**THE VALE NEWS**

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SPRING CONFERENCES

**Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

June  25 Robin McDermott to talk about food in the Valley.

July     2  open

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        16 Evan Premo & Mary Bonhag

        23 open

        30 open

Aug.   2 open

          9 open

        16 open

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        30 open

Note: the speaker committee would like some help in getting speakers for the rest of the summer.

**Birthdays**     Jack Mansfield 6/25     Gene Scarpato 6/30

**Anniversaries**     Doug & Susan Stoehr 6/27

**Meeting News**

This is the last day of Manny’s term as president.  He did not say whether he was happy or sad to be a lame duck.

Our guests today:  Carol Groom, Douglas Rosenman (who is interested in becoming a member), Liesbeth Jacobs (foreign exchange student) Marie-Lo Kaufmann, former student, Robin McDermott, (our speaker from the Mad River Localvore Group), John Crump, Ron Geren and John Daniell (former )members

**Announcements**

\*Golf Tournament netted almost $4,300.  Al Barillaro was a member of the winning team.

Gordon - Duck Race Raffle.

Packs of 20 tickets were distributed to all the members to be sold privately (meaning to family, friends and businesses).  MRV will be blanketed with posters advertising the event.  We will start selling the remaining tickets at the Farmers Mkt. and the Warren Store this Sat., then at the parade and the Marathon.  Gordon is asking members to sign up for 2 hour shifts at least one event over the holiday.

The box for the sellers contains aprons, pins etc.  We will be selling water, Iced-T at the parade.  Sellers please take the money home that you  collect and turn it in at the next meeting to Wayne.

\*Dave Ellison - Reminder - Still a few members who have not paid their dues for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, starting July 1st, 2014

\*Leon Bruno - Club history - Our club was chartered on May 1,1976.  He is one of the charter members and has been a member for 30 years.

Some people from Warren are working to restore the barn behind the town Hall in Warren and need some help.  Please call Leon if you would like to give them a hand.

\*Joe Goldstein

I am forwarding the following request for volunteers to assist with the Mad Marathon which will be held in the Mad River Valley on Sunday, 6 July.

PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN RESNIK DIRECTLY and NOT Joe Goldstein

-Joe,

   Thanks so much for helping out this year. This is what I may still need:

(1) People to serve as road Marshalls

(2) People to call on last minute to help out (evening before or morning of).

  I will touch base via phone to confirm on Thursday July 3rd and have you down for a large T-shirt. Below are my contact numbers.

Thanks again

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**Mega Bucks**  $248 to winner. Marv Giinzel could not locate the joker and got $5 for his efforts.

**Happy Bucks**

Leon - boasting about length of his membership in MRV Rotary Club

Tom Byrne -good travel agent got freight charge cancelled.

Marv - won $5

Jack Simko - announced new owner of Round Barn

Monk - attended Rugby game at Dartmouth

Carol Groom - north to Alaska

Brian Crandall - happy to be back (for a few days)

Ken Nadolny - to be in Vermont

Dave Elllison - refrig & dishwasher

Al Barillaro - picked good teammates for golf tournament

Henri - happy Ken A has change

Rose-marie - Happy

John Daniell - hope

Gene - leaving for family celebration of his 83rd birthday in Virginia 21; members attending

**PROGRAM**

Manny introduced Robin McDermott from the Mad River Localvore Group.

Robin told us:

There are a lot of exciting things going on with Mad River Valley agriculture.  The biggest change that I have seen in the 10 years I have been in the Mad River Valley is the number of farmers who are first and foremost business people.

Marisa Mauro at Ploughgate Creamery at Bragg Hill Farm will be making her first batch of cultured butter next week.  She will be using milk from Mad River Valley cows, but plans to have her own herd by the end of this year.  At her young age of 28 she could possibly be stewarding the Bragg Hill Farm for the next 40 years!

Aaron Locker is the farmer at Kingsbury Farm.  The Vermont Foodbank owns the farm and Aaron rents the land from the Foodbank.  He pays his rent in Produce. The remaining produce he sells to wholesale accounts or through his CSA, Muddy Boots.  Muddy Boots is a collaboration between three farmers.  Each Wednesday CSA members pick up their vegetable shares at Kingsbury Farm.

The Vermont Farm Fund is a revolving loan fund that was established by Pete Johnson after he received donations to help recover from a barn fire.  The fund has made 26 $10,000 loans to date to farmers who have suffered an emergency or who need to purchase capital equipment.  To learn more go to [www.vermontfarmfund.org](http://www.vermontfarmfund.org/).

                            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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