

THE VALE NEWS

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Spring Conferences Month

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

May	16	Jack Mansfield - R. J. Austin
	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 - Karen Nevin - Valley Arts Foundation
	13	Dinsmore Fulton - MRV Path
	20	Dinsmore Fulton - Cancer Support Group
	26	Changeover Tues. 5 P M - Timbers Restaurant
	27	No Meeting

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 this week

Anniversaries - Gene & Virginia Scarpato 5/19/56
Caryn & John Crump 5/22

Meeting News

It finally stopped raining and we could enjoy a nice sunny meeting. We were joined today by John Daniel, Benjamin White and our two speakers from the Sugarbush Golf Course, RJ Austin and RJ Ziats

After a satisfying breakfast Lorraine welcomed us and gave us the good news that the matching grant for flood recovery has been approved. The Matching funds from TRF + pledges from clubs and districts total \$412,450

She also told us that the BOD had proposed an increase in our annual dues to \$175. The increase is necessary due to our rising costs, and it was up to the club to vote on it. Bob Holden proposed the increase; it was seconded and approved unanimously. The increase takes effect on July 1st, 2012.

May 30th will be our Visioning meeting at the Round Barn- It will be a simple dinner, for \$10 followed by a discussion of future long range plans for our club. Three people from our district will attend. So far 25 members have signed up. Doug asked people to arrive by 10 to 5 PM

*Reminder - 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)

* Joe Klimek- Golf tournament.

The Golf Tournament will 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).

Two more teams have signed up

Sponsors - respective members should inform the sponsors about the free advertising on each Tee and suggest the sponsor enter a team. We have some gifts donated to raffle off at the end of the tournament and could use a lot more. Leon offered all the balls that land in his yard.

Leo plans to help with the the parade- needs a 4 wheeler. Clayton-Paul volunteered his 4 wheeler.

Jack Simko is promoting: The Green Mountain Opera Festival's Opera Extravaganza: A Gala Performance featuring the 2012 Green Mountain Opera Festival soloists.

17 world-class singers will perform arias, duets, and ensembles from many of the great operas, including La Boheme, Don Pasquale, The Pearl Fishers, and other jewels of the operatic repertoire.

Saturday, June 3, 7:30 PM, University of Vermont Recital Hall. Reception with the artists to follow.

BOD today after regular meeting.

*Megabucks - \$83 for the winner. Lorraine drew the 10 of spades

*Happy Bucks -

(Thanks for one person at each table recording these remarks, Makes my job much easier. Wini)

Dinsmore - Thanked fellow Rotarians for helping during Triathlon

Vickie - Tara's last day at school in Denmark

Pat - Happy to be finished with getting mother's house ready for market and now can enjoy her son's graduation from RISD and a family gathering

Al - Mother's Day in Boston - fun

Clayton-Paul - Chipmunk on 2 bird feeders + 5 blue jays foraging - beautiful sight

Bob Holden - Happy son is home from college

Betty - 5 more days of sunshine

Lorraine - Just happy

Jack Simko - 2 grandsons graduated

Doug - Mother's Day

Joe Klimek - Building of the opera sets going well

Jim Leyton - Happy to see 2 RJs here

John Daniell - hope that Joe Koch is OK

PROGRAM

Jack Mansfield introduced RJ Austin who is a lifetime resident of our Valley. RJ's dream came true when he received his PGA status.

RJ has been working to keep the course going as last year was a bad one, People are still putting in money to fix the course as the golf architect, Robert Trent Jones is famous. The Sugarbush budget is not 2 million, but it is still a great golf course,

A one-time investment of \$5,000 gets you a lifetime membership with exclusive privileges, invitations and discounts. Then there are many types of passes you can purchase, all the way from a family fancy season pass (\$5,500) down to an evening pass for one, (after 5 PM) for \$40. There are at least a dozen types in between the 2 extremes, including juniors. There is something for everyone.

Leon told him to get youngsters involved to ensure the future of the club.

RJ is trying to encourage some of his members to attend our tournament, but believes they won't sign up until that Sunday morning. He reminded us that a round of golf (18 holes) takes approx. 4 1/2 hours. Rotarians are given 30% off for an annual membership.

The tennis courts bring a lot of destination people. He sets aside one tennis court for kids to play games while parents are on the golf course.

The season for the outdoor pool kicks off on June 22nd. It is too expensive to heat the pool before then.

Our 2nd speaker, RJ Ziats, who is a great golfer, will help out with tournaments and teaching. First lesson is \$100/hour, next is based on need. There is a \$35 ladies clinic every Thursday. 15 locals are entered.

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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