

## THE VALE NEWS

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Membership & Extension - a time to highlight membership & extension

### Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

August	26	Dinsmore Fulton - classification speech
Sept.	2	Frank Rodgers
	9	Ken Amann - classification speech
	16	Len Rubin - Sal Spinosa - Impact of the Environment on the homeowner
	23	Jack Simko
	30	Jim Leyton

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: Liz Kelly 8/19

Anniversaries Val and John Hale 8/19; Lorraine & John Keener 8/22  
Peter & Blaine Laskowski 8/20

### Meeting News

Everybody seemed very happy to be here today, maybe it was the free breakfast at the Pub. Guests included: Bob Grant, Nancy and Rick McGowan, Kevin Curry and proposed member, Gene Scarpato.

Duck Race

Audrey passed the sign up sheets around for selling duck race tickets at the Farmer's Mkt. and Mehuron's. Only 2 more weeks to go. Everyone needed for the final push. The County Fair brought in poor results, but every little bit helps. Take is only \$5,000+ so far.

MEMBERS PLEASE BRING IN YOUR TICKET STUBS AND CASH  
IT REALLY HELPS THE BOOKKEEPER

Al Molnar reminded us about the upcoming visit of the GSE Team from Taiwan. He requested hosts for the 4 team members from Oct. 9th thru the 12th. He presented the agenda planned for our guests. They will be met in Lebanon, NH (from their hosts in Connecticut). Drivers are needed, to pick them up. Drivers also will turn the guests over to their next hosts in Barre on the 12th after lunch at Flatbread. The team will be presented with "Welcome Baskets" upon arrival. Their main interest is organic farming.

Betty thanked us for supporting the JAIL AND BAIL Fundraiser event for the MRV Seniors. It will be at the Farmers Market on Sat. Aug 22, starting at 10 AM when "prisoners" will be jailed. Please be there to bail out the volunteer prisoners.

From Audrey:

At the BOD meeting this morning, the Board approved these three new member applications.

1. Bob Cummiskey--Owner of Sugar Lodge and Investment Advisor.
2. Robert Grant--Retired Mechanical Engineer.
3. Gene Scarpato--Retired from Nassau County L.I., NY/former Mayor of Lynbrook, LI, NY

Also approved were these charitable donations:  
Prevent Child Abuse \$500.00

Mad River Chorale \$500.00 to sponsor Latin Dance Night on August 30, 2009.

Proposed New Members: If no written objections to the proposals, stating reasons, is received by the board from any member of the club within 7 days of this publication, these prospective members, upon payment of dues, shall be considered elected to membership.

Dinsmore requested: Susan Klein at the Chamber of Commerce is in need of volunteers to help staff the information desk from now through foliage. She needs folks who know the Valley well! Please call her at the Chamber for more information.

#### HAPPY BUCKS

David Koepele - Happy to have family visiting

Caryn Crump - guests

Al Barillaro - happy to have a friend here

Betty - second friend

Ken - happy to give a \$

Bob Grant - Also happy to be here

Gene Scarpato- Happy to be here (This is getting sickening!!)

Jim Leyton - Impressed with the Rotarian Foundation Project

John Straub - Glad to have the heat to complain about

Bob Holden - Free meal brought a smile to his face.

Jack Mansfield- Relieved that the duck counting is finished

Jack Miner 1) Thanked Joe Klimek for his hospitality

2) Thanked Jack Simko for selling \$220 worth of Duck race tickets at Farmers Mkt.

Len - announced that Al Barillaro is his friend

Doug Stoehr - house in Connecticut under contract

John Crump - Daughter will sing at Sugarbush in Feb.

Stan Needleman - Elated that John C. had short "happy" today

Al Barillaro - pleased that Len is his friend.

Tom Byrne, Rena Chernick, Judy Reed and Rich Reisner among the "happy" group this morning.

Editor's note: Never heard so many "happies" before - Was it the free breakfast?

#### Program

John Crump introduced Rick McGowan who gave a computer presentation on Water Supply and other developments in Vietnam Environmental Management. Rick has lived and worked in 29 countries for the East Meets West organization.

Most of the projects involved water systems. Water is a scarce luxury in developing countries. The Rotary clubs outside of Vietnam are supporting many activities in Vietnam- hospitals, libraries, wheelchairs, schools, orphanages, bridges, dams, medical clinics - just to name a few.. Many of the donors are ex-soldiers.

Contaminated water kills children world wide. Children can't absorb nutrients when their water source is contaminated. 50% of the deaths of children relate to impure water. It is the leading cause of malnutrition in developing countries.

Rotary and EMW are committed to provide safe drinking water to Vietnam.

They found that when people pay for water, they have more respect for it. If the villagers don't have cash, they donate their labor. When they pay 35% of the cost of piping, they have a strong appreciation of the water and the system is sustainable.

Rick showed slides of Water Towers sponsored by different Rotary Clubs in the US. The cost of the towers runs about \$45,000.

Stan commented that it was a lot cheaper to build a water system in Vietnam than in Waitsfield, Vt.

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