

THE VALE NEWS

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Rotary Theme Topic for August - Membership & Extension

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Aug. 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 Club Assembly & Chris Pierson - classification speech
 25 Catherine Kalkstein - Wash 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: Doug. Stoehr 8/26/48; John Straub 8/26/31

Anniversaries: none this week

Meeting News

Having the meeting in the Grill was an awkward arrangement as it has booths instead of tables. We not only had the governor and his wife today, (Steven & Elaine Dates) but had 8 more guests: Jim Reagan (prospective member), Eric Denu (asst. gov.) Michael Hertzberg (a Rotarian from So. Car.) 2 exchange students, Thibault Pelhate from France, Liesbeth Jacobs from Germany and former members Ron Geren, John & Caryn Crump and John Daniel.

Announcements

Manny & Leo were interviewed on chan. 44. Manny was so afraid he might have said something stupid, he put off watching the show for a whole day, but everyone said he performed very well and did credit to our club.

*Duck Race Raffle

Gary Plewak reported - we are ahead of last year. but did not have any numbers to report. Sign-up sheet for the weekend passed around. Members asked to pay for their assigned tickets by Aug.23rd. It is only 11 days now before the race. We need more sponsors and the duck sorting & counting will be done at Joe Klimek's house at 10 AM, Thursday, Aug 22.

Note: Since I am writing this letter at 10 AM Thursday, the crew should be hard at work while I pound the keys of my computer.

Also people are needed to clean the riverbank (in Kenyon's field) at 10 AM on Friday. The big duck has to be inflated and help is needed in the river during the duck race to steer the ducks down the river. Sometimes the wind blows the ducks upriver. When the race is over, the ducks have to be collected. This project really requires everyone to pitch in.

Chris Pierson is donating a piece of Cabot cheese with each sale of \$20 worth of tickets (a quack pack) at each sales venue.

*Mega Bucks - \$542. Gene forgot the routine and let someone draw a card before a raffle ticket was selected. Gene quickly retrieved that card and asked The Gov. to select a ticket. Steve pulled Dave Koepele's ticket and Dave drew the 4 of hearts

*BOD after regular meeting today. All members welcome to attend.

HAPPY BUCKS

Jim Leyton - cozy quarters today

Dave Koepele - son, daughter-in-law + 6 children departed after 2 months stay.

Al Barillaro -some activity with grandchildren

John Daniell -We have TV stars with us today

Caryn Crump- son got job offer from Gen. Mills

Eric Denu - beautiful ride to get here

John Crump - visit from son

Dave Ellison - Happy

Clayton-Paul - Music Festival at Lareau Farm

Joe Klimek - finished painting barn

Carol Hosford - 50 guests just left - Project Harmony - with Russians

Marv. Ginzel - 6 grandchildren

Karen Winchell - Sat. from 5 - 7 PM Event at Warren Church - food and music

David Babic - thanks for support on elementary school project – leadership program

Happy bucks hard to follow today with all the noise and spread out booths; some "happys" may have been omitted or fractured.

PROGRAM

MANNY INTRODUCED OUR DIST. GOV., STEPHEN GATES loud enough to be heard without a microphone.

With that, Steve marched into the Grill sporting his kilt and playing his bagpipes!!!
Leon said that was the best speech we have heard yet.

The district sends one person from each club in the district to Rotary Leadership Inst. Then he announced that a benefit concert will be held on Sept.24, 7pm at

McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, Vt. \$20 adults, \$15 children & students tickets (802) 863-596.

Steve quoted a past pres after attending the governor's school "I am still confused, but at a higher level".

He is a flatlander from N.J., went to UVM then went to work for local architect, then IBM for 30 years. At IBM they changed his job every couple of years to get him acquainted with the entire organization.

His wife is also a Rotarian, with a degree in classics and teaches latin - her outlet is in service to the community,

2008 Steve became the pres. of a Rotary Club, then asst. governor. Submitted an application for governor and was accepted. Hobby - bagpipes.

Current Rotary theme - engage in Rotary - change lives. Rotary has over a million members. The number worldwide remains about the same

The first tier is the members -members of clubs welcoming members as well as guests.

One method is to pick 5 new members and have them find out what is lacking in the community. Start with \$500 and pick a project - engage members to work on this theme.

Try to improve attendance- survey members for ideas. When members are engaged, they become more enthusiastic. The district hopes to get every club to grow by one member a year. That would make an increase of 43 members each year.

The foundation is willing to give \$10,000 in matching grants for worthy projects. This means clubs must work together to obtain such large amounts.

Polio Eradication - almost achieved. Only 4 countries left with a few small pockets of polio infections. By the end of this year, they hope to be polio-free.

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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