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Rotary Theme Topic for September - New Generations Youth Services

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Sept. 26 Larry Ryan – Vt. Sen. Vince Illuzzi - State Auditor

Oct. 3 Vermont Legislative Candidates

10 Doug Stoehr Michael Wood-Lewis, with Front Porch Forum.

24 Joe Goldstein - Dori Ross of Tonewood Maple

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. 5 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: Carol Hosford 9/26; Vicki Walluck 9/27

Anniversaries: Manny & Pat Apigian 9/28; Brian & Christine Crandall 9/29;
Heli & Gail Hietzker 9/29

Small group this misty morning - filled only four tables; guests included Vincent Illuzzi, state auditor candidate, R. J Homely and Grace Butter, Interact Club members from Harwood H.S., Ken Nadolny, who was approved for membership in our club at the last BOD and our regular guest, John Daniell from the Sugarbush Soaring Club.

Meeting News

Doug asked the Harwood students to make a report on their activities with the Interact Club. They told us they are planning to do a Haunted Forest on Sat. Oct. 27th as a fundraiser and asked our help with Halloween decorations. Clayton-Paul suggested a bowl of peeled grapes in liquid. They are raising money for the Shelter Box Charity - the organization that provides tents and equipment for disaster areas.

*Judy Reed reported on the membership committee. They plan to try to raise and maintain a membership to 70 for our club and give an award annually for the person who brings in the most new members.

They are creating a guideline for speakers.

They plan to put a weekly announcement in the Valley Reporter about our speaker, and have meetings at different business locations. They plan to encourage members to serve on committees. They are considering a Pot Luck dinner in the evening to help new members get acquainted with our club

*Restaurant Raffle - Gene announced that 63 restaurants are involved and we need the members who have volunteered to contact these restaurants to do it before Oct. 9th in order for our club to acquire the gift certificates before we sell the raffle tickets. All the establishments have been contacted by mail.

*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 pickup 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 stove 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)

*Next week our speakers will be 3 candidates for the two Valley House seats.

*Mega Bucks \$418 to winner. Vince drew Rosemarie's ticket - she drew the 2 of clubs for \$5

* Happy Bucks

Betty - good ideas from Judy's committee and Happy with Interact activities for 3+ years

Jim Groom - "Seawall" behind his house finished yesterday

Rosemarie - picked the 2 of clubs

Pat Pinkston - Happy to have Interact students here

Monk - Pat Amann having oral surgery today

John - back from Nigeria

Trish - Whale watch wonderful

Dave Ellison - Almost had a hole-in-one

Al - Military Assistance Golf tournament

Clayton Paul - Going to Wesley

Jack Miner - Happy Vince here to speak to us today

Doug - Happy to have people volunteer for carpentry jobs for Interact with AI in charge

PROGRAM

Larry Ryan introduced Senator Vince Illuzzi. who is running for State Auditor.

Vince has been a Vt. senator for 32 years. Today Vince will tell us about himself and what he will do as auditor but not discuss politics. He was born in Montpelier and grew up in the Barre-Montpelier area and was elected to the senate the same year as Ronald Reagan became President.

He got on good terms with Bill Doyle starting in 1969. He found it was worthwhile to make friends with members of the opposition party. It makes them willing to compromise on issues instead of their having a winner-take-all attitude. It is especially useful when your party is not in the majority.

He was in the senate when the Food Stamp Program was enacted in Vt. The republicans had a majority in the senate until 1985 when it became democratic. However, he always represented the working Vermonter even when they were a minority in the senate.

At present he is the chairman of the committee on institutions. He is friends with the ski industry and backs their ability to make snow - believes in a balanced policy of environment vs. the economy.

He advocates land preservation, approves affordable housing and works with The Land Trust organization.

He also serves on the Economic Development (Commerce) Committee- aided the opening of Food Shelves which benefit small farmers as well as the food recipients.

Computer industry is helping our economy grow, providing more jobs thru WEB sites, distributing sites i.e. the auto sales business.

The Green Mountain Coffee company started in Waterbury and the state helped it grow. He enjoys working with small businesses, they are the economic engine of the state.

He serves on the Appropriations committee and the Finance Committee and introduces laws to generate income for the state. His close work with the business community helps the governor run the state.

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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