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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

April	11	Joe Klimek - Peter Neilson of Higher Mind Media & Quench Art Space; Sheri DeFlavio of 4ourty Bridge St.
	18	Joe Koch
	25	Billy Brauer - Wendy Brauer (opera)
May	2	Lorraine K. -Valley Arts Foundation
	9	Jim Leyton
	16	Jack Mansfield
	23	Betty Maguire
	30	Jack Miner
June	6	Bob Grant

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 - Joe Koch 4/9/27
Anniversaries - none

Very low attendance today, only 24 people including our speaker, John Lynch. It is between skiing and golf seasons when a lot of our locals take a week or two off and second home owners remain in their main home. That's my guess, what's yours?

Meeting News

Lorraine welcomed everyone and made the following announcements:

Thank you received from Rachael Miller (she spoke about the Rozalla Project last week) and always enjoys presenting to Rotary Clubs and found ours especially engaging and fun in spite of a few trouble makers in our club.

*New from Rotary International - Rotary International & ShelterBox, (the grassroots disaster relief organization), signed a project partner agreement this month, allowing the two organizations to collaborate more closely in providing relief and temporary shelter to survivors of natural disasters. More information on R.I.'s website.

*Quick BOD meeting immediately following general meeting today

*John Hale - information about First Annual Rotary Father's Day Golf Tournament. Committee Mtg. this morning.

*Updates on Rotary Disaster Recovery Grant- being reviewed by Trustees of the Rotary (along with technical advisors site visit report) Hopefully should know outcome by end of the month. Very optimistic!

*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.

Thank you from Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports for our \$500 donation.

Rotary Club of Parole, Annapolis, Md. thanked us for the hospitality shown to their member, Vern Penne. They sent us their banner and invited us to visit them when we are in their area.

Jim Leyton got in a plug for EREY- asked for applause for Leo for telling our members what R.I. foundation is all about.

John Hale - Our club is planning a new fundraiser - 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. Details have not been worked out yet. 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) and hoping they will attend the tournament with a team from their company.

More information will be coming out between now and the date of the tournament as this is a new event and a lot has to be worked out.

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

***Megabucks** - \$643 - John Hale drew the Jack of Spades for the usual \$5

***Happy Bucks**

Lorraine - Thanked the golf committee for all the effort they are putting in to set up the tournament

Joe Klimek - His Grapevines are starting to sprout

Betty - Foxy lady - Dinsmore performed as a Raisinette at the Cabin Fever Follies last weekend

Audrey - Happy

John Hale - I am glad that I did not win the \$643 megabucks as I have won \$1,000 two times.

Jack Miner - Rotary Road signs have been put up

Dinsmore 1)Congrats to Kentucky Basketball team 2)MR Path director started his new job

Jim Leyton - Our club 50% enrolled in EREY. Still aiming for 100%

Wayne Foster - working on IRS returns - hoping for refund

Dave Ellison – Nephew's Bar Mitzvah very impressive. His cousin raved about our group

Stan - sgt. of arms here today

Gene - Looking forward to extended trip

Art - Muddy Road firming up

Al Barillaro - Glad something is firming up

PROGRAM

Dinsmore introduced John Lynch, our local driving instructor. John reminded us that driving is a life-long skill. He said that cars have changed so much that we should read the owner's manual before driving a new car as the manufacturers have added so many features. If possible get the salesman to explain the new functions (most of which are not needed.)

It is important to keep both hands on the wheel on the 3 and 9 o'clock positions and don't use cell phones while driving.

Stay healthy. Be careful about what drugs you take before driving. After WWII, when all the men came home from the war and started driving, there were lots of accidents and the government made the car manufacturers install seat belts. The car manufacturers were against it as it made the the cars sound unsafe.

Ford was the first one to promote seat belts (Volvo -shoulder restraints). Air bags are the latest invention. Now the seat belt holds you in place while the airbag opens up.

Cars are so complicated today that it is best to have repairs made by dealers .

If you must use a cell phone, use it where there is little traffic not in the middle of Montpelier or Burlington where there is so much going on. Drive defensively - prepare for the unexpected

If you see a speeder, get the license plate no. and call the police. They will call the driver. Sometimes one call from the police is enough to slow down that driver. If the state learns of a bad driving incident, they get after you - may require a driving test.

There are so many new buttons on the dashboard, it is better to go with voice activated instructions if possible. Put the phone down and drive without distractions.

These were all the driving tips that John had time for today.

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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