

THE VALE NEWS

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Literacy-International Service- A time to highlight and emphasize World Community Service Projects

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

July 28 Carol Hosford- Rep. Tony Klein -future of energy in Vt. He is chair of the Natural Resources Committee.

August 4 Chris Kirchen - Classification speech

11 Ron Geren

18 Vickie Walluck- Classification

25 Karl Klein

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.

Guests: our speaker, Dave Mount recruited by Jon Jamieson

Birthdays: none

Anniversaries: Kathy & Ken Friedman 7/23; Put & Lu Putnam 7/23

Meeting News

It was cool this morning causing the early arrivals to sit outside sunning themselves until Audrey banged the gavel to start the meeting. Our only guests were Karen and Dave Mount from the Burlington Rotary Club today.

Announcements:

BOD meeting today.

Thank you note received from one of our scholarship girls, Cassidy Sargent.

Carol Hosford garnered a group of our members to volunteer with planting the trees on Wednesday, August 18th.

Leo Cohen BFD - reported that the total raised this weekend amounted to \$587, including a \$2 donation. Then he passed around the sign-up sheet for this weekend. There were a couple of empty slots the first time around. Please remember that the last person on a selling site takes home the money and ticket stubs and turn them in at the next meeting.

Dave Ellison - Only a few members have not paid their dues yet.

Rich Reisner: Fund raising event for Vermont Adaptive at the Hyde Away on Thursday, July 29th. 25% of the food proceeds will go to Vermont Adaptive.

Mega Bucks \$735 to the winner. Al Barillaro waved his imaginary magic wand over the deck and pulled out the 3 of diamonds. He got a real \$5 bill.

Happy Bucks

Jack Mansfield - Just Happy

John Basile- Missed every one while he was in Maine last week

Al Barillaro – Daughter's company was sold. After a month she found a new job.

Monk - Created a Japanese garden with pool, fountain and rocks

Bruce Bertholon - visit from family

Ken Amann - daughter here

John Hale - Enjoyed a week at Cape Cod with entire family

Jon Jamieson - Pleased to have Dave Mount for today's speaker

Ken Friedman - Had delightful two days with Kathie in Ottawa

Art Conway - Survived storm but some of his trees didn't

Stan Needleman - Grandson back from Barcelona

Tom Byrne- Stepson and family visited

Audrey - 2nd time forgot Mega and Happybucks

Program

Jon Jamieson introduced Dave Mount, who is a past President of the Burlington Rotary Club and the Assistant Governor for five Burlington Area Clubs and led a Group Study Exchange in 2006 to Honduras and Belize.

Dave is also the CEO of the Mount Family Group in Burlington. They own 11 Westaff Temporary Help offices and 2 offices of Remedy Intelligent Staffing MFG offices in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York.

Dave and his wife, Fran have visited Honduras in the Hands to Honduras program since 2008 and they have brought other family members with them.

Honduras is a Spanish speaking country, the second poorest country in Central America. They were visiting Tela, a port located on the Caribbean Sea in the N.W. corner of the country. Since the average wage is \$6 per day, the tax base is too small for the government to provide the services we are accustomed to having.

Dave led a team of volunteers to provide:

1)Construction 2) Health Care 3) Infrastructure 4) Maintenance & Donations

Dave did his presentation using a computer to show slides of all their activities.

The team not only provided labor, they brought in supplies to build new schools, add a classroom to a Day Care Center. They even brought Portable "potties". They aided the Fire Dept., ambulance service, 911 services and police. In the

maintenance area, they provided carpentry, water systems, necessities, and uniforms for the kids. (many kids have only 2 sets of clothes, but they are always clean). They bought school supplies (pens, paper, rulers etc. for families who could not afford these necessities.)

The renovations to the Health Care Center were the roof, bathrooms, shelves, they even cleaned the porch, repaired windows, doors and painted the building with the help of parents and kids.

They brought parts for the ambulance, supplies for the police and the hospital.

Honduras is a soccer country and Dave's son brought soccer balls for the kids. They bought a bike for a teacher to save her a long walk to school every day.

The photos showed the volunteers with their muddy feet, the completed construction and many photos of the smiling kids.

The team of volunteers go each year. Fund raising is year round. He thanked the Rotary Club Partnerships for all their support. They raise 50 – 80 thousand dollars per/year for this project.

They are really making a difference!!!

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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