

## **THE VALE NEWS**

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### **Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

June 17 Lorraine Keener-Richard Pitonyak & Kris Merchant on  
Telecommunications - Present & Future  
23 Karl Klein - Joshua Schwartz, the director of the Mad River  
Valley Planning District

July 1 Changeover at Dave Koepele's Home  
8 Liz Kelly  
15 John Crump  
22 Betty Maguire  
29 Jack Miner

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: Adam & Anne Greshin 6/13/92

ATTENTION EVERYONE!!! Our future meetings will be held in

THE CASTLE ROCK PUB

### **Meeting News**

In spite of a dull morning, we had a lively crowd including guests: Anna White, Bob Grant, John Daniell, our summer guest, and Doug Stoehr, a proposed new member by Jack Miner.

Announcements

Thank you notes were received from 1) Val Hale for our donation to Meals-On-Wheels, 2) Vermont Adaptive for the donation they received from our club.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dave Ellison reported:

1.) Dues for the 2009/2010 club year are due by June 30, 2009. This year's dues are being held at the same level as the past few years. Dues will be:

Individual \$150

Member spouse \$120

If you require an invoice for business or other purposes, please let me know and I shall prepare one for you. Please submit your dues to me (check to MRVRC or cash) and return to me by June 30.

Opera - Jack Simko asked for volunteers to move the newly created sets for Figaro on Saturday and Sunday. At least 4 pick-up trucks required. Our club is really a great group, enough of the members willingly volunteered to do the job this weekend.

Tonight - at Lareau Farm bring your own food for a picnic and enjoy concert of Broadway Show Tunes, by our guest opera singers. Tickets are \$10 at the gate 6 PM. Tomorrow night at the Round Barn, cost \$20.

Duck Race Committees - Present activity is work on the float for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It is done in blue and gold. Workers with jigsaws needed to do the cut-outs - 2 hours after the meeting today and before the Lareau Farm BBQ.

Changeover Night, pay the \$15 cost by June 17th. That is the day they are placing the order for the hot dogs. Give the money to Al Barillaro, or Jim Leyton.

Changeover event: Koepel's Residence - 3400 Center Fayston Rd. July 1, 2009

Cost \$15/person + pot luck contribution. Dress casual. Volunteers needed to bring "finger desserts" such as brownies, cookies, etc. (3 dozen each).

Many garbage bags - 30 gallon size needed.

Finally: 1.) Volunteers needed for pick up and set up tent on Wednesday 2.) Clean up 3.) Take down and return tent on Thursday

As you can see, this is a big event and all club members needed to make this affair a success. Everyone is needed to pitch in.

Mega Bucks over \$500 to winner. Tom Byrne disgusted he couldn't find joker.... at least he got \$5

## **Happy Bucks**

Betty - back from reunion

Jim Groom - returned from vacation in Appalachia

John Daniell - back in Vermont for the summer

Tom Byrne - Red Sox beating Yankees again

Jim Leyton - Rotary at Den - enjoyed hamburgers

Karen Winchell - Happy to have \$5

Peter - 1st grandchild arrived and daughter graduated from Med. School

Dave Koepele - Grateful that set painting is finished

Monk - Reunion in Coopers Town and niece grad. from Med. School

Stan - No snow this week

John Crump - received Bow tie from wife

Brian Crandall - Grandson- 1st birthday

Jack Mansfield - Back from Ohio

Bob Holden - proud of team

Art Conway - family member grad. from H.S. in Ohio

Joe Koch - Happy

Al Barillaro - Float painted

Jack Simko -Opera almost here and looks so good

John Basile - Too many beards at his table

Joe Klimek - Opera scenery almost finished

Ken Friedman - #3 in countdown to end of his term (brought cheers from the house)

## **PROGRAM**

Brian Crandell was finally in the Valley long enough to do his classification speech. His main residence is still in N.J. and his second home is in Waitsfield.

He was born in a small town near Rochester, N.Y. with a population about 1,500. That is probably why he likes small towns even though he lives in a residential area in N.J. at present. He learned to work hard in the fields, weeding etc. at the age of 10.

In old Vermont there were lots of bandstands. In his town the local band had 150 members, (he played trumpet) and they won the state championship for marching bands and gave concerts at the bandstands.

He was big in math, science and sports and still enjoys sports. He went to Union College, basically an engineering school, but also heavy on liberal arts

and learned to communicate well. Since his school was all male, he hitchhiked to meet girls

He is a civil engineer - designs bridges and highway. His first job was in N.J. supervising bridge construction. He was put on a construction team and within 3 years ran the whole job.

Met wife, Christine (had to give up motorcycle). They moved around a lot to various jobs doing underground work inc. N.Y.C. Then he bought a system from Germany which changed the way underground work was performed (less labor intensive). It can do deep trenching safely. Did pipelines without digging holes - the system was very innovative.

Most construction has been done the same way for 50 years - these people don't like change. Also international firms had cheap labor – didn't have to buy expensive machinery.

He was in Egypt when a manual system failed and they got the job to put in 90,000 feet of pipes in the pyramids. Then the contracts came pouring in and the new systems saved the customers money. In 1999 they got second Egyptian project using their own system on the ASWAN dam and made a name for themselves.

Now they have a guidance system to direct drilling accurately. His middle son is working with him to eventually take over the business. They have become dealers for a German company and are experts in their field.

Vermont history - He used his van to take his family on ski trips to every place in Vermont until they settled in So. Village at Sugarbush. They decided to live here and bought a house on Sherman Rd. in Waitsfield (his primary residence is still N.J.). He met a lot of people thru Rotary and feels the valley is a great place to live - lots of caring people.

## 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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