

## **THE VALE NEWS**

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International Conventions & Club Service

### **Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

June 29 Changeover Party (Tues. 5:30 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: 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  
Eliz. & Philip Kelly 6/24

### **Meeting News**

Small but enthusiastic crowd this morning. The guest list included our 2 speakers from the Mad River Path Association, Autumn Foushee and Laura Brunes, Lorraine's daughter and son and our regular, John Daniell.

Audrey was filling in for Dave (her last practice session before she begins her term in July) this morning and started with the announcements:

The last BOD voted to donate \$500 to the Festival of the Arts

Duck Race

Leo informed us that the tickets have been printed and are at Jim Leyton's office.

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.

Leo passed around the sign-up sheet as there were still some empty slots for the weekends and the 4th of July.

Art Conway showed us the Ad to be placed in the Valley Reporter for the Chili Challenge.

Joe Klimek -Float is at the Round Barn and needs some finishing touches.  
Volunteers welcome.

Rich Reisner – Volunteers needed for taking tickets at the air show. Training session scheduled Sat. July 3rd

Dave Ellison reported that we were heavily represented at the Rotary International Convention in Montreal. They had great speakers on the first day, Dolly Parton scheduled for today. At the 1st and last session they have high class entertainment.

The Director of the World Health Organization had terrific News. In India and Nigeria, the final 2 countries with extensive polio cases last year, reported only 3 cases this year.

Al Barillaro has 80 reservations 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 his best to provide us with great weather.

Mega Bucks: \$670 to the winner. Vicki's ticket enriched her by \$5.

### **Happy Bucks:**

Lorraine - Happy to have her kids here (even though they left to watch TV)

Chris Kirchen - Oldest son graduated from college

Art - Back from French Lick, Ind. where corn is 5' high

Jack Simko - Grateful for all the help moving Opera scenery

John Basile -did not move scenery

Joe Klimek - wife got new hip

John Hale - Saw bear outside his house

Dave Ellison – Daughter's cat got along with their dog

Monk - got to Opera but Jane did not

Gene - Impressed by the scenery designed and built by Joe Klimek & Jack Simko

Jack Mansfield - took opera star to airport on Monday AM

Al Barillaro -Daughter and son-in-law visited on father's day

Tom Byrne - Happy about the opera  
Rich Reisner and Stan both happy  
Vicki - Another opera fan

## **Program**

Dinsmore introduced our speakers, Autumn Foushee and Laura Brines. Dinsmore was on the committee who chose Laura.

Autumn told us that she was happy to be here and spread the good news about the Path. She is collaborating with many other organizations to complete the Path. She thanked Rotary for our help with the Triathlon, our work on the bridge building last year and giving us the money for landscaping ( which was well spent). She thanked Dinsmore for the landscape design.

A deal was made with the Big Picture and a new section added and landscaped.

Laura also thanked us and was glad to meet us. They are working with the towns to fit in with the Town plans and serve all the towns in the Mad River Valley.

Among other things they are trying to rid the area of invasive species. They are working with other organizations to protect the river. An \$18,000 grant was received from the state to connect the trails, including building a bridge. They will need lots of volunteers for this work.

Meanwhile they have completed a section from the Lareau parking lot and are about to open the Kingsbury Farm path. Their Newsletter will be coming out soon.

Their membership doubled last year and they enjoyed a great turnout for the year.

The Mad Dash is scheduled for Sept. 19th. She showed a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm for all these activities and improvements.

They are trying to work out a place where dogs can run off-leash. Burlington has been able to convert dog waste to compost. This would improve relations between dog owners and non-dog owners.

They hold meetings in the General Wait house on the 2nd Thursday. Path maps are available at the Wait house and on their website.

Their goal is to complete the path from Moretown to Warren. Children will then be able to go to school without going on Rt. 100. They still need easements from some of the property owners along the path. So far they have good P.R. from the owners who have given permission. Research shows the value of a property increases when a path goes thru it. State law protects

land owners who have given a permanent easement for a path to go thru their property. They receive money from the towns for mowing and upkeep of the path.

#### 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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