

THE VALE NEWS

Vol. 34 Issue No. 10 (New Generations Youth Services) A time to highlight
Rotary's Commitment to Youth 9/2/09
Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Sept. 2 Frank Rodgers

9 Jim Leyton -Senator Bill Doyle (R) of Washington County. His
topic will be "Insights into Vermont History." 16 Len Rubin - Sal
Spinosa - Impact of the Environment on the home owner

23 Ralph Walker - Restaurant Raffle Kickoff

30 Ken Amann (Classification speech)

October 7 cancelled

10 Evening meeting at Crumps¹ 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.

No Birthdays nor Anniversaries this week.

On this beautiful chilly morning (45°)F there were 40 people at the Pub for
breakfast including guests John Daniell and Anna White. As school has
started, Anna had to eat and run.

Announcements:

Most unusual occurrence - Vermont Teachers at the Table returned our \$200
donation as they said it was not needed after all! I believe that is the
first time we ever got money back.

Duck Race - final weekend. Last chance to sell tickets at Mehurons and
The Farmers¹ Mkt and on Sunday the Craft Fair from 1 PM until Race starts
(3 PM) Everyone needed to help at the race. As of this morning \$8,500
taken in.

Heli - Kickoff Event of the Warren Library -sponsored by the Vermont
Humanities Council. Come and hear about ³When the Emperor was Divine² 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)

Al Molnar reminded us about the upcoming visit of the GSE Team from Taiwan. He requested the committee (drivers and hosts) to meet after regular meeting to discuss arrangements.

Jim Leyton told us our club is starting a new program to make every member a P.H. Fellow. It requires payment of \$100/year until the total is paid (with help from our club).

Mega Bucks - \$716 to the winner. John Daniel pulled Len pulled out the ace of hearts from the deck.

HAPPY BUCKS

Jim Leyton - Oldest son visited on a gorgeous day

John Daniell - Glad he had new glasses to read the ticket no.

Al Barillaro - Looking for rain on Friday- his day off.

Peter Laskowski - Finally got his boat in the water

Art Conway - Noted the color at the top of the trees

Jack Simko- Grandson - full scholarship at Maryland

Monk - Invited to go sailing on Friday

Tom Byrne- 2 day vacation this weekend

Rosemarie - Son survived 1st day of Kindergarten

Dave Ellison -Enjoyed visit to Maritime Museum in Maine

Several people just happy and others who spoke too fast for us to write it down.

Presentation -Frank Rodgers was scheduled to get a speaker today and decided he would do the talking himself - about flying and skiing, his favorite things.

When he was 12 years old, he loved to watch the planes take off from his local airport. That same year he also started skiing.

During World War II he enlisted in the Air Force, hoping they would give him flying lessons, but he wound on an Air Base in Alabama, working on airplanes.

One day a test pilot let him come along for the ride during a test. After 2 years, he still had no flight training and the Air Force let him out.

During this time he had 3 boys and also met Joe Koch. His whole family loved skiing and they rented a house at Mad River. while in the Valley, he took a glider ride at the Sugarbush Airport.

They came to Vermont so much they decided to buy a house in the center of Waitsfield. Then his wife bought him a gift certificate to learn flying. He met fantastic people at our local airport and joined the Soar Club. On his 1st flight, he was lucky and rode a ³wave² coming over the mountain for a long time.

His instructor is now heading up a project for NASA to fly to the moon again. Frank also met Bob Bucks, who has flown a B17 around the world.

He decided to buy a small plane and after a lot of advice from his friends, he located a plane in Wisconsin. It was not near salt water, which causes a lot of corrosion on planes.

The owner took the plane for a test flight. First the plane stalled on the runway, then after the second try, got off the runway but was smoking. The smoke turned out to be water in the gasoline and the plane was OK.

He says the hardest part of flying a soar plane is the landing. You fly low over the landing strip and let it drop gradually.

It takes him 6 hours to fly here from his home in N.J. but he can fly the distance in 1 1/2 hours.

He met Jim Parker who took him on a stunt ride, including snap rolls, hammer heads (diving straight down with a 6G force), flying upside down which included 4 snap rolls. He was strapped loosely in his seat during this flight. A video camera was focused on him during the flight. He shows this film only to people who have a strong stomach.

He says Joe Koch knows so much about many planes that Frank enjoys going to Air Shows with him. He often flies along the Jersey coast to Atlantic City. He also likes to fly over rivers, but not the East River as it is too narrow and many small planes and helicopters fly in this area. He also likes to follow roads.

Bob Holden, John Daniell are among the people he met and flew with at Sugarbush Airport. Frank got his pilot's license at age 60 and has many hours to his credit now.

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