

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. 23	Ralph Walker - Restaurant Raffle Kickoff
30	Ken Amann (Classification speech)
Oct. 7	Cancelled
10	Evening meeting at Koepel's residence to welcome Taiwan GSE
14	Rosemarie White - Alan Day - Bank Economist
21	Doug Stoehr (classification speech)
28	Stan Needleman

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: Rena Chernick, Valerie Hale, Tom Byrne

Anniversaries: None

Meeting News

Very cool morning (40°F), at least they closed the doors and turned on the heat at the Pub. Ron Geren is back. He looks great even though he lost 30 lbs while getting the radiation and chemo treatments. Donna Lee Wynn paid us a visit while she is in town and brought her sister Beth Ingram. John Daniell returned from Conn. and came to our meeting.

Announcements

Mad Dash - A sign-up sheet was passed around asking us to man the water stations during the race on Sept. 20th.

Rich Reisner told us that Chuck Allen requires surgery again will go to Rehab at Fletcher Allen.

Gail Hietzker - Kickoff Event of the Warren Library -sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council. Come and hear about "When the Emperor was Divine" by Julie Otsuka. A story about the Japanese-American internment experience during World War II. Thursday, October 1st: 5:30 PM Registration; 6:00 Community Potluck; 7:15 Rotary Welcome, Ellen Bruno Speaker. Cost: Bring a dish to pass (salad, side-dish or dessert)

Mega Bucks - \$787 to the winner. Pat Pinkston - another \$5.00

HAPPY BUCKS

Leon Bruno - Glad to have Ron back again.

Stan Needleman - Enjoying beautiful fall day

Al Barillaro - Went to VASS dinner because Rich told him to.

Dave Ellison - Thanks Gail, we need something to sign up for.

Donna Lee Wynn -1) Sad for members gone (Torger, Al Carpenter, Jack Dillon, Charlie Biederman) 2)Rotary Club in Florida keeps her busy

John Crump - Saw Betty - reminded him of Rotary while he walked his dog

Pat Pinkston - Rotary Interact Club now meets on Mondays

Jack Mansfield - Happy Ron and float queen (DonnaLee) here

Gene Scarpato - long story about fixing house

John Basile - Welcomed Gene to Rotary
Mike Kelley - New job - Office Mgr. at Edward Jones
Rena Chernick - Welcome DonnaLee and Ron after long absences
Lorraine Keener - House closed yesterday
Jack Miner - Happy to see Ron and get new car tomorrow
Rich - Happy treatments are going well
Ron - Thrilled to be back and cancer free - mental attitude important
John Hale - Play golf in Florida next week
Sissy - Glad to be a member of very nice club.

Len Rubin introduced Sal Spinosa with a bang, by first knocking down the makeshift podium. Then Len told us that Sal was a lawyer, actor and speaker of "44" selectman and is on the senior baseball team.

Sal told us that this was not his favorite time of the day. When Len asked him to address our club, Sal asked him about a topic and Len replied "You must have done something with your life".

So Sal is here today to inform us about what you can't or shouldn't do around your home in regard to environmental regulations.

"Hypothetical"

Burn trash in your backyard. This is a No No
Throw trash in the woods. This is a No NO
Bury it in your yard this is a NO No
Burn it in your fireplace This is a NO No

You must dispose of that bag of trash at the Transfer station

With regard to an outdoor wood stove - rules are narrowing each year, as to siting, stack too high etc.

If you discover an odor in the house after an oil delivery and discover your basement is filled with oil, you will be told that the ultimate responsibility is with the home owner. The clean up must follow regulations - do not dump the oil on the ground, bury it or burn it. You cannot coat your driveway with it.

If you have wetland on your property, there is another list of "NO NOs" of things you can't do such as drain it, fill it in, etc. Wetland has an important function in the food chain. There are agricultural exemptions, such as growing hay. But if one year is skipped the exemption is lost.

If a stream runs thru your land, it is considered water of the State and state rules apply. Any work near streams must not put any sediment into the stream. Construction sites must put bales of hay or silt curtains around the stream to protect it.

If you have a pond in your yard, and you want to clean it, you must find a way to get rid of the water without diverting it into a stream.

Septic tank overflow is a violation if it flows into a stream. Sediment is sand/gravel in suspension. You can't change direction of a stream without a permit.

Sal's time was up at this point but people were asking questions and had stories of their own which continued after the meeting was over.

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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