

## THE VALE NEWS

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International Conventions & Club Service

### Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

June 29 Changeover (5:30 PM at the 1824 House)  
NO MORNING MEETING AT THE PUB !!!!

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: John Basile 6/27; Jack Mansfield 6/25; Gene Scarpato 6/30; Jack Simko 6/27

Anniversaries: Ken & Pat Amann 6/24; Doug & Susan Stoehr 6/27; Vickie & Jon Walluck 6/22

Age of the MRV Rotary Club.

Our club was chartered on May 1, 1976, making us 35 years old. One volume of the Newsletter is published each year and if you look at the upper left hand corner of this issue, you will see Volume No. 35, issue no. 46. On July 1st, we will start a new fiscal year and the Vol. No. will change to 36 and the first issue will be No. 1. The number of issues depends on the no. of meetings during the year.

Leon Bruno is the last remaining active charter member of the Club.

### Meeting News

Very pleasant morning brought out a lot of our out-of-town members, as well as one of our newest members, Wayne Foster, our guests; Joni Zweig, today's speaker, and John Daniell our regular summer guest. In 1996 John was the president of our club.

Al Barillaro: Changeover Night on June 29th, at the 1824 House (Barn Door) is next Wednesday, 6/22/11, 5:30 P M. Today is the deadline to get in your reservations (with payment). So far, he has received over 60 reservations.

Doug Stoehr, (wearing his duck earrings) announced the official opening of the Duck Race Project. Activities include the 4th of July parade with our float, ticket sales, participation in the parade for starters. A sign-up sheet was passed around for selling tickets.

Marketing is a new activity - e-mail to all your friends about buying a Duck ticket for a chance to win \$1,000. Printed tickets will be available July 6th

Reminder - dues are due. Our fiscal year begins July 1, 2011.

Jim Leyton urging EREY members to get their checks for \$100 to him before July 1st.

Lorraine has placed this ad in the Waterbury Record & the Valley Reporter:

“Interested in having a family experience that will build international friendships, celebrate cultural diversity, and broaden minds? Please consider hosting two students from China this summer, July 8 - 20, part of the SPIRAL International Program. 23 Chinese high school students and oneteacher will be coming to Harwood Union High School to practice spoken American English and gain a better understanding of American culture.

Students will be in camp from 9 am to 4 pm each weekday. They will be working on their English skills during the morning, and going on various excursions to use their English and immerse themselves in American culture during the afternoons.

Host families will need to be available to drop off and pick up their students at Harwood during the week. A small stipend is available to each family to cover students' living expenses. However, the experience itself will be of the greatest value.”

Mega Bucks - \$850 to the winner. Bruce pulled out a jack for \$5.

Happy Bucks.

Gene - Attended 4 graduations of family members in 3 states. Wife arranged for 21 members of his family to get together and celebrate Gene's birthday with a surprise party.

Bruce - daughter and grand-daughter visiting

John Straub - back in town

Heli -Grateful for all the calls and get well cards

Joe Koch - praised Audrey's successful year

Jack Simko - Thanked all the opera activities participants

Joe Klimek - Japanese beetles have not arrived.

John Hale - So nice to see Heli and Ralph well again

Monk - finished the last stone wall on his property

Al Barillaro = 1)glad o have Ralph & Heli back 2) Both son & daughter closed on houses

Jack Miner - son coming for 3 week stay

Ralph - Happy to be back with friends even though he has multiple joint & bone problems

John Basile - 4 sons coming from west of the Mississippi to celebrate John's birthday  
Tom Byrne - Happy for Red Sox success  
Wayne Foster - celebrated birthday on June 13th  
Stan - car died - finally got new one  
Crump - brought in ax given to him by his father (he did not say what he plans to chop up). Ken Amann made a new sheath for it.

## **Program**

Sissy introduced Joni Zweig, from the Amurtel Universal Relief Team. They help women during natural or man-made disasters.

Joni has lived in the Mad River Valley for 35 years; loves this community and joined Amurtel in 1975. They feel providing aid to women is beneficial to the whole community.

Global challenges, both man-made and natural disasters, such as tornadoes, earthquakes, oil spills, tsunamis, wildfires, etc. are escalating. In the current state of the world, the majority of the people live in poverty.

Women and children are hurt the most. 15 million children die from hunger. 25,000 die daily from preventable causes. Amurtel provides aid in times of disaster.

People already suffering are the most affected, as they have no insurance and little government help.

In Pakistan, 20 million people lost their homes. Amurtel found women's groups to help during the disaster. Joni met with women in Pakistan to oversee how the aid money was being spent. In Pakistan only men get on line to receive goods from charitable organizations.

One of the escort her to another location as they were afraid she would be kidnapped for ransom.

She started a clinic where they could not afford a hospital, treating 100 people/week at the start and in 3 months they were self sustaining. Now they have clean water and other necessities.

Women meet the needs of families. In Haiti women need jobs. They create a force to prevent poverty and provide medical services.

They have started a camp for teenagers in our area that has become one of the best in the country.

At the end of Joni's presentation, John Basile offered her a check for \$500.

### **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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