

## **THE VALE NEWS**

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Magazine - A time to recognize the contribution made by the ROTARIAN and 27 regional Rotary magazines

NOTE - Next week (5/4) we will be at the Castlerock Pub.

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

May 4 Dave Koepele - Paul Luciano  
11 Audrey Witschi -  
18 Doug Stoehr  
25 Ralph Walker

Sept 21 District Governor Visit

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: none

Anniversaries: none

### **Meeting News**

Even though it is mud season, it was a lovely warm day to have the Turkish GSE team visit us, along with our outgoing exchange students (Takoda Edlung, Tara Walluck and Marley Cohen) , Sally Molnar and our usual guests Anna & Benjamin White

### **Announcements**

Al Barillaro thanked Vickie Walluck for not only hosting the Turkish GSE team but hosting our pot luck get-together last night. The members who came were privileged to meet the delightful Turks.

Gene Scarpato was honored for all his extra work on the YBYI project WITH A SPECIAL AWARD - an outhouse with his name on it.

Heli: VT author Ron Krupp will discuss his latest book, "Lifting the Yoke: Local Solutions to America's Farm and Food Crisis," at the Warren Library on Wednesday, May 4th at 6:30PM. Following his book and slide show presentation, local experts will present farming success stories and challenges in the Mad River Valley.

Karen Winchell:

Warren United Church invites the community to Camper-Capers, an evening of family fun on Saturday, April 30th beginning at 5:30 at Warren Town Hall - lower level. The evening will start with a pot luck supper. Everyone is invited to bring a favorite dish to share. Supper will be followed by bingo. Virginia Scarpato has generously loaned the supplies and Becky Peatman will organize the games. Bingo cards will be \$1 each. Carey Bennett has been busy rounding up terrific items for a silent auction throughout the evening. "This is not just a fun raiser but also a fundraiser" Susan Stoehr of the Stewardship & Mission Committee explained. "All proceeds will go to support camp scholarships to Covenant Hills and Skye Farm. Covenant Hills in Cabot, VT and Skye Farm in Warrensburg, NY are both Christian camps operated by the United Methodists and the United Church of Christ. They both run a variety of 1-week camps during the summer for young people 2nd grade through high school."

Now that we are finished with the YBYI project, Doug Stoehr asked everyone to think about getting sponsors for the Duck Race at \$100 or \$200 each.

The Rotary International Convention will be in New Orleans from May 21-25. If you are interested, get the details from the Rotary Website.

Wayne Foster has been proposed by Bob Grant as a new member to our club and was approved by the BOD at their last meeting. If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received within 7 days following this notice, Wayne, upon payment of dues shall be considered elected to membership.

Mega Bucks - \$655 to the winner. Jack Mansfield drew the 3 of spades for \$5.

## **PROGRAM**

Al Molnar invited the Turkish GSE team to make their presentation - starting with -

1) OZLEM SECKIN - Team leader, female 24 yrs. old, orthodontist and professor.

She told us she is a member of the Izner Rotary Club and there are 62 Rotary clubs in Turkey. We were astounded to hear their club is 47% female. They were the first club to accept women and were founded in a University.

All of the team members spoke excellent English.

Turkey connects Europe and Asia, is the first locale of civilization. Written language was introduced in their area. The first coins were invented and used and Turkey sired science and literature. In ancient times they were the Byzantine Empire, then became the Ottoman Empire from 1299 - 1923. When the Ottoman Empire lost a war they became a republic and many reforms were introduced.

In April of 1930, the 1st congress in the world for women was created. Turkey has a multi-party parliament. Their motto is "Peace at Home, Peace in the World".

Women wear modern dress and their culture is both ancient and modern. They are a youthful country with 1/3 of the population under 18. Every religion exists there. **TURKEY HAS 100% LITERACY!**

April 23rd is Children's Day. Only country in the world to honor the children with a day. Oct. 29th is Republic Day with parades etc.

2) Taylan ZEYREK, male 31 yrs. old - Training Consultant/Education

3) ERTUGRUL YILDIZ, male 34 yrs. old Automotive Industry ratio/change management

4) UMRAN BICEN, female 31 yrs. old - Veterinarian

5) SECIL YAGCI, female 27 yrs. old – Customer Service Coordinator in the Container Shipping Industry

Editor's note: After the leader spoke, I lost track of who said what, but they informed us that:

The Turkish economy is ranked 15th in the world, their agriculture is self-sufficient and industry consists of auto making (they are 6th largest in car production); make 50% of the TV sets, produce textiles, ship building (4th in

the world) and high in construction. Their GNP growth is 8.9%. inflation 6.4%. Unemployment 11.9% but tourism revenue is \$21 billion

Tourism - Turkey is ranked 7th in the world. Attractions are Open Air Museums, they have 2 of the 7 wonders of the world; 1st Basilica of the Virgin Mary, largest Cathedral in the world. Oldest ship wreck - they are a sea faring nation. They have both winter sports and great beaches, and asked us to:

“Meet where the continents meet”

They were obviously well informed, articulate and very proud of their country.

The last 5 minutes consisted of much photo taking of the group with both our cameras and theirs. Club banners were exchanged and a good time was had by all.

#### 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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