**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.17th Candidate Forum - Heidi Spear & Adam Greshin

        24th Candidate Forum - Maxine Grad and Ed Read

 Oct. 1st Chris Mattrick, Forest Ranger - US Forest Service

        8th   Liza Walker,Vt. Land Trust - Consrvation in the Valley

      15th  Evening Meeting Mad River Glen

      22nd Kurt Gruending WCVT Communication Update

      29th Tyler Maves - True North

Nov. 5th  Laura Sabin- Marijuana policy in VT

      12th Robert Fleming - Malayaka House Ugandan Orphanage -

      19th Marilyn Bedell  Rotary Foundation How they use our money

      26th no meeting (Thanksgiving)

Dec. 3rd Jeff Lynn - Bridge St. Butcher

      10th Christmas Party???

**Birthdays:**  Tom Byrne 9/22

**Anniversaries:**  David & Katie Babic  9/22/07

**Meeting News**

On this lovely Sept. morn we good attendance for the political debate. Guests were: Ivansky Vlad, Augustinovich Alex and Samuseu Pavel, all guests of Carol Hosford;  Carol Groom,  former members  John  & Caryn Crump and Heidi Spear, one of the debaters.

**Announcements**

\*BOD meets today

\*Oct, 15th will be an evening meeting, at Mad River Glen

\*Doug asked our members to volunteer a work day for Camp

ToComTa.  He got a good response and he will arrange a date with the head of the Camp.

\*Senior Center (Evergreen Place) is serving breakfasts on Mondays & Thursdays 8 - 10 AM in addition to lunch on Tues. & Thurs. Everyone is welcome. The breakfasts are Meals-On-Wheels Fundraisers. Please try to attend, they need our help.  Donations are only $5, with no tax or tip as the servers are all volunteers.

**\* Mega Bucks**  $157           John  Mansfield drew the ace of diamonds for the consolation prize of $5.

**\*Happy Bucks**

Ken Amann - Urges members to take some of the books he brought from home and spread out on a back table.

Jim Leyton - happy to have candidates here for debate

Rose-Marie - happy for of support Camp Tacomta

Karl Klein - wife - first day on new job

Caryn Crump - guests from Belarus like Mexican food

Stan N. - enjoying weather

Ken Friedman - double happy 1)Rotary 2) grand-daughter is 9

Betty M. - happy for fall

Art C.  - attended wedding of friends

Joe G. - construction in Waitsfield going well

Al B. - happy 35º and snow guns ready

Monk - Jane is getting knee replacement on Tues.

Jim Groom - wonderful 7 week trip to Alaska

Vlad - loves hosts

Alex - happy to visit

Pavel - Happy to be in USA

John Crump - enjoying visit of 3 Russians and he is properly attired for Rotary.

          **Political debate between Adam Greshin & Heidi Spear**

Adam - 3 most important issues this year:

1) Health Care Reform- single payer

2) Education Funding

3) Budget - yet again

There is the federal effort vs the Vt. effort for Obama Care.  35 states are using the Federal exchange, Vt. will have Vt. Health Care. It is very challenging.  Many people were angry over the cancelling of their insurance policies.  The Vt. system will be mandatory, everyone has to sign up and get into Green Mt. Care.  By Jan. 15th, we should know how we are going to pay for it.  Big money comes thru the income tax.  Can the state afford it?

Educational finance. - This has not been No. 1 on the agenda but this year it is at least as high as no. 2.  Problem is we are spending more than the income allotted to education in the budget. There are bills to reduce the property tax and increase the income tax to cover the difference. But we have to reduce the cost of education - this is a must.

Budget - Adam ran out of time to discuss the budget.

Heidi - She believes that affordability, economic development and accountability need to be front center in our legislature and from what she sees they are not.

First we need educational reform, next health care reform.  The focus on Health Care in the legislature takes too much time as the cost of education continues to climb. Our state is the highest in tax rates and the lowest in personal income/per capita.  We need to contain costs in both education and health care.

She too ran out of time before she could go into detail to explain all of her ideas.

                            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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