom's lawn-

Betty - looking forward to Beer breakfast

Clayton-Paul - Admires Jim Leyton

Lorraine - Thanks for the gifts

Art - Congratulated Ken on choice of Keaton movie

Ken Amann - effect of Ken Friedman

John Hale - Golf tournament plans progressing

Monk - kayaked in Mad River after the rain

Brian sold house in N.J.; bought another in N.J. Not ready for full time living in the Valley yet.

PROGRAM

Billy introduced his wife, Wendy from the Green Mountain Cultural Center. He did not know how many of us have seen the opera. This is a world class production. Our area is becoming well known for these productions and they had many applicants from both the US and Europe. We can watch rehearsals for free. He did not know much about opera, but now he loves it.

Wendy used Billy's painting of Mimi holding a candle in her attic - as a prop for her talk. This painting has been copied for use as a poster to advertise the opera. Wendy is a 6th generation Vermonter.

When she first got involved with the Green Mountain Cultural Center they did not put on operas in the Valley but were dedicated to bring the arts to the valley. They sponsor 3 events per year:

- 1) Annual Photography Show
- 2) Art in the Round Barn
- 3) G.M. Opera Festival.

They pay for all the expenses themselves, therefore they need a lot of financial support. Over the last 7 years they have grown tremendously, their last year's budget was \$208,000 and brought in world class artists.

Since they cannot pay the singers a lot, the group puts up the singers in private homes. The singers put on their own productions, mingle with other artists and educate people about the arts.

They put out a guide for high school students and the students can watch the dress rehearsals. It is a great opportunity for kids, the artists will be here from May 27 to June 25. Performances include 6 free rehearsals at Sugarbush. They offer 4 master classes where professionals get training.

The Website has a list of all the activities starting with the Flynn Theater in Burlington and ending with the production of La Boheme at the Barre Opera House.

The drawings for the sets have been submitted. They will probably need support to do the construction and the painting. It will be a world class production with an orchestra. It is really impressive what can be achieved by the small state of Vermont.

The tryouts attracted over 450 applicants last year from as far away as Europe. The support from the locals is phenomenal. Billy provides a free painting (worth \$10,000) every year. They sell lottery tickets @\$15 for the painting. Billy said he painted what it feels like to be a starving artist. Jim Leyton promptly bought a ticket.

The organization is composed of all volunteers, they pay a few part time for special jobs. Volunteers bring food and provide taxi service – comparable to a \$400,000 cost in other cities.

Our valley is a beautiful place, which helps bring singers here.

Joe Klimek said the construction of the sets will require 4 - 5 people. Painting will also require 4 - 5 people, then the sets must be transported to the Opera House in Barre. It takes 2 days to reconstruct the sets. Finally they must be returned to the Round Barn. Lots of help will be needed.

Wendy thanked us all for past help and contributions and hopes we will be there again this year.

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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