

THE VALE NEWS

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International Conventions & Club Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

June 6	Bob Grant - Karen Nevin - Community Fund Org.
13	Dinsmore Fulton - MRV Path Assn.
20	Dinsmore Fulton - Cancer Support Group
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
25	Dist. Governor Sonny Holt presentation

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 6/4/86

It was cloudy this morning, but at least it wasn't raining. We had a lively crowd including guests: Karen Nevin, our speaker representing the Mad River Community Fund, our 3 exchange students: Sebastian Thorsted, Henrique Ribas and Marie Lorraine and our regular summer guest, John Daniell.

Meeting News

Lorraine started the meeting by thanking Doug for coordinating and Jack Simko for hosting the Club Visioning Program. Doug said the outcome – of where we want to be in 5 years including our activities -was all listed on the charts. Our priorities will be tabulated and reported on July 11th at the Assembly Meeting.

Our exchange students reported on their great year in Vermont and plan to travel around the US during the month of July.

Joe Goldstein spent a day with the GSE team from So. Africa showing them the sights of Mad River, and took them home for dinner.

Dave Ellison - back from Rotary trip to Turkey where he visited 3 Rotary clubs - viewed limestone cliffs and a famous temple.

Bob Holden reported from the Scholarship committee.
\$2,000 Scholarship - Robert A. Danaher of Waitsfield,
\$2,000 Scholarship for 4 Years - Daniel Lee of Granville,
\$2,000 Biederman Scholarship - Jessa Sargent of Warren
The above were selected from 9 applicants

They will also contact the student later this month who won a 4 year scholarship last year. A student who wins a 4 year scholarship has to report back to us for the following 3 years.

Leo Cohen was happy to get Betty to assist him with the float on the 4th of July, but needs at least 4 more volunteers.

Jon Jamieson reported that there will be a block party on Bridge Street for the "Irene" clean-up volunteers in September when the bridge is closed. Need our support.

* Manny Apigian - Golf tournament update.

The Golf Tournament will be held at the Sugarbush Golf Course on Father's Day - June 17th - So far 12 - 16 teams have signed up. Next thing is to get volunteers to assist in running the tournament; some to handle registration from 11:30 - 1:30 and others for activities during the tournament.

We have taken in \$4,200 so far which puts the project in the "black". The committee is meeting with the golf course managers this morning.

Sponsors - respective members should inform the sponsors about the free advertising on each Tee and suggest the sponsor enter a team. We have some gifts donated to raffle off at the end of the tournament and could use a lot more.

We received a thank-you from the Rozalia Project for our donation.

Carol Hosford congratulated our exchange students for their well prepared presentations at the District Conference.

MEGABUCKS - Carol Hosford picked the 8 of hearts. Got the \$5 compensation for the disappointment of not winning the \$120 pot.

HAPPY BUCKS

Lorraine - happy to see exchange students here

Ron Geren - Glad to be back in the Valley (in spite of shingles)

Ralph Walker - Also happy to be back

Henri - also happy to make it to the Inn

Betty - Glad to see people returning to the Valley again

Joe Klimek - looking forward to grandson coming

Jack Mansfield - 10 days in Ohio with family (grandson drove 300 yard green)

Carol Hosford - Delighted to see 3 exchange students in Chicago

Sissy Walker - Enjoyed wonderful cruise but glad to be home again
 Ken Amann - great weekend as "Father-of-the-Bride" to his daughter, Katie, who got married in Charlotte, N. C.
 Monk - Watched grand-daughter play softball
 John Hale - Enjoyed exchange student visit - learned about US from Sebastian.
 Vickie - Happy to get to know the exchange students and meet Sebastian's family.
 Al Barillaro - 1) In awe of the exchange students presenting in a foreign language to a foreign audience in a foreign country. 2) Daughter's pregnancy going well.
 John Daniell- Ditto sentiments of Al's comments on exchange students
 Dave Ellison - 1) Thanks to Crumps for trip to Turkey 2) Golf event turning out to be a success
 Caryn Crump - Participated in our District trip to Turkey
 John Crump - Wonderful barge trip in Turkey during their 30th wedding anniversary.
 Joe Goldstein- Enjoyed being with the So. African GSE team during the weekend
 Ken Amann - last of kids married
 Bob Holden - 1) trip to Vegas with youngest son 2) exchange students 3) Scholarship winners

PROGRAM

Bob Grant introduced Karen Nevin from the Mad River Community Fund to give us the analysis of the grants applied for and received for 2011 Flood Relief in the Mad River Valley.

COMMUNITY FUND DISTRIBUTION				
	Round 1		Round 2	Round 3
	Grants	Loans	Grants + (Other)	
Business	\$31,000	\$159,000	\$137,700	\$82,500
Community	2,000	10,000	(18,000)	
Farmers *	9,000	49,000		
Homeowners	157,000	359,611	136,000	200,000
Total	<u>\$ 199,000</u>	<u>577,611</u>	<u>273,700</u>	<u>300,500</u>

This makes a grand total of \$1,350,811 given out

Designated Flood donations (inc. Win Smith Donation of \$100,000) made a combined total of \$1,103,744 (the difference came from good investments made by the Community Fund over 25 years). Over 1,880 individual donations were received.

*Farmers had access to money that homeowners don't have.

At this time \$24,000 in loans have been repaid.

On August 28th, people started writing on Facebook and raised \$30,000.

Warren raised \$80,000 in individual donations. Money came from all over - example - \$50 from S. Car., another \$50 from Colorado, Second homeowners helped out. The Community Fund stopped raising money on March 30, 2012.

The Community Fund was created 25 years ago when a sick friend couldn't raise the money to make her mortgage payment. A big event was scheduled to raise the money. The Fund was continued to pay people for emergency needs such as car repairs, fuel assistance, extraordinary medical bills etc. for people in the Valley.

Recently there has been a big increase in requests for assistance.

Karen said she knows Rotary cares about the people of Mad River Valley.

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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