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International Conventions & Club Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

June 26 Changeover Tues. 5 P M - Timbers Restaurant
27 No Meeting

July 4 No Meeting - 4th of July Parade
11 Assembly Meeting
18 Stan Needleman Jessica@suncommon.com
25 Dist. Governor Sonny Holt presentation

August 1 Jim Leyton- Marilyn Bedell - Rot. Foundation Presentation
8 Sal Spinoso - Deb. Spinoso - Defense for seniors
15 Doug Stoehr - Michael Wood-Lewis; Front Porch Forum
22 open
29 open

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. Please advise if you want one of the remaining dates in August.. Wini

Changeover Party

The rain did not dampen the spirits of the 52 people who showed up at Timbers Restaurant wearing their party clothes and high spirits for our annual Changeover Party. After a lengthy Happy Hour, Lorraine banged the gavel and welcomed guests and thanked Al B. and Doug S. for coordinating the evening.

She started by asking Rotarians to thank their fellow members for a great year. She then proceeded to highlight some of the Club's achievements. The list was long and lengthy and covered fund raising efforts, the many organizations club supported, Youth Exchange Program, community involvement and more. Special tribute was paid to Joe Koch and Len Rubin. Also a fond farewell was given to Pat Pinkston who will be leaving our club for new adventures. Pat has been instrumental in coordinating the Youth Exchange Program and providing a bridge to our Interact students at HUHS.

In closing, Lorraine thanked the entire Board for their dedication and commitment to the club. She also gave special thanks to Doug for his continued support throughout the year.

She is excited by the year ahead and knows that Doug will motivate us to "kick it up a notch" and offers her support and best wishes for the coming year.

She ended her speech with the same closing her son used in his 6th grade graduation speech, "It's been fun and I'm outta here, thank you!"

Doug Stoehr:

In Honor of Lorraine Keener

What do you call grace, modesty, encouragement, a positive and can-do attitude, one who is always prepared, kindness, and friendliness, all wrapped into one? That would be Lorraine Keener. Lorraine, we have been the great beneficiaries of your leadership as our president over the past year, and on behalf of each member of our club I would like to thank you for dedicating your time, your ideas, your talent, and your service. This plaque reads:

"In Honor of Outstanding Leadership. Lorraine Keener, President, Mad River Valley Rotary Club, 2011-2012."

Congratulations Lorraine on a great year!

Rotary Installation Speech

Thank you all so much for coming tonight. Without the fellowship, there would not be a Rotary.

I come from a singing Rotary club in New London, CT, so if you will indulge me for a moment, I'd like to bring one thing from that club to welcome all of you tonight.

"Welcome to Rotary, from far and near,
Enjoy our fellowship, sing loud and clear
Service before oneself, will always be
We welcome you today to Rotary!"

It was with a little trepidation 3 years ago that Sue and I moved from our home of 30 years to a place where we knew almost no one. We were so incredibly welcomed to the Valley, starting with our neighbors, Jack and Carol Miner, when the digging started on the foundation of our house. I was so fortunate to have that amazing worldwide organization, Rotary, right here in the Valley. I felt instantly at home, and before I knew it I was selling Duck Race tickets! So that brings me to tonight and the great honor of becoming your president.

Over the last month, since our Visioning Session at the Round Barn, we have been putting in place a Long Range Plan to bring this club to new levels of service above self. I see it as the outgrowth of our year under the outstanding leadership of Lorraine Keener. We have all the ingredients in this room and on every Wednesday morning to make ourselves, as one of our goals states, "an indispensable part of the Mad River Valley".

I think in many ways we already meet that goal. We will be discussing this long-range plan at our club assembly meeting on July 11. I ask only one thing from each one of our members. After hearing the plan, please make a commitment to support it, by deciding how you will participate. There is a place and a need for every single member.

As Rotary International and our District prepared me for the upcoming year, I gained a new appreciation for all the good that Rotary does in the world. I would like, during the next year, for us to start the process of becoming an even more integral part of serving others far from our Valley. One suggestion is to partner on an international project with another club that has experience in worldwide service.

I have one final request of our members. I seek your constructive input both from those who are long time members and our newer ones. Please let me know how I can better serve you and our club. We have a unique group of people in this club, who care about each other and our neighbors. It is privilege to serve as your president for the next year.

Congratulations Lorraine on a great year!

After those speeches, dinner was served.

Following dinner, Lorraine had a couple of more items on her agenda. She awarded Wini Thorsen a plaque for putting out the Newsletter every week and a plaque to Bob Holden for his work on the Scholarship committee for many years.

Doug took over again and said:

Don't worry - My first act as president will not be to sing more. If you have heard our club sing on any given Wednesday morning, you will know why!

A final thanks to all the spouses who put up with all the time we spend doing Rotary things. And a special thanks in advance to Sue for supporting me in what I hope will be a year filled with fellowship, service, and fun. As we do at each of our morning meetings, I would like to close with our Four Way Test, and I invite all present to join in with us. Could you please stand. Art Conway, please lead us in the 4 Way Test.

At the end of the recitation of THE FOUR WAY TEST, the lights went out. I thought the Restaurant was giving us a hint to go home, but instead it was a power failure - Perfect timing to a lovely evening!!

*4th of July - Parade - Rotary Float - Start of Duck Race Sales

*July 8th - MRV Marathon. Dave Koepele is asking Rotarians to volunteer. Two shifts needed for the water stations: 1) from 6 AM to 10:30 2) 10:30 to 2 PM

VSO concert at Sugarbush Lincoln Peak area on June 29th -There is a need for overnight hosts for the VSO musicians on the evenings of June 28 and 29. Breakfast is needed on June 29 and 30, but musicians will have other meals elsewhere. If any Rotarians can help out please contact Ginny Roth at: vroth@madrivier.com

MEGABUCKS - none tonight

HAPPY BUCKS - none tonight

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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