

THE VALE NEWS

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International Conventions & Club Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

- June 10 Brian Crandall - Classification Speech
 17 Lorraine Keener-Richard Pitonyak & Kris Merchant on
 Telecommunications - Present & Future
 23 Karl Klein - Joshua Schwartz, the director of the Mad River Valley
 Planning District
- July 1 Changeover at Dave Koepele Home
 8 Liz Kelly
 15 Bill Heinzerling
 22 Betty Maguire
 29 Jack Miner

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: Al Molnar 6/4

Anniversaries: Karen & John Winchell 6/4

Meeting News

Nearly 50 people turned out on this beautiful morning to hear about the Vermont Festival of Arts, including guests: Jackie Leyton, Gary Eckhart, who replaced Beverly Kehoe as speaker today, Vickie Walluck, the new owner of the Waitsfield Inn, Alec and Farhod from Kyrgyzstan, who are here to learn about Medical practice in the US and Diane Eanes, Paula Delo and Joesetto Canall, 3 ladies from Washington D.C. Rotary Club. An unusual number of our male members showed up with beards today. Is this the start of a new trend? They claim they are showing off their manhood. Does it pass the 4 way test?

Announcements

Quick BOD mtg. following regular meeting this morning.

John Crump made short announcement introducing the men from Kyrgyzstan and said he had a great time at the district convention in Basin Harbor.

Dave Ellison reported:

1) Dues for the 2009/2010 club year are due by June 30, 2009. This year's dues are being held at the same level as the past few years. Dues will be:

Individual \$150
Member spouse \$120

If you require an invoice for business or other purposes, please let me know and I shall prepare one for you. Please submit your dues to me (check to MRVRC or cash) and return to me by June 30.

2) Library move on Saturday was big success. Started at 10 AM and finished at 1 PM as promised; included BBQ lunch. Among the volunteers were 10 Rotarians.

Bob Holden announced the names of the 3 Rotary scholarship winners selected from the 9 applicants:

Cecily Hacherson (Biederman scholarship)) to Columbia University
Kathryn Barnes to Emerson College
Eli Holden to Ithaca College

Monk had 2 extra tickets for the Opera on June 19th and Lorraine Keener expressed an interest in buying them

Duck Race Committees

Leo noted that 50% of our annual income is derived from the Duck Race and all club members are expected to help out. Dave Koepele is in charge of ticket sales, Jackpot and e-mail; Audrey will tally the tickets, Heli took over the 4th of July Float group (note mtg. this evening at 5 PM at Round Barn), Karen & Caryn took over publicity. Data is needed by Jim Leyton in order for him to print the tickets.. Everyone - be ready to participate, all are needed in the game!

Changeover event: Koepeles' Residence - 3400 Center Fayston Rd. July 1, 2009

Cost \$15/person + pot luck contribution. Pay Al Barillaro or Jim Leyton by June 30th. Dress casual. (No ties - Jim Leyton and John Crump please take notice) Beards not required either.

Volunteers needed to bring 'finger desserts' such as brownies, cookies, etc. (3 dozen each).

Many garbage bags - 30 gallon size also needed

Finally: 1) Volunteers needed for pick up and set up tent on Wednesday, 2) Clean up, 3) Take down and return tent on Thursday

As you can see, this is a big event and all club members needed to make this affair a success. Everyone is needed to pitch in.

TWO DRAWINGS TODAY! 1) Megabucks 2) Taste of the Valley ticket

Mega Bucks over \$475 to winner. Dave drew his own ticket from the basket and followed with the 6 of diamonds worth the usual \$5

Taste of the Valley ticket won by Rena Chernick. This ticket was donated by the Vermont Festival of Arts

Happy Bucks

Joe Klimek - Great to see so many trying to grow a beard

Betty - Hope it is not catching

John Basile - back after 2 weeks

Sissy - good tennis week

John Straub - returned from Washington DC residence

Art Conway - last 2 grandchildren graduated from HS

Al Barillaro - Rotary bumper sticker wearing out

Bob Holden- Delighted with scholarship winners

Tom Byrne - sunglasses ??

Jim Leyton - wife got him here on time today

Karen - weather forecast wrong - no rain predicted this week

Monk - In ski Hall of Fame- have Dartmouth connections

Stan - In Vt. sun, rain, hail, snow etc. - typical Vermont day.

Vickie - Bought Waitsfield Inn. Happy to have permanent home & be in Rotary

Dave Ellison - Warren Library move went well

Mike - Terra Rosea - Benefit dinner for emerging artists tonight

Leo -Bikers, happy can take to Crumps for dinner.

Len - ANOTHER COMMENT ON THE BEARDS

Bob Reisner - paying \$5 to cover last 5 weeks

Ken - 1) Grandson on camping trip 2) countdown to last 4 weeks.

PROGRAM

The Festival started 12 years ago with the mission of bringing people to the valley and showcase artists for a week-long event. It gradually expanded, filling the restaurants, displaying art for 7 weeks. Then it grew large enough to hire a coordinator. Unfortunately the huge music event failed, people lost money and the Festival was on the verge of bankruptcy.

James Plumpton and the Cricket Club saved them, bought the names and revived the Festival. It grew again and this time they hired a local person to be the coordinator, Beverly Kehoe. It functions with a BOD and the paid coordinator. They are currently looking for a representative from the food industry.

The Festival has grown into a month long event and has an office at the Village Square (around the corner from the gas station). The tourist numbers are growing.

The Red Barn Show started in Warren Town Hall with 12 artists displaying 20 works of art. When it moved to American Flatbread, there were 36 artists, 140 works of art and 26 pieces sold in excess of \$8,000 with 3,000 counted visitors, from 34 states, 3 Canadian Provinces, 17 foreign countries and 45 Vermont towns. Last year there were 10,000 art visits, 100+ events in 31 days and 600 opportunities.

Current plans call for many new events (see schedule for all 31 days) starting with a Preliminary Chamber mixer/gallery dedication July 31st.

Special events: Taste of the Valley, Washington County Field Days, many new events at Sugarbush, Grand Opening of the Warren Library, Craft Fair and Duck Race as the finale.

Visitors may obtain a 'passport' and have it stamped at every event they attend. At the end they will turn in their passport. A prize will be given to both the owner of the passport and the restaurant for the passport with the most stamps. Last year some people kept the passport as a souvenir.

We can help by being ambassadors for the Valley. Personal communication is the best form of advertising. Invite fellow Rotarians to visit, partake of events and sponsor events.

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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