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Membership & Extension - A time to highlight membership development & extension

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Sept 5 John Straub - Wendy Brauer - Green Mt. Opera Festival
12 Restaurant Raffle assignments
19 Doug Stoehr - Vince Gauthier - Community Services
26 Judy Reed - Health Measures

Oct. 3 Vermont Legislative Candidates
10 Larry Ryan
17 Gene Scarpato
24 Joe Goldstein Dori Ross of Tonewood Maple
31 Gary Plewak Subject: Short term Rotary Exchange program

Nov. 7 Meeting at Waitsfield & Champlain Valley Telecom.

Editor's Note: Please inform Wini (496-6710) of the name of your speaker at least 2 weeks in advance.

Birthdays: none

Anniversaries: Joe & Carol Klimek - 8/31

There was a chill in the air this morning, but the sun was shining and it was not humid. The forty people who showed up were full of energy including two prospective members: Jack Donnelly and Ken Nadolny.

Meeting News

Doug started the meeting with the good news that the Matching Grant to cover the damage caused by "IRENE" in the amount of \$412,450 for the state of Vermont has been received. He asked Rotarians to assist people whose property was damaged to fill out the forms and contact the Community Action Agency to get compensation, or refer them to Doug.

It is unusual for the Rotary International to give grants to disasters in the US, they are usually to third world countries.

The funds will be divided up at areas serviced by the contributing clubs. Some of your EREY contributions are part of it.

* We received a thank you note for our contribution to the Vt. Horse Assisted Therapy - an organization providing safe and fun therapy for handicapped people.

*Doug then asked the leaders of the committees to report on their progress.

John Hale, leader of the Long Range Planning group said they discussed the following topics:

- 1) Funding an international project with another club
- 2) Action on international scholarships
- 3) Develop opportunities for EREY
- 4) Increase the no. of benefactors in our club (Members who leave a minimum of \$1,000 in their will to R.I.) So far, our club is doing remarkably well in this program.

Ken has uncovered two international projects that our club might work on. The first, the Tela-Honduras project, is organized by the Charlotte-Shelburne Rotary Club and is a wide ranging project assisting the community of Tela, Honduras with medical facilities, school projects, day care projects, dental projects and other efforts. These include contributions of funds or work projects. Their next planned work project in February, 2013. They are having a fund raiser on September 9th.

The second potential project is Educate the Children, at wide ranging program in Dolakha, Nepal. The program includes building latrines and clean water sources, improving schools, microfinance and training villagers in bookkeeping, among other programs. Educate the Children has worked with rotary groups before and has an alliance with the Rotary Club of Kathmandu, with whom we could work. Leaders of both projects would be happy to come to our club to speak.

*Leo Cohen on International scholarships - send people to different parts of the world to study cultures from another country. Candidates will be college graduates for grants as high as \$25,000.

So far 41,000 of these grants have been awarded for a total of \$530 million. There are many clubs involved that we can contact

*Ralph Walker EREY 1) Rotary Grant System 2) Humanitarian
3) Educational.

How much money do we want to put into this function?

Doug reminded people to help with the Sept 8th Bridge St. Party.
Contact Jon Jamieson.

*Gary needs help with the Duck Race. At least 4 people needed Friday at 3 PM-meet at the Mad River, behind Kenyon's field. Also people needed at Craft Fair on Sat. afternoon and again on Sunday - race will start at 3 PM Sunday.

Last week with Jack Simko's help at the Farmers Mkt over \$1,000 from tickets sold at Shaws and Mehurons. We need to bring in an additional \$2,000 to match last year. We have a total of 3,500 ducks.

*Joe Goldstein thanked Wini for hosting a Get-Acquainted Party for our exchange students and their Host families last Saturday.

Wini - this year Mother Nature contributed a nice sunny day. Last year the event was just another casualty of IRENE

MegaBucks \$340 to winner. Stan drew the king of clubs for loser's \$5

Happy Bucks

Happiest man this week - Al Barillaro - grandson arrived on time and in good health and of course - beautiful and intelligent

John Straub - wife home from hospital after successful surgery

John Hale - Happy for Al

Gene - Doug will be away for 2 weeks and Gene will take over Doug's duties

Stan - another happy for Al

Billy Brauer - Glad John Straub's wife making fine recovery

Dinsmore - 1) Muscle trainer 2) Attended Retreat with sister

Jim Leyton - great grand children and grandchildren here last the weekend (also all beautiful and intelligent)

Dave Ellison - gradually getting house projects completed.

PROGRAM

Jack Miner explained the Membership Program as follows:

I. Introduction

1. In Oct. 2011 we had 65 members, today we have 56.
2. We need members to keep our club vibrant and active.
3. We have set a goal to achieve a membership of 70 by June 2013.

II. How to propose a new member

1. ASK! someone you know and respect if they would be interested in attending a meeting with you to see what Rotary is all about. Tell them why YOU joined Rotary. Give them a Club Brochure, a "What's Rotary" card and "This is Rotary".

2. If they are interested, bring them to a meeting.

3. If they are still interested, fill out Part A of the Membership Proposal Form and give it to Bob Grant or another officer. Do not inform the prospective member of the proposal until after the board approves it.

4. The board will vote on the candidate and inform you if they are approved. Have the proposed member sign Part B of the Proposal Form and return it to Bob Grant.

5. The candidate's name will be published in the next "Vale News" and members have seven days to object to the proposed member.

6. If there are no objections, the proposed member is accepted upon payment of dues.

III. How are we going to get there?

1. Develop a list of prospective members (minimum 25).

2. Proposer will become the sponsor of the new member.
3. The sponsor will invite their prospective member to a meeting. Breakfast will be paid for by the club for the first meeting.
4. The potential new members will meet with an officer of the club and their sponsor who will explain the benefits, obligations and opportunities of Rotary.
5. When the prospective member joins, the new member's sponsor becomes their mentor for the next six months.
6. The membership committee will coordinate the above steps.

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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