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NO MEETING NEXT WEEK ROTARY-PERSON-OF-THE-YEAR DINNER ON APRIL 13, 2011

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

April	13	Rotary-Person-of-the Year Dinner - Barn Door
	20	Joe Klimek - Dr. Marvin Malek
	27	Larry Ryan - Colonel Scott E. Manning
May	4	Dave Koepele - Paul Luciano
	11	Audrey Witschi
	18	Doug Stoehr
	25	Ralph Walker

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: Karl Klein 4/9; Joe Koch 4/9; Nelson Putnam 4/12

Anniversaries: none

Meeting News

Beautiful morning - may be our last meeting at the Inn for this season. Only 3 guests today, Anna & Benjamin White and our speaker Aaron Locker.

Announcements

YBYI - One more Last report by Gene Scarpato (for this year). The outhouse is still standing as of this morning. Final receipts including donations are \$11,931- (there is still more to come. So far, almost as much as last year. Everyone agreed - a great job done by Gene as usual.

Bruce still has a few dog calendars for 2011 left and is selling them at 1/2 price. Proceeds go to dog owners who need to help pay for dog food.

Monk - Triathlon - (Sugarbush Adventure Games) The volunteers managed to pull the boats from the water and people collected the boats quick enough to make room for the steady arrival of more boats in the ice covered field. One kayak had a big hole in the bottom - looked more like a submarine. Water level of the river was low making it harder to pull up the boats.

Heli was selling Mother's Day cards to benefit the Meals-On-Wheels program.

Nicholas has setup a page on Facebook to promote Rotary.

Jim Leyton has stickers (to be put on badges) for our EREY Paul Harris Program members and is ready to take a \$100 check from any member ready to join the program. (The first \$100 payment is matched by the club.)

Audrey asked how many members had signed up to attend the District Conference to be held at Stowe April 29th. Only two people raised their hands.

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

The annual Rotary-Person-Of-The-Year-dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 13th at the Barn Door Restaurant in Waitsfield. Al Barillaro notified us that the deadline for paid reservations is Saturday, April 9th at Jim Leyton's office. Sixteen non-member guests have signed up for this dinner.

Al Molnar - The GSE team from Turkey will be housed by Vicki Walluck at the Waitsfield Inn but a couple of hosts are needed to provide dinners for one or two of the Turks on Wed., April 27th. Also the whole team will be treated to a pot luck dinner at the Waitsfield Inn on Tues. April 26th. Members are needed to provide: appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts. Al Barillaro is in charge of coordinating this dinner.

Drivers are needed to transport the Turks two more places during their stay here. Audrey volunteered for the last two.

Doug Stoehr announced there will be a Rotary Ski Day on April 7th. Meet at the Gatehouse Lodge at 9 AM. If you don't have a ski pass, see Doug, he has a couple of discount tickets donated by Jack Miner, otherwise, just show up. The ski lifts open at 10, but breakfast is served at 9 at the Gatehouse. At least 10 members said they were looking forward to the event.

Mega Bucks - \$606 to the winner. Joe Klimek drew the 10 of diamonds and got \$5.
- enough to buy a Mother's Day card.

Happy Bucks

Gene - 1)Ellen Barillaro released from the hospital, 2)Ralph Walker had knee operation and Dinsmore had knee done.

Jim Leyton - just happy

Tom Byrne - Oh what a beautiful morning!

Stan - Looking forward to a Rotary Function where we don't have to sell tickets.

Jack Mansfield - Happy that Jim is happy

Dave Ellison - Plans to ski until last snowflake is gone.

Dave Koepele - His upcoming trip will take them thru 29 states

Bob Holden - Tax preparation ends in two weeks
Carol Hosford - Leaving for the Netherlands in 2 weeks- grandson into soccer
Peter Laskowski - good turnout for Historical Society - topic Civil War
Clayton-Paul - Oldest daughter - lead role in Grease- 4 performances
Art - Saw Clayton-Paul's daughter at Cabin Fever Follies - good
Monk - Crew - expert at pulling out boats
Joe Klimek - Has not heard from the Simkos since they arrived in Egypt
Al Barillaro - Happy that wife is doing well
Len - Happy about good news from Al's wife

PROGRAM

Joe Goldstein introduced Aaron Locker, co-owner of the Kingsbury Market Garden.

They have a unique arrangement where they lease the property in exchange for food, they produced about 35,000 pounds the first year. People come from the Barre Food Bank and about 10 local food shelves in Vermont. Cucumbers, onions and mostly products that are heavy and not too perishable. They go to lot of farms to pick up perishable stuff such as lettuce.

The business is just starting to take shape. They started with ill prepared soil. Now they know what the problems are. They put up greenhouses to preserve delicate foods and save a lot of crops from frost. Things like lettuce, scallions are grown in the greenhouse. Then they move in the next group of delicates as needed such as tomatoes, strawberries, etc. The timing is still on a learning curve.

They have a commercial kitchen. Bakeries and restaurants can use prepared products that would otherwise spoil. The Food shelves want only 1st quality. The partners are constantly learning new ways to avoid losses.

They have also purchased boxes of bumble bees (honeybees don't work when it is below freezing). Kitchen must be clean enough to pass state inspection.

They had two volunteers but found it is hard to manage volunteers. There are not many unskilled labor jobs on the farm. Over the winter they have developed a transplanting machine which will be a big help this year.

Restaurants in the Valley take some food at wholesale prices and the farm sells to the public. Restaurant wholesale prices are higher than food prices to the Food Shelf.

At first there was a controversy - as local farms felt they there were at a disadvantage, but there are enough customers to go around for all of them.

1/3 of their business is restaurants. Onions are their biggest product, 40,000 pounds.

They are not certified organic as they do not use organic seeds. He thinks organic seeds are poor quality.

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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