

THE VALE NEWS

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International Conventions & Club Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

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| Today | | Dinsmore Fulton - MRV Path Assn. |
| June | 20 | Dinsmore Fulton - Cancer Support Group |
| | 26 | Changeover Tues. 5 P M - Timbers Restaurant |
| | 27 | No Meeting |
| July | 4 | No Meeting - 4th of July Parade |
| | 11 | Assembly Meeting |
| | 18 | Stan Needleman |
| | 25 | Dist. Governor Sonny Holt presentation |

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. I will add the August schedule next week. Please advise if you want one of those dates. Wini

Birthdays : Manny Apigian 6/16; David Babic 6/13; Bill Brauer 6/16;
Wayne Foster 6/13; Jack Miner 6/18
Anniversaries : Adam & Anne Greshin 6/13/92; Joe & Jane Goldstein
6/17/72; John & Harriet Straub 6/19/96

Meeting News

This morning started with a drizzle, but cleared up by the end of our meeting . Not enough people to fill 6 tables today, our only guests were John Daniell and Will Flender, the new Exec. Director of the MR Path Ass'n, who is our speaker today.

*Doug Stoehr - 4th of July parade - lots of volunteers needed for help in the parade. He passed around a sign-up sheet. Theme for the Parade this year is "We The People". Our float will be "We The Duckies" with our ducks dressed in Patriotic attire. We need a float design and construction, float manager and float riders/walkers- in other words at least half of the club needed to participate.

Leo - needs volunteers for road signage on the 4th.

*July 8th - MRV Marathon. Dave Koepele is asking Rotarians to volunteer. Two shifts needed for the water stations: 1) from 6 AM to 10:30 2) 10:30 to 2 PM

*Follow up on Matching Grant for Flood Recovery. Grant cannot be implemented until all pledges have been received at the Foundation. (we have paid)

* Manny Apigian - Golf tournament update.

The Golf Tournament will be held at the Sugarbush Golf Course on Father's Day - June 17th - Registration at noon; tournament starts at 1 PM. (shot gun start). More single entries needed to fill a team. Next thing is to get volunteers to assist in running the tournament.; some to handle registration from 11:30 - 1:30 and others for activities during the tournament, i.e. T shot nearest to pin on a par 3, or hole -in-one on the 16th hole, sell 'Mulligans', sell raffle tickets, etc.

We expect to clear at least \$1,700. if all goes well.

The golf course management will provide 'chips' for the 19th hole refreshments at the bar.

*Joe Goldstein told us that 2 of our foreign exchange students plan to go on the Rotary trip in July and need to be in Albany N.Y. to catch the bus at 5 AM on July 1st. This is not a club responsibility but it would be nice if a member would consider this last service to the kids.

*Changeover of officers will be on Tuesday, June 26th at 6 PM at Timbers. Deadline for reservations and payments is Tuesday, June 19th. If you have not notified AI by then, bring a box lunch.

*June 20th - Dinner with the incoming President of Rotary International, Sakuji Tanaka, sponsored by Rotary District 7870 to celebrate the \$400,000 Vermont Recovery Grant from Rotary Foundation and the changing of gavels of New England Rotary Clubs, Districts, and R.I, at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, N.H. Cost \$50/person - contact:
<http://www.rotary7870.org/>.

*District Changeover on July 5th as current DG Marilyn Bedell hands over the gavel to Sonny Holt. The Randolph Club is proud to host the changeover dinner for Sonny by having a lobster (or steak) dinner with all the trimmings at their summer meeting place at Grant Camp in Randolph on Thursday night, July 5th. The affair begins at 6 PM. Cost is \$45 per person - last day to sign up is today:
ross1951@live.com

*Again, congratulations to Jack Miner who will receive the Club Builder Award at the District Changeover Dinner.

