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Rotary Theme Topic for June - International Conventions and Club Service

June 6, 2013

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

June 6	Captain Peter Christ ³ Failure of the War on Drugs ²
12	Ken Squier of WDEV
19	Assembly Meeting - Scholarship Winners
26	Changeover Dinner at the Round Barn

Editor's Note: Please inform Wini (496-6710) of your speaker at Least 2 weeks in advance.

No Birthdays nor Anniversaries

Meeting News

Oh what a beautiful morning! Good crowd came to hear discussion on illegal drugs. Our guests included Peter Christ , who is actively working to legalize drugs and end drug crimes, Chris Pierson, a potential member, Rachel Goff, from the Valley Reporter, Ben White, Rose-Marie's son and John Daniell, our regular Summer guest, and Karyn & John Crump, who are also Summer guests.

Announcements

*Our club is Sponsoring a dinner at the Waitsfield Church on Fri. June 28th. Doug passed around the sign-up sheet for members to complete the crew for this job. A dessert maker and a couple of servers still needed. We will purchase, prepare the food and clean up afterward. This is a good type of community service for our club to perform

*June 19th will be an Assembly meeting. Members will be trained in the use of The Square for taking credit cards for our fund raisers and Scholarship awards will be given to the winners.

*This is the deadline to give Al your check and reservation for Changeover night. (NO MORNING MEETING on June 26th)

Committee Reports

*Manny – Father's Day Golf Tournament

- 1) Need 2 more teams to reach their target of 80 teams
- 2) Need a sponsor/hole. He wants members to contact businesses to sponsor a hole or enter a team in the tournament (\$100 gets name on a hole)
- 3) There will be a raffle set up at the tournament

4) Premium coffees will be sampled

Notify committee if you are forming a team and all teams asked to prepay.

Volunteers asked to sell "Mulligans", man the registration desk and work the Hole-in-one.

*Next week - meeting for a short period of volunteers at Golf Tournament.

VALLEY ROTARY CLUB CHANGE OVER DINNER

Honoring Doug Stoehr

Installing Manny Appigian

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

5:30pm-9:00pm

Inn at the Round Barn Farm

Price is 41.00 per person

Megabucks \$352 - Gary Plewak had high hopes but drew the 2 of hearts 5\$

Happy Bucks by Caryn Crump

Jim Leyton - deliriously Happy

Brian Crandall - sun shining

Stan Needleman - another one deliriously happy

John Daniell - ditto

Gene - going to L.I. for 5 days- attend Fireman's dinner

Jon Crump - proud of tie

Henri - happy with John Crump's tie

Tom Byrne - Be in N. Car for Father's day. Red Sox won

Monk - Attended 60th prep school reunion & school's 200th anniversary

John Hale - back after 3 weeks of delightful vacation in Greece

Jack Mansfield - 2 granddaughters visiting

Gary - Won \$5 and son fully trained

Art - Glorious morning

Betty - Reunion in NYC

Al - Joe Goldstein - Great Exchange Student Party

Dave K - Oldest granddaughter graduating from H.S. in NYC

Dave. E. - traveling to Cal. for wife's 90 year old uncle's celebration

Judy - Saw baby bear crossing the road

PROGRAM

Jim Leyton introduced our speaker, Retired Police Captain Peter Christ . Peter enforced drug laws for 20 years but believes we can never win the war on drugs. Until we replace our present policy with educating the public on why we should make drug use legal but regulated, like we do with alcohol; drugs will be the cause of violent crimes.

Peter created LAW ENFORCEMENT AGAINST PROHIBITION (LEAP), a drug policy reform group of current and former members of law enforcement modeled on "Vietnam Veterans Against the War".

LEAP's Mission - To prevent the multitude of unintended harmful consequences resulting from fighting the war on drugs and to reduce the incidence of death, disease, crime, and addiction by ending drug prohibition. This country had gangsters and crime until prohibition was repealed and the government made alcohol, legal and controlled. It is not about the drugs, it's the policy that creates children selling drugs.

Education of people regarding tobacco has decreased the number of smokers.

Slavery was totally wrong and economic disaster.

In 1920 women became intelligent enough to vote.

We did many things wrong for years - segregation, smoking, slavery etc, but finally managed to change for the better.

Our drug war is a big failure - 1/3 of our prisons are filled with non-violent prisoners, even the prisons have drug problems.

All of a sudden there is a rise in the gay population. Things changed only when they came out of the closet.

The solution to our drug problem should be solved by education, not by the police.

It takes a long time to educate the public to vote to legalize drugs. Bad things happen when good people remain silent.

Sign up with LEAP today, receive a badge and support our organization.

In both Portugal and the Netherlands where drugs have been made legal now, they have a greatly reduced use of drugs.. Addicts make up only 10% of the users.

At present we are spending 70 billion dollars to fight drugs in an unsuccessful war.

Drugs flow no matter how many arrests are made.

LEAP is our best chance to change our current failing drug policy

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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