**THE VALE NEWS**

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SPRING CONFERENCES

**Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

 Jun 11  Bruce Stasyna of the GM Opera

       15 Father’s Day Golf Tournament - Sugarbush Golf Course

       17 Changeover Night (new officers installed) Mad River Glen Ski Resort

   18   no meeting

25 Robin McDermott to talk about food in the Valley.

July   2  open

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16 Evan Premo & Mary Bonhag (Are they going to entertain us?)

**Birthdays**:

Manny Apigian - 6/16;           David Babic 6/13;           Wayne Foster 6/13;

Jack Miner 6/18;                   Ken Nadolnay 6/18         Jack Mansfield 6/25

**Anniversaries:**

Adam & Anne Greshin  6/13          Joe & Jane Goldstein  6/17

John & Harriet Straub   6/19          Ken & Pat Amann 6/24

Leo Cohen & Dinsmore Fulton  6/21  Jack & Carol Miner 6/20

Vickie & Jon Walluck 6/22

Note: The above lists cover two weeks as the next meeting is Changeover Night

**Meeting News:**

Another beautiful June day, brought out one of our scholarship winners, Daniel Lee, our regular summer  guest, John Daniell, our speaker Bruce Stasyna, from the MRV Opera Festival,  Carol Groom and Doreen Simko to hear Bruce Staysna speak.

**Announcements:**

\*Golf Committee meeting [today at](http://today.at/) the Sugarbush Golf Course.

Sunday - Registration begins at 9:30 (shot gun start). A box lunch is included in the green fee. At present 45 people have registered to play, but the committee is hoping for 70.  Awards Reception follows end of tournament

 \*Volunteers needed for the Green Mountain Opera Festival! To pick up artists at the airport, to staff events, to make snacks for rehearsals. Two people with pick-up trucks needed June 14th.  Call or e-mail Dinsmore Fulton at 496-2638 or [dinsmore@madriver.com](mailto:dinsmore@madriver.com)

\* MRV Annual Father’s Day Golf Tournament - June 15th, remind your partners, polish your clubs, practice your swing.    It’s just 4 more days, much sooner than you think!

\*Gordon Hoare (this year’s)  “BIG DUCK” for the Duck Race this Summer  needs help from all of our members for the various tasks connected to this event. We will be selling tickets at the Farmers Mkt. and the parade.  The Warren store will provide water during the parade and we will be selling iced-tea.  Several businesses have agreed to sell duck race tickets. Gordon will put up posters all over town.

\*Bob Holden presented Daniel Lee with a check for his junior year in college.

Daniel has been on the president’s list of top grades for 2 years.  He is majoring in Aeronautics.  Bob said it shows that we are picking the right people.

\*Dave Ellison reminded us that our fiscal year starts on July 1st and that means our annual dues of $175 are due.

 \*All, I'd like to thank whomever found my hearing aid at the meeting this morning and gave it to Manny, who returned it to me. Thanks to both of you. Wini, could you please put this note in the Newsletter this week. John Daniel

Hello everyone -

This just in from Samantha Greene, Stage Manager:

This is what we're looking for:

Sunday 6/15: 2 people to move costumes from the Schoolhouse to the Gate House. We would need them for 1 hour, ideally some time between 1pm and 5pm. This will mostly require rolling costume racks, and not much heavy lifting.

Sunday, 6/15: 1 person to help load costumes from the Schoolhouse into Kevin's car, ideally some time after 7pm (although if you have somebody who is willing to give two hours around 5pm, we can probably use them for the above costume move AND this move). This will probably require some lifting. This will not take more than an hour.

Monday, 6/16: 1 person who can help unload costumes from Kevin's car at the Barre Opera House. Ideally, this would be 10 - 11am.

If you can help, please let me know!

Many thanks -      Dinsmore

**Megabucks:**   $221 -  James Reagan  received a $5 consolation prize for his pick of the 8 of hearts.

**Happy Bucks**

Bob Holden - Happy to be sitting with Daniel Lee

Gene - wife is back from hospital after attack of Vertigo and he had to do 2 loads of laundry while she was away.

Manny - Happy Gary has not backed out of being Rotary Pres. next year.

Jack Miner - Looking forward to going to Maine on 50th anniversary

Joe Klimek - Grapes looking good

Doug - going to Norway for 2 weeks

Larry - 1)Grand-daughter, Cassandra Ryan, going to Rwanda for 3 weeks, 2) she got her driver’s license, honor roll award at H.S. graduation and has a job!!!

David Babic - Happy to have son, Wyatt here and exposed to Rotary

Al - Happy to see Wyatt buy a raffle ticket for Little League

Dinsmore - 15 year old grandson visiting

Clayton-Paul - Testing drones for selling Real Estate

Stan - Happy asparagus patch is producing

Dave Ellison - played tennis yesterday

Jim Reagan - $5 richer

Gordon - lost tennis match

Betty - Happy for Daniel and grand-niece born.

Editor’s note: Thanks to Rose-Marie for today’s Happy remarks.

**Program**

Bruce Stasyna told us that he had previously spoken to a Rotary Club in Minneapolis, Minn. and received a blue Rotary cup from their club. Before he became a spokesperson for the Opera Festival, he was a pianist and a conductor, but not a singer.

He said when the locals volunteer to help the young artists they are raising the cultural level of the community as well as benefiting the singers

Affiliation with a professional Opera organization with such a level of commitment to high quality is a great experience and gives the kids network connections.  They can go out into life as professional artists.  Talent alone is not sufficient, they need connections in an artistic world.  Singers mature at different ages - women earlier than men.

This organization has created an impact in MRV & Stowe. They put on a performance yesterday on Vt. Public Radio with statewide distribution.

This is the 3rd week at Sugarbush and they have put on a couple of productions.  The performers now have DVDs to use as “resumes.”  Wed. night they will perform in Burlington and their final performance will be in the Barre Opera House  Their budget for this tour is $185,000.  There are 17 emerging artists in the group.

There will be national reviews.  The Green Mountain Festival will become a destination setting on a national level and will bring in tourist benefits in many ways.

They need help from people to move platforms, drapes, scenery etc. and the end product will be 2 popular operas of exceptionally high quality.

Bruce Stasyna may not be a singer but he sure sung the praises of the Opera Festival and everyone concerned and is a great salesman.

                             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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