

THE VALE NEWS

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Spring Conferences Month

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

May 23 Betty Maguire - Sean Lawson, The Beer Guy Microbrewery
Presentation
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 : Brian Crandall 5/25; Gary Plewak 5/28
Anniversaries -

Today started out cloudy but a speck of blue sky held promise of sun later and our members kept drifting in until we had the usual warm weather 35 attendees including guests: John Daniell, Carol Groom and our speaker Sean Lawson, the beer guy.

Meeting News

Promptly at 7:30 AM, Lorraine, banged the gavel, welcomed every one and started the meeting. She reminded us that there will be no morning meeting next week.

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. Doug informed us that if you signed up for the evening meeting, you owe \$10 for the meal whether you show up or not.

Gene Scarpato reported on the district Conference in Lincoln, N.H that he attended last week with his wife and Doug and his wife. Jim Leyton drove over just for the day. Doug & Gene took 4 exchange students; the girl from France, the girl from Spain, a boy from Denmark and a boy from Brazil. All four spoke of their experiences living in the US.

Dist. Gov. Marion Bedell spoke of the conference theme – “Inspiring new generations into Rotary”. Jack Miner was recognized for his efforts to increase membership in our club including the younger generation.

Friday - 1st day we were treated to the “cafe Lafayette dinner train”. It was a good meal but took 2 hours with lots of gaps between courses.

Sat - The GSE team from So. Africa did their presentation about their Rotary Club and culture and products, especially gold. It is one of only 2 countries with safe tap water. It is a middle income country and to date the only country to dismantle its nuclear arsenal. It is multi-cultural - 11 official languages.

Walter Hughes - from Rocky Mt. Va. Rotary Club is making an effort to rid Ghana of worm disease that infects standing water -with a parasite that when consumed by humans causing pain and crippling effects and in many cases death. Since 2005, our district, along with others, have contributed towards this research eliminating the worm disease from Ghana.

Presentation by Duncan McDougall about the Children's Literary Foundation, which is similar to the Waitsfield Reading Program run by Joy Worland, however this program reaches out to low income areas, children of prison inmates etc.

Flood recovery efforts - with recognition & rewards given.

Many rewards given for efforts made by members of Rotary Clubs. We should speak up about the many efforts made by our club members for our community.

* Manny Apigian - Golf tournament.

The Golf Tournament will be held at the Sugarbush Golf Course on Father's Day - June 17th - So far 13 teams have signed up. Next thing is to ask for volunteers to assist in running the tournament.

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.

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.

Lorraine stated that we will be receiving a letter from the phone co. re: voice mail. She will help us with any questions.

Leo - 4th of July Parade - needs 4 - 5 people to help out before the parade starts and at the end - pick up for dumpsters. Clayton-Paul Jr. is lending us his truck.

Duck Race - Gary is already starting to think about tickets. They will be needed starting on the 4th of July.

Dinsmore -

The Mad River Path Ass'n is holding its Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 31 from 5-7 PM at the Waitsfield Inn. There will be light refreshments and a cash bar, beginning at 5:45 P. M. All are invited to meet the new Executive Director, Will Flender, and hear about activities at the MRPA.

Audrey - 3 Opera performers are arriving Sunday afternoon - need hosts - Call Audrey if willing to help

Joe Goldstein - GSE Schedule

South Africa GSE team will be in the Mad River on Sat., 2 Jun. The schedule is being firmed, up so some of the times are nominal for this list. The start at the Food hub and the Sugarbush times are firm.

0830 Food Hub

1000 Vermont Yak Farm

1100 Farmers Market

1330 Sugarbush

1500 Mad River Vineyard

*Megabucks - \$101 for the winner. Doug drew the 5 of clubs

*Happy Bucks -

Jack Miner - Dad celebrated 100th birthday

Heli - Great trip with Gail to Europe and visited mother in Austria

Bob Holden - Son Eli 21 - Bob took him to Vegas

Ken Amann - daughter Katie's wedding next week

Leon - Appreciation to the MRI Ambulance care for Joe Koch

Art - second to Leon's comment

Monk - NY Rangers - 2 games away from final

Stan - great trip to Italy and Mad River Tennis Center open

Larry - Great flying weather

Carol Hosford - 9 year old grand daughter in Mac Beth play

Jim Groom - Grandson told sister "no tooth fairy - it's our parents" When Jim said "Why did you spoil it for her" grandson admitted he was guessing.

John Daniel - comment on Jim Groom

Gary - 1) Duck Race excitement - 2) need ticket sellers for golf tourney
Gene - amazed that Jim Leyton drove to Dist. Conference and returned same day
John Hale - happy to be helping with the "Happy" notes
Doug - great Dist. Conference weekend
Audrey - wonderful trip to France and Switzerland - grandson
Lorraine - sample little black ?

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

PROGRAM

After Jim Groom had connected the computer to show photos on the screen, Lorraine introduced Sean Lawson of "Lawson's Finest Liquids" (Brewery). This brewer master has won silver and bronze medals - unfortunately can't give free samples here because of the liquor license.

Their product "Maple Triple" won at World Beer Cup.

Sean then displayed family photos (wife and 2 daughters). 41 years ago he started as a home brewer.

His first paying job, after college was washing dishes: worked at Mad River Glen.

In 2007 he started business in a shed, size 300 sq. ft - made deliveries with his hybrid - it was a one man show. His brewery was a one barrel system of 30 gallons - he made 30 gallons at a time. Opened in 2008 with 4 products at the Warren Store.

Now he has an updated building, and production includes growing hops. Still all local ingredients - grain - barley fermented into beer. Nothing malted in Vermont.

UVM helped him with the hops industry - needs ground up pellets.

This fall he's putting in new equipment - which extracts sugar, color and transfers to fermenters - process takes several weeks to make beer - then cool for a week. The whole process produces Ale and Lager beer types. Lagers are bottom fermenters - longer process to "cold store" takes 6 weeks.

He makes mostly ale - he doesn't have time to age the beer, He gets help for bottling otherwise it is still a one man show.

His beer is unpasteurized - a live product.

The "Maple Triple" won out of 4,000 entries (he used maple sap as water.) There were 600 brewers in the competition.

Last year he won 2nd place in National Contest - World Beer Cup

Editor's note: I hope I got all this right, as I am totally ignorant about beer production.

P.S. Ken Amann wanted a recipe to make elderberry wine.

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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