

## THE VALE NEWS

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Literacy-International service)- a time to highlight and emphasize World community Projects.

### Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

July	20	John Crump - DVD - Rotary Int. Meeting Montreal 2010
	27	Bruce Bertholon - John Donaldson - MRV Housing Coalition
August	3	John Straub- Marilyn Hilly - Myotherapy
	10	David Babic - Financial Presentation
	17	Monk Bancroft
	24	Ron Geren - June Anderson
Sept.	7	Betty - Cent. Vt. Adult Basic Educ.
	14	open
	21	District Governor Visit
	28	Clayton-Paul Cormier Jr.
Oct.	5	Leo Cohen

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: Ken Amann 7/18

Anniversaries: Tom & Susanne Byrne 7/14; Rosemarie & Bill White 7/16

We were so lucky to have this lovely cool morning while the rest of the country was sweltering in hot humid weather. Ron Geren brought his friend, John Tocco, Rosemarie brought her daughter Anna, and Howard Novak and Jonathon Milne, (two members of the Williston - Richmond Rotary Club) came over the mountain bearing a ski trophy for our team in the Bolton Race.

### Meeting News

Lorraine announced that there would be a quick BOD meeting following the regular meeting this morning.

Then she commented on what a wonderful event the MRV Marathon was on Sunday and thanked all the Rotarians that helped with the race.

John & Howard asked Bruce, Monk & Heli to come forward and receive a special trophy for our club. Our team originally received the trophy for the fastest team of Rotarians, but then it turned out that a team from Shelburne beat them out. The club sponsoring the race wanted to do something special for our club as we have supported them every year since they started the event 15 years ago. A photo of the team was taken receiving the trophy. Dave Ellison was the 4th member of the team and David Babic, a former Olympic skier was on our second team (D. Babic was too young for the 1<sup>st</sup> team).

Taste of the Valley.- Lorraine auctioned off the two complimentary tickets sent to us by the Festival of the Arts. Joe Klimek was the highest bidder at \$100.

Our club received two thank-you notes for our contributions 1) Central Vt. Adult Education for \$1,000 2) MRV Ambulance Service thanked us for loaning them our grill to use for their Pancake Breakfast at the Firehouse.

Vicki Walluck & Jim Leyton are promoting the MRV Biz-Buzz Community Event on Aug. 24th- dinner-dancing etc.

Duck Race Report - Doug was happy to say that over \$500 worth of tickets were sold last weekend.

Marketing is a new activity - e-mail to all your friends about buying a Duck ticket for a chance to win \$1,000.

Reminder - DUES ARE DUE. Our fiscal year began, July 1, 2011

Megabucks - \$880 to winner. - Our president, Lorraine held the lucky ticket, but drew the lowly 3 of clubs for \$5.00

Happy Bucks

Lorraine - Helped with the Marathon - found it an amazing event.

John Milne - Enjoying visit to our club

Howard Novak - Nice ride over the mountain and today is his wife's birthday

Sissy - Happy for our ski team

Bruce - fond memories of the race

Brian - Leaving the Valley

Wayne - Thankful Classification speech is over

Jim Leyton Relieved that our speaker arrived on time

Bob Holden - happy

Jack Miner - 3 grandsons visiting + 3 friends

Ron Geren - great weather

John Crump 1) Engine #1 - best patriotic float 2) His guest marathoner came in 1st in his class 3) had \$6 in change

Ken Friedman - Enjoyed Timbers special \$25 lobster pot

Stan - No scheduled major sports event today

Vicki - Thanks to our club for all the help on the marathon

Rosemarie - Happy

Tom Byrne- anniversary

Ralph - good medical report - back on the road

Ken Amann - recognition for Dave Ellison on ski team and Dave Babic on No. 2

Gene- grandson here

Wini - No help with notes today - some remarks may be scrambled

## Program

Jim Leyton introduced Rick Rayfield of the Tempest Book Shop who is here to talk about the Vermont Legislature Redistricting or Reapportionment 2012.

On 7/13/11 9:53 PM, "[Rayfieldvt@aol.com](mailto:Rayfieldvt@aol.com)" <[Rayfieldvt@aol.com](mailto:Rayfieldvt@aol.com)> wrote:

I enjoyed talking with the Valley Rotary about redistricting today. Jared had another commitment. The hand-out text below is also attached as a one-page Word doc. I have posted this and other information under a Fayston tab on my sloppy web-site [www.RickRayfield.com](http://www.RickRayfield.com) <<http://www.rickrayfield.com/>> if that makes future access to numbers, maps etc. easier for us.

