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International Conventions & Club Service

**Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

June 22 Ralph Walker - Joni Zweig

29 Changeover (5:30 PM at the 1824 House)

July 6 David Babic

13 Manny Apigian

20 Al Barillaro

27 John Basile

August 3 John Straub

10 Ron Geren

17 Monk Bancroft

24 Bruce Bertholon

Sept. 7 Art Conway

14 Leo Cohen

21 District Governor Visit

28 Clayton-Paul Cormier Jr.

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: Manny Apigian 6/16; Jack Miner 6/18

Anniversaries: Adam & Anne Greshin 6/13; David & Katie Babic 6/13

Joe & Jane Goldstein 6/17; John & Harriet Straub 6/19; Jack & Carol

Miner 6/20

**Meeting News**

Beautiful sunny morning brought out a good crowd for the assembly meeting, including two guests; John Daniell and Buffalo Hird.

The meeting started with Bob Holden presenting Buffalo Hird with a check for $1,500, his scholarship award for this year. Buffalo will also receive a check for $1,500 each year for the next 3 years. He was the only one who applied for a scholarship that our committee considered worthy of granting a scholarship.

Buffalo told us he has lived in the Warren-Waitsfield area all his life and was accepted by the Harvard University Engineering program. He is very grateful to Rotary for this opportunity and plans to give back to our community with his services.

Jim Leyton took a photo of Bob handing Buffalo the check (with the background of the Rotary banner). Look for it in the Valley Reporter.

Bob told us that we need to improve communications with the Harwood H.S. seniors and their parents, as not enough of them know about our scholarship program. Two years ago we had 17 applications, but since the school put the notices on the website, we did not get the publicity as we did in previous years.

Next year he suggested putting in ad in the Valley Reporter, and/or having a school assembly to notify the kids. He asked us to think about what we could do to get the word out.

**Announcements:**

Audrey informed us that several donations were received from members and others in memory of Rich Reisner.

Duck Race T-shirts are for sale @$10 each. Doug did not receive enough orders from our members to make up the minimum requirement at the $10 price, therefore he canceled the deal.

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

Al Barillaro: Deadline for reservations for Changeover Night on June 29th, at the 1824 House (Red Barn Door) is next Wednesday, 6/22/11.

Checks may be left with Jim Leyton (Eastern Systems) or David Babic (Edward Jones) if you can’t attend the meeting next week. The cost is $20/per person.

Heli Hietzker - Gail notified us that Heli’s medical procedure went well in

Boston and he hopes to be back next week.

**Mega Bucks** - $828 to the winner. Doug Stoehr had his ticket pulled by our guest Buffalo Hird. Then Doug’s luck ran out as he drew the 8 of clubs. He showed us the deck afterwards - there really is a joker in the deck.

**Happy Bucks**

Editor’s note: There was too much noise for me to hear all the “happies” - so some may be wrong and some are omitted all together.

Al Barillaro - Impressed with the “Ducks” hanging from Doug’s ears.

Ken Friedman - good work on the float

Audrey - Both of her brothers here.

Carol Hosford - new puppy!!!

Doug Stoehr - Daughter visit

Jim Leyton- attended birthday party of “helicopter” kids (parents hovering

over them).

Jack Simko - Opera Festival activities

Betty - Happy over something

John Basile -Forget it!

Clayton-Paul - Congratulations to scholarship winner - Buffalo Hird

Stan Needleman - 1)visited grandchildren 2)sold 2nd investment property

Dave Koepele - back after long trip to west coast

Lorraine -paid $ for not writing down Happy Bucks comments

Tom Byrne - attended 2 opera performances

Joe Koch - among our “happy” ones

Ken Amann - “Bruno log carriers” represented in Vermont Life

John Crump - last one

Dinsmore - did not have a buck

Jim Leyton - Thinks we should also have “Sorry” bucks

Note: our happy bucks always include some unhappy bucks, haven’t you noticed Jim?

**ASSEMBLY DISCUSSION**

The proposed amendment to increase the dues has been withdrawn after Jack Miner researched the Bylaws of the Rotary International Organization.

Dave Ellison reported: Our club remains solvent.

In our contribution account - we can’t give out everything we have collected, thus we have an amount in the bank to cover expenses of our future projects.

The problem is with the costs of running the club. The district and national dues have increased from $75 /per member, yearly to $115 and the cost of breakfasts have been raised by Sugarbush after 5 years of holding steady.

When the BOD raised dues to cover more than the Sugarbush increase, it was to cover several years and not raise it a little bit every year and have a “cushion”. But the BOD decided they don’t have to raise the dues for a couple of years and to maintain the current level for now.

Unfortunately costs keep rising - both breakfast and Rotary dues – district and national. In the past we had a surplus of $1000 - $5,000 each year. Our current checking account has about $10,000, but by the end of next year we may have a deficit of $2,000. We are hosting 3 exchange students who will receive $125 monthly each and this will add up.

Bob Holden suggested we raise the breakfast charge to $11 but Dave does not want to deal with piles of singles every Wednesday morning, in fact, after

6 years of taking in the money each week, he is asking members to take turns volunteering to perform this task and give him a break. Other clubs have the members pay in advance for their meals.

Al Barillaro praised Dave for all his diligent work as treasurer for the last 6 years.

Stan Needleman inquired about our ban on political speeches. In the past,

He met governors at our meetings. We have a state representative in our club. Both Stan and Jim Leyton want to open up our meetings to all candidates to give us their ideas.

Rotary International forbids candidates from speaking at Rotary meetings, but elected officials could report on the legislature. There is a fine line between issues not permitted. Jack Miner was asked to research the subject and find out what the limits are.

Carol Hosford wondered if we could sponsor a debate (not at a meeting) and invite the public to attend.

With that, our time was up. It was all very pleasant and friendly, performed in the true “4 Way Test” spirit.

    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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