

THE VALE NEWS

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

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

July 13 Manny Apigian

20 Al Barillaro

27 John Basile

August 3 John Straub

10 Ron Geren

17 Monk Bancroft

24 Bruce Bertholon

Sept. 7 Art Conway

14 Leo Cohen

21 District Governor Visit

28 Clayton-Paul Cormier Jr.

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: Dinsmore F. 7/7; Ron Geren 7/9; Trish Hopkins ???, Lorraine Keener 7/8

Note: Trish refuses to give us her birth date, therefore I designated July 1st as her appointed date (same as the queen of England)

Anniversaries: Carol & Charles Hosford 7/7

Meeting News

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Things have quieted down now that the 4th is over along with the dancing in the streets and the fireworks. The Castle Rock Lodge was full this morning with the 46 attendees including guests Anna White, Rosemarie's daughter; Billy Brauer, John Straub's friend; and Deni Frias, Bruce's daughter.

This meeting starts our new fiscal year with new president and BOD(see last page for complete list)

Lorraine gave us the sad news that Chuck Allen had suffered a mild stroke.

She has received 2 free tickets to the "Taste of the Valley" event of the Vermont Festival and will auction them off next week.

Congratulations to Rosemarie White for her new job with the Northfield Savings bank of VT

Doug Stoehr, (wearing his duck necklace) told us the members did a terrific job selling Duck Race tickets over the 4th of July weekend. He gave the "fools Award" (for the guys making the biggest fools of themselves while promoting Duck Race Tickets) to Dave Ruane and Wayne Foster.

The group sold \$372 tickets at the Farmers Mkt and \$546 tickets and water sales on the 4th.

Special thanks to Joe Klimek and committee for building the float and maneuvering the Big Duck onto the float.

Doug told us there was a little water left over and it was up for sale at \$7/case. There was an immediate show of hands and all of it evaporated in a couple of minutes.

Gary passed around the sign-up sheet for the weekend selling of D.R. tickets.

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

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

Ron Geren proposed a new project for us. He has observed that all the little kids love to play with the ducks we have on display at our booth. He thinks we should sell a photo of a kid with the ducks. Parents have offered to pay for \$2- \$5 for such a photo. We would need one of the cameras that produce an immediate print. The camera could also be used to take photos at our meetings or special events. Ron presented a proposal to the BOD to review at their next meeting.

Al Barillaro our (construction engineer) has requested help in erecting the tent at the Farmers Mkt. every Sat. around 7 AM.

Ron Geren stated he was disappointed that our Changeover Party was neither a dinner nor had any Rotary paraphernalia nor singing - anything to show it was a Rotary Event. He feels this is our biggest meeting of the year. He thinks our membership has many interesting and exciting people but he just wanted a bigger celebration.

Megabucks - \$877 to winner. John Straub drew the 4 of spades for \$5

Happy Bucks

Jim Groom - Billy Brauer here
Monk - Berkshires with friends of Jane
Betty - another 4th over
Art - Rainbow across the Valley at dawn
John Straub - all on good behavior for Billy
Rosemarie - Happy daughter here
Trish - Saw a little mink on the road
Jim Leyton - 3 day mini-vacation on Champlain Islands- ate a lot
Audrey - Thankful Lorraine now pres. and Audrey can go away for a month
Bob Holden - 2 weeks in sunny Italy
Heli - saw a moose in Irasville Valley
Stan - two days with no rain
Ken Amann - John Roche got spot on fire engine
Al Barillaro - Thanks to Ken Amann for trinkets tt Rotary
John Crump - 4 rides during the parade
Chris Kirchen - Glad to be here in Vt.
John Mansfield - glad to be back

Program

Rotary Classification Speech by Wayne Foster

Wayne Foster, Lorraine Foster

Married Since 1975

Going Out since 1971 40 years this Columbus Day Weekend

No children

Born in Buffalo, NY, raised outside of Allentown, PA

Oldest of four siblings who now live in NJ, PA, AZ

BS in Math from Lafayette College, PA

Lived in downtown Boston since 1984. Since 2000, right on water Commercial Wharf 1838 wharf building, residences conversion in 1960s, condos in 1978, 5th floor walk up.

Condo Board member since 2001 (95 units) and Treasurer

Why are you seeing me in the Mad River Valley?

- MRG Skiers for 30+ years

Occasional western trips and heli skiing

- B&B only until retirement at end of 2007. Rented for three winter seasons, then bought at the Battleground in June, 2010.
- Finding we enjoy The Valley as much in the summer as winter and are starting to spend much more time here. Joined Rotary at urging of Bob Grant, both to serve and to get to meet non skiers in the Valley.

But, first take a step back. The life of a consulting actuary

- First, how many know what an actuary is?

Would set the rates if worked for an insurance company

Long series of competitive exams (took me seven years and learning to study)

On the consulting side: part lawyer, part economist, part computer programmer, part business advisor, almost no time as investment advisor

- Time in Hartford, the TP and WW

∅ My Boss at TP owed a home off the Access Road and skied Sugarbush. This is one of the reasons we started coming here.

∅ Lorraine also had a close friend who was a member of the Hartford Ski Club at MRG constantly urging us to come north.

- Pension work for the first 20+ years, then almost exclusively retiree medical for the last 8 years, finishing my career spending nearly 100% of my time helping GM run their retiree medical program, and negotiate with the UAW.

Vermont Clients: CVPS, and some work for Fletcher Allen, St Michaels.

Late start to skiing

- 40 years with Lorraine, 30 years skiing
- At the time, involved in a sport where we were afraid that we might injure ourselves skiing and not be able to participate in our preferred sport. Skydiving.
- Met buddy in Viet Nam who had about 20 jumps before being drafted.
- Upon return stateside, started working in Hartford and asked around. Met another actuary who also was a jumper. I started jumping. They introduced me to their close friend Lorraine, and the rest was history.
- Nothing like kissing your girl while you are both free falling
- I jumped 4 - 6 years, phasing down after a move to Boston starting in the consulting business, after Lorraine stopped jumping, and after life got in the way

More traditional sports

- skiing always with Lorraine (all over NE, Alta, Snowbird, couple of Colorado, Whistler, Mike Wiggele's Heliskiing twice), Bormio, Italy. Season tickets @ MRG
- golf (good summer sport shoot in the mid 90s not serious)
- scuba for 10+ years during the late 1980s and 1990s with Lorraine
 - ∅ Great Barrier Reef, Figi
 - ∅ All of the Cayman Islands
 - ∅ multiple other Caribbean locations
 - ∅ Truk Lagoon
 - ∅ Palau
- “not another equipment intensive sport”

International Travel

- Egypt
- India
- China (twice)
- Peru (Macchu Picchu)
- Australia, New Zealand
- Central America several times to see Mayan Ruins (Yucatan Peninsula, Tikal)
- Belize
- Saving Europe until we're old (have done a couple of long weekends in London, with a one day Chunnel Train trip to Paris)

Home Repair Guy

- Last 12 months here in the Valley.
- This April, pros redid the kitchen and bathrooms, and painted downstairs
- I do the upstairs painting and 30 years of neglected maintenance
- Enjoy working with my hands these days

What's in the near future?

- seeing less of my friends Matt, Willy, and Jack at Bisbees
- owning has introduced us to more people in the valley who do not ski
- reason for being here not during the winter
- start playing bridge again with Rotary friends
- more international travel Africa, Europe, Antarctica
- Selling more Ducks

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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