As much as anyone, with my recent collation of Fayston/Mad River Valley connections, I know and breath Fayston's integral part in the Mad River Valley. Nothing the Legislature does to House or Senate districting will change the many three town connections, nor the wider sense of the Valley which includes Granville, Moretown, Duxbury, Middlesex, and Waterbury to varying degrees.

I am not campaigning for a particular solution. But I am arguing that the status quo solution will not stand. We (and you can blame Fayston for the population surge) outgrew one district.

Unless we want a solution imposed on us, we need, I think, to devise our own solution- whether the LAB's solution or a different one.

I bet Moretown would rather be in a district with Fayston and Duxbury than with Northfield (as they are now). I do not know Duxbury well enough to know what they would like or can expect for options. They have a joint school district with Waterbury, and much of Duxbury is as close to Waterbury as the south end of Duxbury is to the Valley. Maybe Duxbury wants to be split! Don't know unless we talk with them.

It was great to have so many citizens attend the BCA meeting Monday. I remind myself, as I bone up on the process and facts, that I was elected to represent my fellow citizens, most of whom are still in the early stage of understanding why we must, again, reapportion. The threat of a split made Fayston jump right up. The four other towns may not be as motivated as we are. That makes us the leader in this discussion, caught in the middle.

Best,

Rick

My handout to Valley Rotary Club 13 July 2011

Vermont Legislature Redistricting or Reapportionment 2011-12

Apportionment Board began Nov 2010 with seven members with 2010 census

Tom Little appointed by VT Supreme Court, plus 2 Rep, 2 Dem, 2 Progressives

Minutes on-line <http://vermont-archives.org/reapportionment/calendar.htm> <<http://vermont-archives.org/reapportionment/calendar.htm>> Feisty.

Good summary at

[http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Redistricting\\_in\\_Vermont](http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Redistricting_in_Vermont)  
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Vermont population grew only 3%, but lots of shifts within State. Burl +9

\*150 House seats per Vermont Constitution, from one seat per Town in 1965

\*626,000 people in VT- House seat needs 4172 people plus/minus 10% by federal law and court interpretation of Vermont law. (total 20% from least to most people per rep)

\* Fayston + Waitsfield + Warren = 4777, 14% over 4172 target MUST FIX

\* Previous solutions: Warren+ Waitsfield+ Granville Fayston+Buels Gore +?

Fayston +Moretown Fay+Mor+Dux+Waits+War

\* Current Solution Warren+ Waitsfield + 378 Fayston 3990 (45, 46, 10%)

Moretown + Duxsbury + 975 Fayston 3970 (42, 43, 25%)

No solution gives any town a majority. Fayston is split along Rte 17.

Party politics are fairly even across these five towns, getting gradually more Rep as heading north based on 2010 Gov race.

Duxsbury 1337	Vermont 626,000
Fayston 1353	Chittenden Cty 157,000
Granville 298	Washington Cty 60,000
Moretown 1658	
Northfield 6207	Current report June 1
Waitsfield 1719	BCAs can comment until Aug 1
Warren 1705	Senate also redistricting; fewer issues
Waterbury 5064	

The Apportionment Board is split 4 to 3 in favor of single member districts, and this is a contentious issue. 40 States demand single member districts.

In the past, the Legislature- deciding again in 2012, barring Court challenges- has always agreed with anything that local BCAs have agreed on. SO multi-rep districts may continue in cities.

BCA- Board of Civil Authority- Selectboard, Town Clerk, Justices of the Peace

Main duties BCA (which is why Justices of the Peace are supposed to be nominated from major parties and voted in general election, not Town Meeting) are maintaining voter checklist, supervising elections, counting ballots, hearing tax appeals.

Split town (18 now) can have one polling place; State pays for second scanner if needed.

Choices:

Fight & lose Court challenge for -14% underrepresented 2002 Fayston/Waitsfield/Warren district.

Accept the proposal for Waitsfield/Warren/split Fayston and Moretown/Duxsbury/split Fayston districts as proposed

Request a two-member district for Duxs/Fay/More/Waits/Warren.

Something else

Rick Rayfield 071311

#### 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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