

THE VALE NEWS

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

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

July	27	Bruce Bertholon - John Donaldson - MRV Housing Coalition
August	3	John Straub- Marilyn Hilly - Myotherapy
	10	David Babic - Financial Presentation
	17	Monk Bancroft - Beverly Kehoe - Fest. of the Arts update
	24	Ron Geren - June Anderson
Sept.	7	Betty Maguire - Cent. Vt. Adult Basic Educ.
	14	Assembly Meeting
	21	District Governor Visit
	28	Clayton-Paul Cormier Jr.
Oct.	5	Leo Cohen - Valley Players rep.

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: none this week

Anniversaries: Ken & Kathie Friedman 7/23; Nelson & Lu Putnam 7/23

A small group today in spite of the pleasant weather, only 32 including regular guest John Daniell. John Crump realized he had forgotten the DVDs he planned to present today and had to hurry home to get them. He managed to make it back in time to have breakfast.

Meeting News

Lorraine started the meeting by reading a letter from RI President Kalyan Banerjee. It said that we, as Rotarians are looking to change the world and make it a happier, healthier and more peaceful place and that we can create that better world thru service.

When we understand and truly feel that other's needs are the same as our own, we begin to understand how important our work is. In the year ahead we will have 3 emphases in our Rotary Service.

1.) Family

The family and home are the core of all our work - all our services begin here. Humanity is an extended family in which all members care for each other.

2.) Continuity.

We must build on our successes and take them to the next level. Our greatest obligation is to Polio Plus where success is so close.

3.)Change

True change can only begin with each of us. Mohandas K. Gandhi said "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." In Rotary we try to live ethically and honestly, to share friendship and fellowship, see equal worth in every human being. Together, we will Reach Within to Embrace Humanity, and in peace, harmony, and friendship, we will bring change - and a more joyful world.

Ben Plewak received his badge from Lorraine today and is now an official member of our club. Congratulations Ben!

BOD meeting following our regular meeting today.

Gary told us our Duck Race salesmen took in \$493 last weekend, then he asked them to fill in the sales records at the end of the last shift.

Gary asked how many were willing to send e-mails to friends encouraging them buy duck race tickets. Little enthusiasm was shown for this idea.

Karen Winchell announced; 1) that on the 30th of July, the Warren Church is having a BBQ and 2) the Champlain Country Club is having their annual Samaritan House Golf Tournament on August 19th. \$200 for a foursome

Duck Race Report - Doug

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

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MRV CC BizBuzz, Wednesday, August 25, 3- 10 pm

This is a 3-part event:

1. A community business fair with the addition of games and activities for family entertainment;
2. The annual Corn Roast that many of you know and love; and
3. A Community Dance with HAYWIRE, a Vermont Blue grass band featuring Eric Graham.

Location - Lareau Farm Pavilion, Waitsfield, Vt.

Megabucks - \$900 to winner. - Joe Klimek drew the 3 of hearts. Gene displayed the joker before Joe drew a card, but Gene's hand was quicker than Joe's eye.

Note the deck is down to 15-20 cards

Happy Bucks

John Hale - Kids , parents and grandparents had wonderful time at the Cape last week

Monk - Kayaking on Reservoir
John Mansfield - Another week with family
Tom Byrne - Red Sox still in first
Joe Klimek - great weather - grapes thriving
John Basile - Happy as a lark
Bruce – Stepson’s boat overturned on Lake Champlain. He hung on all night but was rescued in the morning and is now OK
Jim Leyton - plain happy - no stories to tell today
Lorraine - family floated on tubes down Mad River
Stan - Glad to live in the Valley - too hot other places
John Daniell - His Audi now counts as an antique - entered into the Stowe Antique Car show
Caryn Crump - John dug thru trash and returned \$3.65 for duck race bottle returns.
Joe Koch - another happy one
Doug - happy that he got someone to sign up for the Warren store on Sunday
Al Barillaro - saw Mary Poppins (Lorraine on her bike)
Gene - cruised down the river
John Crump - demonstrated duck whistle used as sales gimmick

Program

Using Dave Ellison’s tapes from the RI convention in Montreal, Ken Friedman struggled to get the audio to work and then played the DVD of Greg Mortonson’s speech.

The author referred to the title of one of his books “Three Cups of Tea”. Before you do business with a Pakistani you have one cup of tea as a stranger, the second as a friend and the third as family. His “one man’s vision” is to promote peace one person at a time. He feels one man can make a difference by building relationships.

When building a hospital in Tanganyika he put locals in charge as soon as possible. As he feels it is better to train locals to do the job and not have a westerner running their institutions. The real key is to empower people not just help them.

In Africa it is important to educate girls - educate a girl, educate a community. There are 118 million kids not in school in third world countries, mainly girls. We could eradicate illiteracy by collecting pennies from our school kids. If girls are not educated, society will never change. Educating girls will reduce child mortality, increase birth control and educated women will preach against violence and terrorism. That is why the Taliban fears educated women.

His sister died of epilepsy. In her honor he went out to raise money to build a hospital in Pakistan. He was not having much success until his mother, a teacher in Elementary school, invited him to talk to her kids. The kids brought in their piggy banks and donated 52,400 pennies. He found the kids more helpful than adults. By going from school to school he got the money he needed.

In third world countries, kids learn their history from listening to stories from their grandparents and the kids have a lot of respect for their elders. In this country the kids are connected to their I-phones and have lost the connection to their history.

Editor¹'s note: The above speech is from my notes - therefore it may contain some incorrect or garbled statements. Fill in the gaps from your memory.

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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