

## THE VALE NEWS

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Rotary Theme Topic for August - Membership & Extension

### Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Aug.	14	Ken Nadolny & Marv Ginzel – Classification speeches
	21	Dist. Governor's visit
	28	Linda Gilbert about Honduras. (Ken)
Sept	4	Paul Cillo & Jack Hoffman - Public Assetd Inst.
	11	Continuation of The Crump's presentation on Mexico
	18	open
	25	Catherine Kalkstein - Washington County Diversion Program
Oct.	2	Robert Roper – Pres. Ethan Allen Inst.

Editor's Note: Please inform THE SPEAKER COMMITTEE IF YOU HAVE A speaker in mind at Least 2 weeks in advance.

**Birthdays:** none this week

**Anniversaries:** John & Valerie Hale: 8/19

\*Birthdays & Anniversaries are listed for the current week only

### Meeting News

Pleasant cool morning attracted 7 guests: Tom Badowski, member of the Waterbury Club, Homer Smith, Weems Turner, Jim Reagan. All visitors from Houston, Carol Groom, Caryn Crump and John Daniell.

### Announcements

\*Leo & Manny Rotary Club interview with channel 44 will air beginning Friday

\*District Governor, Stephen Dates will be here next week. (he plays bagpipes)

\*Duck Race Raffle

Wayne Foster reported - we are \$300 ahead of last year - \$4,471 collected so far. Last week best up to now - \$945., of which \$430. came from sales at the Warren store. Chris stated that Dave Ellison is a great salesman. Sign-up sheet for the weekend passed around. Members asked to pay for their assigned tickets by Aug.23rd.

Dave Koepele announced it is time to sort and count the ducks. Volunteers needed for this task - Fri. 8/23

\*BOD next week after regular meeting. All members welcome to attend.

**MEGA BUCKS** - \$515 to the winner. Tom Byrne had winning ticket, but losing card  
- 6 of spades for \$5.

### **HAPPY BUCKS**

Dave E. - Successful day of car window shopping

Bob Holden - unhappy - no bacon today

Chris Pierson - Admired Dave E's salesmanship

Tom Byrne 1) Red Sox won 2) taking a cruise vacation Br. Isles

Karl - 1) great audiences at Skinner Barn 2) only 1 week more of performing

John Daniell - missed the bacon

Marv - glad to have friends from Texas here

Gene - Glad to have house again as all the family visitors left

Jim Groom - 7 Texans in the room

Judy - passed many turkeys on the way here this morning, adults with at least 20 chicks

Stan - week with perfect grandchildren & they are still perfect.

Dave K. - where is the bacon?

Monk - Jane's brother coming from Oregon

Al B. - good weather - great for mowing

Betty - Forgot hearing aid but looking at smiles

### **PROGRAM**

Classification Talk for Ken Nadolny

I was born in New York City, and grew up in a part of Queens called Middle Village. After graduating from Stuyvesant HS, I entered Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. I studied Physics and in 1973 graduated with a B.S. degree in Physics. Later while working for Gulf Oil I took graduate geology courses at the University of Houston.

I was married right after graduation and have two children, Andy now 34 who has a pool service business in Houston and Kevin now 31 who is married and lives in Tokyo Japan. He met his wife Tomoko in Beijing where they both took advanced Chinese language courses. Both are fluent in Chinese. Kevin actually has a company that sells Chinese language books that are used for advanced Chinese language students. His web site is "Capturingchinese.com". Tomoko and Kevin married in Hawaii and I now have a soon to be two year old grandson, Ken Ernest. He is named after Tomoko's dad Kentaro and me. Kevin, who graduated from Cornell and Stanford is a structural engineer working for Nikken Sekkei.

I have worked as a geophysicist since graduating first at Gulf Oil where I was first in a yearlong training program to learn how to explore for oil and gas, and then for Transco Exploration a division of Transcontinental Gas Pipeline, and Anadarko Petroleum. It was at Anadarko that I met my second wife, Judy. We were married in Glasgow Scotland.

Judy was one of the reasons that we ended up having a house in Vermont. She was born and raised in Texas and had never seen the fall foliage of New England. When we were dating we started coming to Vermont; staying at a small B&B/Hotel in West Townshend, VT. We both loved it and spent the next 10 years coming back staying at the Windham Hill Inn every year and adding other B&B's in different areas in Vermont during our visit. We then decided that we wanted a second home in Vermont.

My career has spanned three companies from 1973 until a merger in 2006 gave me an opportunity to realize our dream of a second home in Vermont. During my career I worked as a Processing Geophysicist, Exploration Geophysicist, and Exploration Manager. A Processing Geophysicist takes raw seismic data and manipulates it into a form that can be used to decipher the subsurface.

An Exploration or Interpretative Geophysicist develops a picture of the subsurface using all the available information to determine where in the subsurface oil and gas can be found in commercial quantities. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to work in areas all over the globe, including the Gulf of Mexico, the East Coast of the U.S., onshore Texas and Louisiana, the Cook Inlet and the North Slope of Alaska, the North Sea, the Red Sea offshore Eritrea, Australia, Brazil, Peru, the West Coast of Africa, the Black Sea offshore Georgia, Jordan and other areas. I agree with Marv that people all over the world are the same; they all want to live in peace and have a better life for their children.

Now it was Marv Ginzle's turn. Since he spent a lot of his career with Ken, he left the oil business description to Ken and he talked more about personal stuff.

This last year was the most painful as his wife died in March after a 3 year battle with cancer. They were married 47 years and he is still dealing with all the ramifications of her death.

He was born in a farm house in 1944 in Eureka, Kansas, one of 4 children. His father was a rent farmer with a 6th grade education and was a truck driver before he became a hired hand for his maternal grandfather. Marv's mom was valedictorian of her H.S. class. He attended a one room school house with brother in 5th and sister in third grade all in one room.

Very happy childhood. He was in the 4H, explorer Scouts, raised animals. He moved to suburbs where family had 10 acres. Dad started a trucking company, mom did the book keeping.

Ken had 2 paper routes and managed to save \$1,000 during junior and senior high. Unremarkable scholastic record and so-so in sports. Learned to drive and was driving an 18 wheeler at age 15 long distances.

After graduation attended a State University and did surprisingly well, then transferred to the big university where his grades went down but social life went up (met his wife there) She majored in journalism and graduated summa cum laude.

He lost his student deferment during the Viet Nam war. Efforts to get into the National Guard were unsuccessful, so he joined the Air Force.

His wife, Nancy, worked at newspapers where ever he was stationed, including Springfield, Mass. Spent last year of service in Viet Nam - intelligence. After discharge, went back to school - majored in geology, got masters degree.

Career started with Texaco in Northern Maine. (They took a chance on this kid from Illinois) His new job required him to travel all over the world.

Then he joined HNG Oil which later became part of Enron. He has specific opinions about Enron and its fall from grace which he did not want to discuss today.

He ended up with Coastal Oil & Gas as VP of International Exploration and continued to travel the world (over 60 countries total).

During this time he was involved with several organizations from Habitat to local church choirs and boards in most places where he lived.

Meanwhile, his wife, Nancy raised 2 great kids. His daughter, Meredith is a school psychologist in CT where she lives with her husband and 3 kids.

His son, who at one time in his life was a punk rocker, is now a Medical doctor, a Radiologist, in Houston. His wife is also a Medical doctor and they have 3 children.

He joined our club to fill a void in his life and meet people who enjoy helping others.

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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