**THE VALE NEWS**

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Literacy-International Service- a time to highlight and emphasize World Community Service

**Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

July 9th  - Ted Kessler – Camp Ta-Kum-Ta

 16th – Evan Premo & Mary Bonhag - Scrag Mountain Music

 23rd – Dave Hartshorn - Hydroponic farming

 30th – Dan Holtz – Liz Lovely - The Cookie Business

Aug. 6th - Open

        13th - Open

        20th - Henry Erickson - Vt. Cancer Survivor Netork

        27th  - Barbara Garvin, Exec. Dir.  – Hannah’s House

Sept 3rd - District Governor Bruce Pacht - Dist. News

      10th – Jeff Lynn – Bridge Street Butchery.

      17th -  Candidate Forum - Heidi Spear & Adam Greshin

      24th -  Candidate Forum - Ed Read & Maxine Grad

 **Birthdays:**   none this week

 **Anniversaries:**  Tom & Suzanne Byrne  7/14

**Meeting News**

Nice pleasant July morning attracted 6 guests: Cindy Hoare, Ted Kessler, (Camp Ta KumTa), Ron Geren, John Tocco, Kristyn Dash (2nd year scholarship winner), Chuck Munns, visiting Rotarian  from Aiken, S.C.

**Announcements**

Gary greeted members & guests, asked Leo to make an announcement about the survey Dinsmore had emailed to everyone; asked Bob Holden to present Kristyn with the 2nd check of her 4 yr. scholarship.

Kristen told us briefly about her college life.  She is mainly interested in developing countries and taking courses in international affairs and is on the rowing team.

Ron Geren had a stack of books he hopes our club members will take.

Gordon - Duck Race Raffle.

Gordon told us we had a very successful holiday weekend - taking in over $2,000..  The Rotary float was our best in quite a while. They will soon need volunteers to work on the race event.  Meanwhile the ducks need to be sorted & cleaned.

We have 1/3 of last year’s total $ intake, sold a lot of water, forget iced-T, ducks are a great attraction to draw customers.

Suggestions for next year; Set up concessions in Warren for the thousands of people hanging around after the parade.

The Warren store was jumping during the 3 day holiday - perfect place to sell tickets.  Drop Shaws - it is a dud. Gordon is asking members to sign up for 2 hour shifts for at least one venue from Friday thru Sunday. The box for the sellers contains aprons, pins etc. We will be selling water & ducks at the Farmers Mkt.  Sellers please take the money home that you collect and turn it in at the next meeting to Wayne. If you will not be at the next meeting, give it to Vickie at the Waitsfield Inn. Email the amount to Wayne Foster, the acct for the Duck Race.

Tickets now show Web site.  Buyers can learn names of winners quickly.

\*Dave Ellison - Reminder - Still a few members who have not paid their dues for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Starting July 15th, 2014.  (Next week) they may not be nameless.

**Mega Bucks**  $293 to winner. Kristyn drew the 3 of diamonds for $5

**Happy Bucks**

Jim Leyton - Glad Kristyn won $5

Vickie - Thanked Marathon volunteer helpers

Tom Byrne - Happy he missed a deer this AM

Bob Holden - 1) Back from Paris - London trip with Eli    2) Eli finished with college and has job!    3) Kristyn here

Wini - Had no water on Tues AM when trying to take shower, Called neighbor, Jim Parker for help.  He checked out the cap on the water pump and discovered chewed wires and a fried mouse!

Dave E. - Looking forward to hiking

Stan N. - Happy to be here in the Valley

Caryn Crump - Happy Hour Friday at the Crump home.

Judy R. - Happy nice day

Joe K. - Happy he survived planting 6,000 grape vines.

Al B. - Happy family was here for weekend

Monk - Happy to have power after storm

**PROGRAM**

Rose-Marie introduced Ted Kessler who runs a camp for cancer patients.

Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, South Hero, VT 05486  [www.takumta.org](http://www.takumta.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).

The object of this place is to put a smile on the face of every camper, starting from the time they are picked up from the hospital and brought in limos to the camp. It will be done with fun and games daily before & after medical treatments.  They have never had a death occur during the August camp session.

The name was created by a 4 year old girl when she found out the camp was for 7 - 17 year olds.  She said I want a “Camp-to-come-to” now.

The camp was established in 1984 after Ted’s son was diagnosed with cancer.

His first camper was a 17 yr. old boy from Canada. At first he did not trust Vermonters but he stayed and got his wish to dance with a girl and play soccer.  When his mother came to visit she fainted when she saw him running. The camp experience extended his life until December.

When they started looking for a new facility to accommodate all their needs, the one they found had an 11 million dollar price tag.  All their funds come from donations and volunteer help, nothing from the government. They managed to raise this amount plus enough money to foot the annual cost of $1.6 mil/year.

Many people who have lost a loved one to cancer have offered to donate new facilities, such as tennis courts, or their services to the camp.

They now have year round programs for all ages.  Both the staff volunteers and the kids come from every state in the union. The staff outnumbers the kids, thus everyone is looked after during every activity.

It’s all about the kids.  Until there is a cure, there is Camp Ta-Kum-Ta!

                            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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