

## **THE VALE NEWS**

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Rotary Theme Topic for September - New Generations Youth Services

### **Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

Sept. 19	Doug Stoehr - Vince Gauthier - Community Services
26	Larry Ryan – Vt. State Sen. Vince Illuzzi
Oct. 3	Vermont Legislative Candidates
10	Doug Stoehr - Michael Wood-Lewis, Front Porch Forum.
24	Joe Goldstein - Dori Ross of Tonewood Maple8
31	Gary Plewak - Fran - Seniors
Nov. 7	Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom. (at business location)
14	Restaurant Raffle Drawing (Winners selection)
21	No Meeting (day before Thanksgiving)
28	Vicki Walluck - Presentation by daughter on Denmark
Dec. 1st week	- Christmas Party - details not available yet

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

**Birthdays:** Tom Byrne 9/22

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

### **Meeting News**

Beautiful morning brought out our exchange students - Nicholas from Chile, Pablo from Argentina and Vjera from Croatia, our prospective member Ken Nadolny from Warren and today's speaker Vincent Gauthier also from Warren.

Doug made the following announcements:

BOD meeting today

\*Report from the Community Committee - They are devising jobs we can do for our community without duplicating services already provided by other groups.

\*Carol reported on the Back Pack Program which provides food for poor children over the weekends. 35% of Waitsfield school children are eligible. Our speaker on October 10th will explain what the money was spent on in the program.

\*Restaurant Raffle - 63 letters have gone out to Restaurants explaining our fundraiser. Next meeting, members will receive material to take to the restaurants to help in our appeal for gift certificates.

\*Ken Amann is lining up help to fill Paula Livingston's wood box with fuel for this winter. Community Fund Organization providing wood, we need pick-up trucks to haul the wood to the Livingston home and unload the wood (with the help of 8 Harwood students). The event will occur on the morning of Oct. 14th. Paula Livingston was a volunteer with the Mad River Ambulance Service for over 20 years. She will be coming home in a few days from the hospital in a wheel chair, and needs help. The propane heater has been donated by Jack Simko, which will heat the house until Paula is able to put wood into the wood stove. A lot of repairs have already been made to the house by volunteers but still more is needed.

\*Vocational - Nov. 7 Our breakfast meeting will be at the Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom. (at their business location)

\*The IRS is offering a Tax assistance program to prepare income tax returns. It requires 40 hours of work for training and applicants must pass an open book exam to qualify. Must be completed before taxes are due.

\*We received a Thank-you for our \$800 donation to the Warren Library for sponsoring a guest speaker next August.

\*Jack Miner - follow up on membership program- he will provide material to present a prospective member, including a letter from Doug and the booklet "This is Rotary".

\*Dave Ellison gave out the Duck Race winners' checks to: Bob Holden, Manny Apigian and Joe Goldstein. It was Joe who won the grand prize of \$1,000. Bob said it paid to be a sponsor.

Ken Nadolny was approved for membership by the Mad River Valley Rotary Club Board of Directors on September 19. If no objection is received in writing in the next seven days, his membership will be confirmed upon payment of dues.

**Mega Bucks** \$402 to winner. Jim Leyton got \$5 for the jack of clubs

### **Happy Bucks**

Dinsmore - Happy for success of M R Dash last Sunday and thanked our members for all their help

Clayton-Paul - impressed with changes by daughter at school

Ken Amann - Thanked Jack Simko for propane heater donation.

Doug - Welcomed our exchange students here today

Carol - 1) Daughter's 3rd book received good reviews 2) grandson- attended soccer camp skill testing - came out in top 10 out of 1,500 - to get introduction at the Red Bull game

Jack Mansfield - celebrated 50th birthday of his son

Monk – daughter who is a veterinarian coming to visit

Dave Koepele - off to California to visit his children

Ken Friedman - happy

Art Conway - great experience at Yellowstone Park

Stan - watched grass growing

Heli - He and Gail thrilled over new puppy they picked up in Maine

Al Barillaro - participated in 5K race

Jim Leyton - celebrating Jewish New Year

Lorraine - happy students here

Doug - Happy for Heli

## **PROGRAM**

Doug introduced Vince Gauthier of the Community Services Team, who performs a lot of tasks that Rotary does.

His group does things thru their church, and he felt like he was speaking for his breakfast and it was like speaking to the choir, as we are already involved.

After he retired he was bored and a neighbor needed somebody to put up her outdoor Christmas lights. In the past she had given so much to him, he felt like he owed her.

He enjoys helping others and the church is often asked by people for assistance - for labor as well as money. He distributed the following sheet -listing many professional skills and our skill level: Gardening, Painting, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, cement work, flooring, sheet rocking, "handyman", cleaning, culinary, 1st aid, grounds work and management.

If you are willing and able to perform any of these jobs, they could sure use your help. During the last 3 years, they have jacked up houses, repaired furnaces, plumbing etc.

Irene was a special project with many storm related problems.

He asked volunteers not to pass judgment on those needing help. If you can't physically help, money is always useful to pay for supplies. Please get word out when you are available.

Rotary can coordinate with their group by filling out the forms and giving them to Vince,

Note: Wini thought this was an appropriate time to thank all the Rotarians who have given her help from time to time since her husband died in 2005

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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