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.	28	Clayton-Paul Cormier Jr Rob Williams UVM teacher
Oct.	5 12 19 26	Leo Cohen - Valley Players rep. Manny Apigian - Peter Boynton Wini Thorsen - Acupuncturist (Akhil Kaplan) Art Conway
Nov.	2 9 16 23 30	Brian Crandall Dave Ruane Wayne Foster No Meeting (Thanksgiving Eve) Ken Friedman

November – Attention - anyone scheduled in November please let me know before next Wednesday if you can't make this date. Wini 496-6710

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: Tom Byrne 9/22; Vicki Walluck 0/27

Anniversaries: Dave & Katie Babic 9/22

Meeting News

Since "Irene" hit Vermont, it is getting harder and harder to get from here to there without going thru one or more detours. However about 35 people found a way to get to the Pub this morning, including guests: Billy Brauer, who brought a friend, Larry Winston, our Dist. Gov., Marilyn Bedell, PDG. Ron Bedell, visitor, Sal Spinosa, and past president, John Daniell.

Announcements

To our dismay, Breakfast was late today. While we were waiting for coffee and food Marilyn started on her announcements:

2012 Dist. Conference date/location is- May 18 - 20 at Mountain Club on Loon in Lincoln, N.H.- Theme - "Embracing Humanity" Save this date for fun, fellowship and inspiration.

Marilyn urged our club to nominate 2 Rotarians each year who have potential for club leadership, not necessarily as future presidents. They should be 3 - 4 years away from a key leadership post.

She also noted how much the Rotarians helped out the flood victims in

Waterbury. In fact, she so happy to hear many stories of Rotary clubs helping victims of Irene.

At this point the food arrived. Meeting temporarily halted, while all the hungry people stampeded for the buffet.

Continuation of the announcements - by Lorraine

Update from the Matching Grant Committee

BOD meeting today.

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

Approved new members

Restaurant Raffle maybe skipped this year as several restaurants have gone out of business and eating out has slowed down due to the bad economy. The BOD will discuss possible new project.

Dinsmore thanked all the Rotarians who helped man water stations during the Mad Dash last Sunday.

Megabucks - \$1,000 to the winner. - \$5 to the loser. Note: All further Megabucks ticket purchases will go into next pot. Joe Koch had the opportunity today but drew the 8 of diamonds for a mere \$5. 11 cards left in deck.

Happy Bucks

Bob Holden - house dried out - reconstruction starts today

Ken Amann - great trip with Leo on motorcycle

Dave Koepele, Joe Klimek, Clayton-Paul, John Daniell all happy fellows

Ken Friedman - thanks for all the calls and mail with good wishes

John - going to Jay Peak

Jim Leyton 1)attended meeting at Lake More 2) delighted to have Bedells here

Gene - back from great trip

Dinsmore - happy to be at home

Al Barillaro - Happy to be in the valley

Tom Byrne - one more time around (birthday ON THE 22ND)

Jim Leyton "Peace day" today and first day of fall on the 23rd

Lorraine - happy to see the Bedells

Special Notice: This morning the BOD approved Bill Brauer and Sal Spinosa for membership in our club. If no written objection is received by the board from any member of our club within 7 days of this notice, Bill and Sal, upon payment of dues, shall be considered elected to membership of this club.

Program

Our District Governor, Marilyn Bedell said she has been involved with Rotary since 1994 and has served in a variety of jobs at various levels in her home club and district; has 40 years nursing experience and is a Paul Harris fellow.

Her job is to bring timely information about Rotary from the international president to all the clubs in this district. She gave us one of the banners from Kalyon Banerjee, the president's home club.

Her father started by being a "bell ringer" collecting money as Santa Claus and carried the bell ringing over to controlling Rotary Meetings.

Her dad, early in the 1990 admitted women to Rotary and believed in the importance of the family - both mother and father sharing resources and making a good commitment to the community. It was his enthusiasm that influenced her to become a Rotarian.

We must be willing to try new things. Membership continues to be a problem. If you enjoy Rotary, recruit new members and stay alive, find a replacement before you go. Help new younger members to network with members of all ages.

We need every member to make a donation to R.I. for our club to receive a Presidential Citation.

We need to reach within to help the world. A merging of small streams turns into a mighty river.

A fifth avenue of service has been added to Rotary. It is called "New Generations", a movement to get more young people into Rotary activities.

Dues paid to the District go to support many programs such as exchange students, District Conferences, help with the governor's travel expenses (50¢/mile), send members to seminars, Provide financial support to GSE teams traveling to other countries for a cultural exchange, matching grants, etc.

She ran out of time before she could answer any more questions.

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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