VSO concert at Sugarbush Lincoln Peak area on June 29th -There is a need for overnight hosts for the VSO musicians on the evenings of June 28 and 29. Breakfast is needed on June 29 and 30, but musicians will have other meals elsewhere. If any Rotarians can help out please contact Ginny Roth at:
vvroth@madriver.com

Dave Ellison:

The Jazz concert is Sunday evening at 8PM. It is being held in the Warren Town Hall on the second floor over the library, and is being given by the Scrag Mountain music group. There is no admission charge, but donations are appreciated.

MEGABUCKS - \$141 – Gene's ticket allowed him to draw the 4 of diamonds for \$5.

HAPPY BUCKS

Lorraine - last day of school is next Wed - Summer starts :-)

Jim Leyton - celebrated 4th birthday of grandchild in the Big Apple

Carol H. - Grandson will give piano concert at 5:30 PM at Quench Art Space on June 27th or 28th

Gene- drove 600 miles to Virginia for grand daughter's birthday, drove 350 N.C. overnight - to pick up son, drove 250 miles to Savannah, GA – grand-daughter graduation (cum laude) school of arts, for a total of 1,200 miles; back to Virginia for another grand-daughter grad. from 8th grade - rewards for best female athlete. Returned home Sat. for a total of 2,400 miles. After today, another 8 days on the road.

John Daniell - piker drove only 10 miles to get here 2) 3000 mile trip

Jack Simko - Opera set-up at Opera House in Barre

Joe Goldstein - 40 years with Jane

John Basile - Sons all west of Mississippi

Dave Ellison - Golf at Newport C.C.

Al Barillaro - Happy about daughter's doctor visit. Photo of baby at 28 weeks

Stan - happy I'm not going w/Gene

John Hale - Club Prize for Rotary Golf Tournament

Dave K. - Good weather on the way for tournament

Doug - Happy to have John Straub back

Alas - one page turned in blank because nobody at the table had a pen!!
They could have asked for one.

Before the meeting begins, will the people at each table please appoint a recorder for Happy Bucks. (Else you ain't going to get any)

PROGRAM

Intro for Will Flender by Dinsmore:

It is my pleasure to introduce the new Executive Director for the Mad River Path Association, Will Flender. Will's interest in trail development and management began on Martha's Vineyard, when he was 15. As a teenager, Will spent summers clearing and exploring trails, attending meetings, advocating for trails, fundraising for local conservation organizations, leading guided walks and writing about trails in his book, Walking Trails of Martha's Vineyard, now in its fourth edition.

Will received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Maine, and his JD from Vermont Law School. Here in Vermont, Will has remained involved in trails issues

through his volunteer work with Local Motion, and the VT Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition. Will has been on staff with the Vermont Land Trust, and has worked with the law firm of Sitzel, Page and Fletcher, where he was involved in a variety of real estate matters. Will lives in Burlington with his wife and a baby daughter. Happily for the Mad River Path Association, Will has long had the goal of working professionally for a trails organization.

Will started by thanking us for all of our support and friendship.

The non-profit Path Association began in 1988 as part of the Planning District vision of having a continuous walking path from Moretown to Warren Village. After 22 years it has grown to 456 members. The Path goes thru 3 villages, past town halls and may go past your door and is used daily, presenting different scenic views of our valley.

It is a tremendous asset for the Valley- something people come to see – a great resource. It has 6 sections - but not all connected yet.

They put on a big membership drive each year, as the members provide a high part of their operating revenue; having lots of people makes obtaining grants easier.

Last year a lot of the trail work and bridges were damaged by "Irene". The Millbrook section has been repaired and serves as a way station at races. Path members perform maintenance work on the trails daily.

Projects for this year: September Mad Dash, LOGO design contest, (with \$50 prize for winning LOGO), Mapping - Free maps available and fancy \$5 map produced by Map Adventures is on sale.

With Master Planning, an effort is being made to make our vision a reality.

Phase 3 - Identify routes for path -not all landowners comfortable with strangers crossing their property. 85% of the property owners are involved and negotiations with the rest are in progress. Part of the problem is to get the dog owners to keep their dogs on a leash and pick up their dog poop. (containers are provided along the paths)

Final Phase - all paths will be connected.

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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