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International conventions & club Service

NOTE -

We will be meeting at the Castlerock Pub until next December.

**Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

June 8 Karen Winchell - Martin Hahn, Director of Community Capital of Vermont. CCVT lends to micro-business start-ups and expansions state-wide.

 15 Assembly Mtg. - discussion of club finances etc.

 22 Ralph Walker

 29 Changeover

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.

July & August are still open. Please call Wini if you want any of those dates for a speaker.

Birthdays: Al Molnar 6/4

Anniversaries: Karen & John Winchell 6/4

**Meeting News**

 Only 34 people managed to find their way the Pub this cloudy morning, including guests; Dori Ingalls, director of the Mad Marathon and Beverly Kehoe, director of the Festival of The Arts.

**Announcements:**

Doug passed around the finalized list of Duck Race Sponsors. There are 9 gold sponsors ($200) and 22 Silver sponsors ($100) for a total of 31. This includes some members who own local businesses.

Joe Klimek is the head of the committee in charge of the float. The theme

this year is “ACT LIKE A LOCAL” He is looking for fresh ideas before building the float.

 Duck Race T-shirts are for sale @$10 each.

Ken Friedman is getting together a group for the Chili Fest (to be run on the 4th of July.)

Dori Ingalls, the event organizer for the Mad Marathon, the world’s most beautiful Marathon, told us about the 1st Annual Mad Marathon and Mad Half scheduled for July 10th, 2011 in the Mad River Valley. Our valley is famous for fall foliage and winter skiing but this will be the first big Summer event. They are expecting at least 900 runners to register.

Vickie was asking our members to help with parking the cars of all these runners.

Club announcements:

Last week when the BOD announced they had voted for an increase of dues, it was pointed out that according to the Bylaws, the BOD needed the approval of the members to raise the dues. Therefore the BOD held a special meeting on Saturday and rescinded the increase.

Dave Ellison explained that after 5 years, Sugarbush had raised the cost of breakfast to $10.50. In the past the cost of breakfast was $9 but club charged the members $10 to cover the cost of guests. In the fall and winter, the club always had sufficient funds to cover costs, but in May and June money goes out and nothing comes in for club expenses.

In the past couple of years, our club has run a surplus with all the new members thus the BOD feels we have enough money to go another year without raising the dues.

In many clubs, members pay for Rotary meals in advance.

Jack Miner said our Bylaws regarding finances came right out of the Rotary Manual.

June 15th has been designated an Assembly meeting to discuss club business. If you have any beefs, this is the time to air them. Audrey will send out an agenda before the meeting.

**Mega Bucks** - $784 to the winner.  Bob Holden had high hopes of increasing his spending money for his trip to Italy, but drew the ace of spades for a mere $5 - Sorry Bob, NO DOLCE VITA this time.

**Happy Bucks**

Bob Holden - $5 better than nothing - nice Bylaw change

Betty -happy

John S. - back in Vt. where he can breathe

Dave Ellison - Stopped raining - maybe can play golf

Tom Byrne & Ken Friedman -Remembering Rich Reisner

Art Conway - was a friend of Rich

Joe Koch - Remembered how helpful Rich was.

Al Barillaro - Remembered Rich

Leon Bruno – Wini’s back

Stan Needleman- 2 graduations in California

Vickie - Marathon

Joe Klimek - Sister visiting from San Francisco

**PROGRAM**

Doug introduced Beverly Kehoe, the director of the Festival of the Arts, the whole month of August. She said she has been planning the festival for 15 years.

She said our Duck Race is the last event of the Festival.

She shared with us a sneak preview of the poster designed by Candy Barr. Her computer presentation showed the painting of a big Moose with a background of snow and fir trees. (The painting was part of an art show in the Round

Barn last year).

The festival will have 125 events. Her presentation showed some of the events starting with “The Taste of the Valley”.

Skinner Barn will produce the musical “A little Night Music”.

The Philharmonic will judge a new event - a contest of young musicians.

There will also a contest of young artists

They are trying to reach out to other parts of Vermont, as MRV seems isolated from the rest of the state. We need to offer substantial reasons to get people to come to our Valley. She finds it a tremendous challenge to get people from the four corners of Vermont to come to this festival.

She also feels it is lopsided - we need tourist attractions all year round - not just one month per year.

We need the Opera Festival all month, not just one day. There is a new event - the week-end Theater Festival - work shop producers. They are trying to include events that last more than one day and they need more events that are not weather dependent to aid tourism.

They hope to tie big events together in order to promote tourism all year to stabilize our economy.

Audrey presented a $500 check to Beverly from our club.

The Festival has the support of all local organizations.

    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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