**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. 24th - Candidate Forum - Maxine Grad and Ed Read

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

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

       15th - Evening Meeting Mad River Glen Ski Area buffet $20/person

          occasion to say farewell to Ralph & Sissy Walker

       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

       17th -  open

       24th  - Christmas Holiday - no meeting

       31st - New Year’s Eve holiday - no meeting

Jan.   7th - Brian Kravitz - Coordinator

       14th - Open

 21st - Betty Keler MD   Birthdays:  Carol Hosford 9/26;  Vickie Walluck 9/27

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**Anniversaries:** Pat & Manny Apigian 9/28/68; Brian & Christine Crandall 9/29

**Meeting News**

Another beautiful fall day.  The colors are really bright this year and our welcome mat was out for our speakers Maxine Grad and Ed Read and guests Richard Amann and Carol Groom.

**Announcements**

\*Oct, 15th will be an evening social, at Mad River Glen. See the email by Al Barillaro for details

\*Doug asked our members to volunteer a work day for Camp TaKumTa on Oct. 14th

We will be carpooling from the Big Picture parking lot at 8:00 AM

We will leave the Camp at around 3:00 PM (arriving back around 4:00 PM)

Spouses/partners are welcome (please sign them up) - Everyone sign up with Doug by Ocotboer 1.  Get directions from Rose-Marie. Bring lunch.

Dinsmore would like to go at 10 AM. If you would like to carpool with her, please contact her directly.

The BOD voted to donate the refund of the Duck Race prize money ($1,100.) to Camp TaKumTa.  BOD also donated $500 to Honduras Project.

 \*Jim Leyton: Ned Kelley<ned576@gmail.com> asked for help to stack wood for Jan the Hairdresser who lives on rte100 by the Polo Field.  Call Ned at 496-9420 if you are willing to help. This is part of the Community Fund Firewood Program.

\*Dinsmore

The Mad DASH, on Sunday, October 12th, needs volunteers! Please go to the MRPA website, and sign-up through Volunteer Spot.

\*Senior Center (Evergreen Place) is serving breakfasts on Mondays only.  Not enough people showed up on Thursdays.

\*Next BOD will be on Oct.8th (Note this a week early this month.)

\*Final Duck Race figure net is $12,800.

**\* Mega Bucks**  $173.  Carol Groom had the opportunity but could not find the joker got the usual $5.

**\*Happy Bucks**

Jim Leyton - Just generally happy to be alive

Ken Amann - brother Dick here today

Dave Koepele - wife returning after 3 weeks with children in Ca.

Stan - enjoying fall weather

Joe Klimek - getting help harvesting grapes

Marv - Happy to be back

Karen - Tree colors fabulous

Al Barillaro  - only certain people should lead our singing

Betty - happy Maxine & Ed are here.

Tom - Going with Suzanne to Burlington concert

Gordon - deliriously happy - Duck Race is OVER!

Carol Groom - Happy for grand-kids soccer season

Ken F. - granddaughter turned 11

Clayton-Paul, Jr. - Dreaming about snow

Manny - 46th anniversary

Dave E. - Dog (Max) walked normally after operation

**Political debate between Maxine Grad & Ed Read**

Jim Leyton reminded us that our district gets 2 reps.  Therefore we can vote for 2 of the four candidates.  Maxine Grad & Ed Read were here today to influence us to vote for them.

Maxine reminded us of her experience during her 2nd term and ability to sit at table where important issues were discussed. : - Veteran’s issues, property tax burdens , extension of sex offenders’ terms.  Town meeting Day - school budgets are big issues.  voters want a reduction of education taxes.

Work with education costs coming.

Texting - teen agers not permitted to have cell phones while driving.

Opium -antidote problem - kids dying from overdoses.  Bill underway to control drugs & prevent O.D's.

Making a tougher law against DUI offenders

More help to families of Veterans

Ed Read is a native Vermonter, UVM grad, Owner of MR Garden Center and Fayston Selectboard member since 2002.

Feels that last Vt.legislative session was unproductive.  Last Town Meeting day showed people are unhappy with school budgets.  Second home owners, have no vote but feel too much of the school tax burden falls on them.  MRValley needs affordability.  People not getting much for their taxes.

The lobbyists have too much influence.

Q & A

Maxine needs feedback from constituents.  Politics here tend to be local and limit effect of lobbyists

Maxine not ready for legalizing marijuana- alcohol and tobacco still big problems for the state

This report is from my notes.  Both candidates promised me something in writing, but have not met my deadline. If they email me, I will forward it to you all.  Wini

                            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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