

THE VALE NEWS

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New generations Youth Services - a time to highlight Rotary's commitment to youth

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Sept. 21 Marilyn Bedell -District Governor Visit
28 Clayton-Paul Cormier Jr.

Oct. 5 Leo Cohen - Valley Players rep.
12 Manny Apigian - Peter Boynton
19 Wini Thorsen - Acupuncturist (Akhil Kaplan)
26 Art Conway

Nov. 2 Brian Crandall
9 Caryn Crump
16 Wayne Foster
23 No Meeting (Thanksgiving Eve)
30 KenFriedman

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. November is not firm yet. If you want one of those dates, let me know.

Birthdays: none

Anniversaries: none

Meeting News

A lovely late summer sunny morning brought out 36 people including: Ben White, (Anna White is now in Harwood H.S.), Isabelle Jamieson and Bill Brauer, a proposed member.

Announcements

Lorraine asked that we remember the 9/11 victims during our moment of silence.

She asked Doug to come up and present Isabelle with her winning Duck Race Prize of \$500.

She also reminded us that the District Governor is coming to visit us on the 21st of Sept. and Lorraine had received e-mail from Marilyn advising that we have heard from R.I. that we can apply to receive funding from a matching grant to support the towns in Vermont that have been affected by "Irene".

This will be the focus of our grant application.

Matching Grant Committee consisting of John Straub, John Crump and Ken Friedman are working on it.

Boy Scout Troop 9/11 thank you's (Al/Ellen, Bruce, Adam , Leo and Betty) spread some Rotary goodwill.

District Newsletter -

- highlights: Polio Wakeup Across the Continent is on October 24th - objective to point out that polio still exists and we are still working to eradicate it .

- Rotary Leadership Institute dates to be announced - November 5 in Rutland

- GSE team has headed to S. Africa- follow on Facebook- just enter GSE 7850

Bob Holden will need help to recover damage caused by "Irene"

2012 Dist. Conference date/location announced- May 18 - 20 at Mountain Club on Loon in Lincoln, N.H. - Theme - "Embracing Humanity"

Jack Miner - Mad Dash this Sunday, Sept 18th Needs 6 volunteers to man water stations. Be there 9 A.M. Race starts at 10.

Pat Pinkston - Exchange students attending school and making new friends. All doing well.

Ken Friedman underwent prostate surgery.

Military Assistance Golf tournament will be held at Sugarbush on 9/25

Megabucks - \$1,000 to the winner. - \$5 to the loser. Note: All further Megabucks ticket purchases will go into next pot. Ken Amann winner/loser by drawing the 7 of clubs. 12 cards left in deck.

Happy Bucks

Bob Holden - Doug Stoehr brought bag of home grown veggies - house drying out - Bob will be staying in an apt for at least 6 weeks

Jack Miner - back from visit with son's family in Oregon

Al Barillaro- 1) dinner with friend Bob May 2) Son engaged- planning small wedding

3)happy for Boy Scouts

Lorraine - thankful for beautiful weather

John Daniell - glad to be back in the Valley

Ken Amann - thanks for help with set up in Farmers Market and Manny helping with YBYI

John Hale - Glad Jack Mansfield is well

Joe Klimek - grapes doing well

Stan - suffered only minimum damage from "Irene"

Monk - Pleased that Yankees are doing well

Dave Ellison - Happy to be part of this Valley

John Crump - Leaving for vacation - 2 weeks

John Straub - work on Matching Grants

Doug - Just happy (no duck race duties)

Program

Lorraine read us the results of the Annual Member Survey.

Only 24 members responded = 40%

1) Membership benefits;

Ranking 1)Fellowship 2)Service opportunities 3)weekly mtgs. 4) bus. networking

2) Membership in Rotary

Everybody felt welcome, 87% knew how to propose a new member - only 29% had proposed a new member- and 12% had someone in mind

Weekly meeting atmosphere:

Sugarbush Inn	22%	Excellent,	63%	good
Castlerock Pub	4%	E	58%	Good 37% not so good
Food	39%	Good	48%	fair
Program content	79%	good	13%	fair
Meeting agenda	21%	E	71%	G
Parking	17%	E	58%	G 25% fair

Preference in topics for speakers: 1) local business 2)business 3)education 4) non-political 5)politics 6) Arts 7) sports

note- classification speeches were not on the list - but judging from the approval at meetings - they are very popular

Do you agree with the BOD's decision to allow political speakers? 78% approved

Should the political speakers only be allowed when they are in office? 87% yes

Off-site meetings Ratings: 1 = most important 3 = least important

Rotary person of the year - 47% said (1) 17% (2) 47% (3)

Change over 38% said (1) 39% (2) 25% (3) one suggested a picnic

Holiday Party Dec) 27% (1) 46% (2) 33% (3)

Do you attend Off-site meetings response - 100% said yes

How much money are you willing to spend /person response 100%

Should the events be more formal and include mtg. agenda - response 96% yes

KEEP IN MIND ONLY 24 PEOPLE RESPONDED TO THIS SURVEY

CLUB service activities- Describe the project that you are most proud of and means the most to you personally - only 17 people answered this question.

Which projects that our club supports do you approve the most - only 17 answered

Fund raising activities: Would you support a major fund raising event - yes 87%

Would you participate in a hands-on project yes - 96%

Editor's note: It is too bad only 40% of the membership took the time to respond to this survey. It seems we really do have a silent majority. For the members who have gripes - this was your chance to put them in writing!

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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