

THE VALE NEWS

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International conventions & club Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

July	6	Wayne Foster - Classification
	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
Sept	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.

Changeover Party

After the party was well underway, our outgoing president, Audrey, addressed the group as follows:

Welcome Fellow Rotarians and Guests.

How nice to have your here attending this changeover celebration.

1. First and foremost I would like to recognize Wini Thorsen for all that she does for the MRV Rotary Club and has done for a long, long time. Taking notes at the meetings, scheduling speakers and most importantly being editor of the MRV Rotary Newsletter, which keeps us all informed and up to date. Thank you Wini, for a job well done.

Thanks also to the entire Board of Directors for their time and expertise in keeping the wheels of the club running as smoothly as possible.

Sadly this year we lost Rich Reisner who had battled his leukemia for 9 years. He was a vibrant member of this club and we shall miss him.

We welcomed 5 new members to the club this year and welcomed back Clayton-Paul Courmier who had been on leave of absence.

Three of our members became Paul Harris Fellows, bringing the total no. of Paul Harris Fellows to 25.

Now for some special thanks:

Dave Ellison whose expertise as treasurer is invaluable.

Al Molnar not only for organizing the GSE team from Turkey while visiting the Valley- but for all the time and effort spent on the application process for local students to study abroad. This year our club proudly sponsors 3 students to study abroad next year:

Takoda Edlund to Ecuador

Marley Cohen to Spain

Tara Walluck to Denmark (the daughter of our own Vicki Walluck)

Vicki and Jon also receive special thanks for hosting the entire GSE team at their Waitsfield Inn.

Thanks to the team leaders and all the volunteers who made our fundraising efforts such a success:

Ken Friedman - for the fledgling Chili Fest

Leo Cohen - BFD of the Duck Race

Sissy & Ralph Walker for running the Restaurant Raffle

Gene Scarpato for YBYI Raffle as well as conducting Happy and Bucks Mega Bucks every week

These fundraisers netted a total of \$29,241. The funds have been given to a variety of Charities:

College Scholarships, Central Vermont Home, Health and Hospice, Mad River Path Ass'n., Interfaith Council, MRV Seniors Ass'n., MRV Health Center, Adaptive Ski & Sports, Polio+, Shelter Box for Haiti and Pakistan and others.

Troy Kingsbury was honored as our Rotary Person of the Year. The event was very well attended, another successful evening at the 1824 House.

As usual we entered the oldest team for the Rotary Challenge at Bolton Ski Resort. We thought we had won a trophy, however, the joy was short lived as the victory was claimed by another club. Thanks, anyway to all our super skiers for participating.

We have a wonderful club with talented and interesting members who are extremely involved in the Valley. I thank all the members who have made my year as president of the Mad River Valley Rotary Club a challenging and wonderfully satisfying experience.

And now, for the purpose of this gathering, I will hand over the gavel - please welcome Lorraine Keener as your new president.

Lorraine took over and promised to continue the fine course the club has taken for the last 34 years giving outstanding service to both the local and international communities.

Wini - I thank Audrey for all those kind words and hope I can continue to put out the MRV Newsletter and schedule speakers for at least another year. See you next week

Four Way Test

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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