

## **THE VALE NEWS**

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New Generations Youth Services - A time to highlight Rotary's commitment to youth.

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

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| Oct. | 6  | Leon Bruno  |
|      | 13 | Joff Cowan (of the Montpelier club) will present to us on the topic of "Micro Credit in Nogales, Mexico". |
|      | 20 | Walter Brink II- Classification Speech  |
|      | 27 | Vickie Walluck = Classification speech  |
| Nov. | 3  | Karl Klein - Erik Brattstrom and Dotty Kyle   |
|      | 10 | Peter Laskowski   |
|      | 17 | Rosemarie White   |
|      | 24 | No Meeting (day before Thanksgiving)  |
| Dec  | 1  | OPEN  |
|      | 8  | Restaurant Raffle Drawing   |

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: Tom Byrne 9/22, Carol Hosford 9/26; Vicki Walluck 9/28

Anniversaries: Manny Apigian 9/28

### **Meeting News**

A relatively large crowd, for our club, of 48 people on this first day of Autumn which included 5 guests: David Klein, (Karl's father), Benjamin & Anna White, Hal Cohen, (our speaker) and John Daniell, our regular visiting Rotarian. Our lead singer, Karl Klein again sang "It's a Grand Old Flag", but this time he handed out the words and everyone joined in. It was a pretty good chorus.

### **Announcements**

Audrey was back today, banged the gavel with authority to quiet the group down and announced there would be a BOD meeting today. Heli has resigned his chair of the Community Service Committee and has been replaced by Dinsmore Fulton.

We received two thank you letters: 1) Mad River Path Association for our \$100 donation, 2) Prevention of Child Abuse Organization.

Restaurant Raffle

Art Conway got volunteers to sign up to obtain gift certificates from the remaining "unsigned" restaurants on Ralph's list. All the signed certificates are due by October 6th in order to get all the names on the tickets. Just think, it won't be long before we are again selling tickets in front of Mehuron's on Fri. and Sat. late afternoons.

Ken Friedman reminded us that "the Movies Nites" series are going to begin on Tuesday, Sept 28th. The cost is \$30 for 6 movies at the Big Picture. Twenty six people are already signed up - Send check to the Big Picture if you wish to join the group.

**Mega Bucks** \$995 to the winner. Lorraine Keener closed her eyes and drew the 6 of clubs. The pot is almost at max. After it reaches \$1,000, the additional money is credited towards the next pot, but the deck decreases until it hits five cards. Thus the odds of winning increase dramatically.

Happy Bucks

Betty ? (Too quick for our dictation skills)

Art - Will be happy when Ralph returns

Jon Jamieson -Happy to be back

Gene - Found Quebec expensive

Stan- First day of fall

Jack Miner -Glad to hear that the recession is over?

Karen - Pleased that Hal is here today to speak to us.

Karl Klein -Folks visiting

Leo and Dinsmore - motorcycle trip to Maine

Ken Amann - Farmers Market Booth

Joe Koch - sold his airplane hanger

Ken Friedman - Enjoyed trip to Maine as evidenced by the lobster stains on his shirt

Putnam - Happy to be back from Summer place

Al Barillaro - Happy that guy collecting Happy Bucks not as good looking as Al is

John Crump - College roommate coming to dinner Friday

Jim Leyton - Curious about John's roommate.

## **PROGRAM**

Karen introduced Hal Cohen who comes from the Bronx and has been here since 1996. He has worked for many nonprofit organizations and spent 10 years in Israel, where he worked for nonviolent ways to solve problems.

Karen heard about his work with the CVCAC organization who help people to escape from poverty. The Vermont Council has a wide range of activities.

Hal expected to use his PC to show slides, but we did not have a screen, so he walked around the room with his computer screen photo of Jerusalem at night displaying the YMCA building where he ate and attended an English speaking Rotary Club meetings. The club members were Arabs, Christians and Jews. Their attire was formal and they were required to wear their pins or get fined.

Their current organization in Vermont is a 501(3c) nonprofit. Their mission is three fold 1) Alleviate suffering from poverty, 2) Advocate equal opportunity and 3) help move people out of poverty.

First they stabilize families with help from the Food Shelf. Then they connect to the Economic development program, helping small businesses and individual development accounts - matching savings a/cs to assist in buying a home or start a business.

They help with transportation by getting loans to buy a car and establish credit and get a job.

They have an early head start program for kids 0 - 3 years old. They get grants from the federal government for micro businesses operated from people's homes. They also help people get insurance at rates they can afford.

At present over 10% of Vermonters live in poverty and over 50% are not really making a living wage (\$80,000 for a family of 4). The Food Shelf is not just for emergency use any more, many families go to several Food Shelves to survive.

At present they have grants of \$5 million to be used for "Green" Technology and expect to train 300 employees. About 80% of their funds come from the federal government.

The organization has grown, now all the managers are under one roof in their new headquarters in a blighted area in Barre, Vt., with a staff of over 100 people.

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