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SPRING CONFERENCES

**Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

June 4 Susan & Karl Klein - exploring China

      11  Barbara Garvin of Hannah’s House.

  15 Father’s Day Golf Tournament, Sugarbush Golf Course

 17 Changeover Night (new officers installed) Mad River Glen Ski Resort       18  no meeting

      25 Robin McDermott to talk about food in the Valley.

July  2  open

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      16 Evan Premo & Mary Bonhag (Are they going to entertain us?)

**Birthdays**  -   none this week

**Anniversaries**  -  Karen & John Winchell  6/4

A lot of births & weddings in the last half of June

**Meeting News**

Everybody is enjoying the weather (except maybe the skiers); the snow is gone, the mud is gone, the grass is green, the spring flowers are in bloom and the snow birds are returning.  Guests today: Pat Apigian, Susan Klein, Matt Fischer and Mary Cole.

**Announcements:**

\*The Rotary -Person-of-the Year dinner had 65 attendees and was well managed. It seems Dr. Frances Cook has a lot of fans.

\* Bob Holden presented Matt Fischer, our Scholarship award winner with a check for $2,000, his first  year payment for Bentley College. Matt earned a 3.9 average at Hardwood and was in the Interact Club.  Matt thanked us for supporting him and said he plans to major in finance and economics.

\*Golf Committee meeting today. 3 more volunteers need to help run the tournament. Volunteers needed at course by 9 A.M. Players should arrive at least a 1/2 hour before the 11 o’clock shot gun start. A box lunch is included in the green fee. At present 45 people have registered to play, but the committee is hoping for 70.

\*Community Dinner last Friday had over 150 attendees and was very well done.  Manny feels that this is the most rewarding activity performed by our club during the year.

\*Doug pleaded with us to support the MR Garden Club sale next to the TD Bank this Saturday. Money goes to a good cause.

 \*Volunteers needed for the Green Mountain Opera Festival! To pick up artists at the airport, to staff events, to make snacks for rehearsals. Two people with pick-up trucks needed June 14th.  Call or e-mail Dinsmore Fulton at 496-2638 or dinsmore@madriver.com

\* MRV Annual Father’s Day Golf Tournament - June 15th

Start forming your teams. It’s less than 2 weeks away - sooner than you think!

\*Gordon Hoare announced that he has taken over the job of “BIG DUCK” for this year and will be running the Duck Race this summer and needs help from all of our members for the various tasks connected to this event.

The rubber duck necklaces proved to be very popular and he has ordered more.  The Warren store will provide water during the parade and we will be selling iced-Tea.  Several businesses have agreed to sell duck race tickets.

\*Dave Ellison reminded us last week that our fiscal year starts on July 1st and that  means our annual dues of $175 are due.

\* BOD discussion over amount and number of our donations - Are we doing the most with the donations we receive?

**Megabucks:**   $198  - Al Barillaro drew the 7 of spades allowing pot to continue to grow.

**Happy Bucks**

Betty - Beautiful spring day

Art Conway - Barb can touch toes (in PT class)

John Straub - Glad to be here (returned from Wash, D.C.)

Jim Leyton - His usual Happy Self!

Bob Holden - 1)Glad Scholarship winner going to Bentley 2) Son, Eli graduating from college this weekend.

Manny - Happy for Jack Simko

Tom B - going to N.C. to visit Dad

Stan N. - Reservation system for tennis working thanks to K.Friedman

Al B. 1)won raffle $5,  2)Daughter went to Bentley coll. 3) weekend with grandchildren

Dave E. - great trip and in-laws looking good

Carol Hosford - spent last weekend with 3 grand daughters

Monk - Rangers in fight for Stanley Cup

**Program**

Karl & Susan Klein did a presentation on their tour to China with slides and a verbal description of all the places they visited.

starting with the Great Wall of China.

Lots of traffic in the cities with big western cars, such as a Mercedes

Many retired people (men 55 yrs, women 50),popular Badminton, playing cards, people enjoying themselves in the parks

Visited a Silk Factory

People wanted to take photos of Americans

Venice of the Orient - with canal boats

Statues of Monks

Living Temple of Wall Carvings

West Lake

Attended Bazaar and haggled over prices

traditional China medicine lectures

At night - every bldg lit up in the cities

Many, many bldgs under construction

and much more etc,---

Tour cost $2,500 covered everything

                             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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