

THE VALE NEWS

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International Conventions & Club Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

June 23 Dinsmore Fulton - Autumn Foushee, Executive Director of the Mad River Path Association. Laura Brines, MRPA Board President will also join us.

29 Changeover Party (Tues. 6 PM) Hogan's Pub

30 No Meeting

July 7 Bruce Bertholon

14 Lorraine Keener

21 Jon Jamison

28 Carol Hosford- Rep. Tony Klein -future of energy in Vt. He is chair of the Natural Resources Committee.

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: Leo Cohen & Dinsmore Fulton 6/21

Bob & Susan Cummiskey 6/19; Joe & Jane Goldstein 6/17

John & Harriet Straub 6/19; Jack & Carol Miner 6/20

Vickie & John Walluck 6/22

Meeting News

Another nice day brought out 49 people including guests: James Rubin (Len's son), Bruce Schwartz, a resident of the valley, Sarah Danaher, scholarship winner and her parents Bob & Nancy Donnalee, Cassidy Sargent, scholarship winner and her mother, Nancy Sargent, Win Smith, owner of Sugarbush Resort and our regular, John Daniell.

After Dave Koepele read the names of the visitors, announced the the birthdays and anniversaries, He presented Vickie Walluck with her membership badge.

Announcements

A thank you note was received from the MRV Seniors Association for our \$1,000 donation.

BOD meeting today following regular club meeting.

District Meeting-attended by Dave K,, John Crump and Jim Leyton-
Noteworthy topics covered: 1) Memorial Services for Rotarians who passed away last year, our club had four (Rena Chernick, Ed Eurich, Frank Rodgers and Bill Heinzerling), 2) Three year review of charter, our club will be voting on the changes, 3) Our club received a Presidential Citation.

Duck Race

Leo informed us that the 23 sponsorships totaled over \$3,000. This pays for our advertising, tickets , etc. The advertising is all laid out and ready for the newspapers. Data available for ticket venues. Jim Leyton says they will be ready next week.

4th of July - At least 24 members are needed to parade and tend the booth to manage the Chili Challenge and the sale of raffle tickets. There will be 3 people on the float stirring the "Chili" in a big pot.

Gary Plewak reminded us that members are needed to sell tickets starting on Fri. June 22nd in 1 hour shifts at the Supermarkets and for the Farmer's Market on June 23rd, also in 1 hour shifts.

Ken Friedman showed us the 20 foot banners he made up for the Chili Challenge.

Tom Byrne handed out confirmations to the people attending the Montreal Conference.

Vicki Walluck asked us to buy raffle tickets at \$20 each to win a cruise. This is a fundraiser to support the Festival of the Great Outdoors

Al Barillaro was collecting the money for Changeover Night:
TUESDAY JUNE 29th from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Hogan's PUB at Sugarbush Resort Golf Club on Golf Course Road.

You'll enjoy an assortment of Hot and Cold Hors d'oeuvres along with vegetable and fruit platters. The cost is just \$15.00 per person with a Cash Bar. The Anthony Santor Duo will be playing quiet Jazz in the background and the Weather Man promises to do his best to provide us with great weather.

Y'all come!!! This is always a fun affair. So far only 25 have signed up. This is one of our most popular events. A great chance for new members and their wives to get acquainted. Hurry and sign up!

We need to know the number of attendees by June 22nd--an e-mail RSVP to Audrey is fine (audreywitschi@gmavt.net). Your payment may go to Jim Leyton at his office, Al Barillaro or Dave Ellison.

Bob Holden presented the checks to the scholarships winners:

1) Sarah Donnalee who plans to attend Lincoln University, major in French and become a French teacher. She is looking forward to an exciting experience and meeting famous alumni.

2) Cassidy Sargent, who plans to attend UVM, major in English, study photography and art. The school is close to home - only 1/2 mile away.

Mega Bucks: \$644 to the winner. James Rubin's ticket gave him the chance to pull the 5 of spades and receive \$5.

Happy Bucks: (A time to spend with grandchildren)

John Daniell - Happy to be back

John Crump - Caryn coming home

Sissy - Puppy sitting for son while he is in the Bermuda Race

Dave Ellison - Daughter coming to visit

Len Rubin - Son & grandchild visiting

Monk- celebrating 11 years in Rotary

Jim Leyton - just happy

Ken Friedman - grandchildren visiting

Ralph Walker - Boat ready to go in the water

Stan Needleman - MR Tennis Club playing well

Al Barillaro - Daughter & son-in-law visiting

Tom Byrne - Opera Festival this week

Audrey - Oldest grandchild visiting

Gary Plewak - Raffle ticket management

Joe Koch - Family together for annual camping trip on island in Lake George.

Hopes it doesn't rain.

Bob Holden -1) Sitting with lovely young girls. 2) As a Board member, he gets to hand out the diplomas at Harwood graduation.

Jack Mansfield - Happy

Trish - She's hosting an opera singer

Program

Al Barillaro introduced Win Smith and thanked Win for all he has done for Rotary over the years.

Win congratulated the scholarship winners and offered them a free ski pass.

He feels that Adam has done a great job in Montpelier and that he understands the issues. Adam has a good reputation as an independent, he understands business.

Then he talked about his ski business. He said that last season there were 23 less ski days than the previous year, they closed on their scheduled date, and there was 100" less snow.

Despite those facts, there were more paid skiers and they sold a record number of season passes. With current lift ticket prices, if you ski more than 12 days, it pays to buy a season pass. He thought that since interest rates were so low, people invested in ski passes. They sold over 9,000. Presidents week was up 6%. He was so pleased that the resort had gained customers in a tough financial year.

They are also running the business more efficiently which reduced costs. His staff did an outstanding job.

Since he has the golf course in the Summer time, he is able to offer some of his staff year round employment.

He gives the kids, 17 and under, free golf.

In addition to tennis and golf, he runs 6 Adventure camps, 9 weekly camps (kids 10 - 20); Culinary Activities which support local farmers. They have a float in the 4th of July parade, followed by a BBQ at the Gatehouse Lodge. They also support the Festival of the Arts.

Thus, the Ski Resort now has year round activities and is involved with all of the Valley Events. They give prizes for our fundraising raffles and furnish us with a place to hold our weekly meetings.

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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