**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. 3rd - District Governor Bruce Pacht - Dist. News

       10th – the exchange students to be the speakers and topics:

  Jose Gabriel Tomazelli Silva will speak about Brazil

Vilmos Zatik will speak about Hungary

Emily Chen will speak about Taiwan

17th - Candidate Forum - Heidi Spear & Adam Greshin

        24th - Candidate Forum - Maxine Grad and Ed Read

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

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

      15th - Robin Morris - M.R. Food Hub Vt. food indusry

      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. Butchery

**Birthdays:**  Adam Greshin 9/09

**Anniversaries:**  none this week

**Meeting News**

Guests today: Dist. Gov. Bruce Pacht, Asst. Dir. Eric Deny, Rotarians from the Middlebury Club: Fred Cook & Dan Pudvah and former member Ron Geren

**Announcements**

\*Board Meeting donations: Pure Water $1,000, Global Health Media $1,000, Vt. Veterans Families $250

\*Duck Race Results:  Sunday Aug. 31, 3 P.M.

After a hotly contested race of almost 4000 ducks down the the mostly slow moving Mad River, here are the results of the contest.

First place:        Suburban Propane, Waitsfield office  Vermont       $  1000

Second place:    Mark Haviland   Fayston                                                500

Third place:       Jean Cole    Warren                                                        250

Fourth place:     Jim Rich      Warren                                                        100

Fifth place:        Back to Action    Waitsfield                                            100

Sixth place:       Richard Bevan    Morristown, NJ                                      50

Seventh place:  Michelle Henry     Vermont                                  roll duck tape

Most of the winners have 2nd homes in MR Valley.

Over Labor day weekend $1,800 tickets were sold for a total net of $13,000.  Gordon found almost all the members helped in one way or another to make this year’s race a success and he is relieved that it is over.  No injuries and nobody fell in the river

It was voted to give Gordon Hoare, Ken Nadolny and their committee a standing ovation for their outstanding efforts in the Duck Race Event.

\* Jim Leyton announced that buttons for E.R.E.Y sustaining-Paul Harris- members   are here and can be picked up with the badges.

\*Senior Center (Evergreen Place) is serving breakfast on Mondays & Thursdays 8 - 10 AM in addition to lunch on Tues. & Thurs. Everyone is welcome. The breakfasts are Meals-On-Wheels Fundraisers.

**\* Mega Bucks**  $105. It is growing at a snail’s pace but it is growing.

Gene Scarpato drew the king of clubs for the usual $5

**\*Happy Bucks**

Jim Leyton - Distinguished guests today

Dave Ellison - operation on dog successful

Ken Nadolny - all the help for the Duck Race

Tom Byrne - going to Maine with Susanne

Dave Koepele - Gene king for a day

Karl Klein - house almost finished

Carol Hosford - visitors did cooking, picked blueberries & son’s soccer team up for an award

Joe Goldstein - our 3 exchange students will speak about their home country next week

Bob Holden - acct form 990 done for our club

Erik Deny - visiting our club

Chris Pierson - seeing Dist. Gov. here

Betty - all ducks came home

Lorraine Keener - happy to be here

Doug Stoehr - Invited all 13 exchange students from our district to his house on Fri.

Monk - No one fell in the river during the race

Note: A pair of glasses were left here last week

\*Henri wants everyone to read the book “Anti Cancer” will send email with details

**PROGRAM**

Bruce told us there are 43 clubs in our district and we  are the 31st one he has visited. There are 27 in Vt., 5 in New Hampshrie (he comes from Lebanon, N.H.) and the rest are in Quebec. He thinks our Valley is beautiful.

He was born in 1945 and his life has gone thru several revolutions. He was in Dartmouth college during the Vietnam War, a time when young people were living in communes and protesting the War.  He got caught up in one group of 45 kids making a noisy protest and landed in jail charged with civil disobedience ( a non-criminal offense ) sentenced to 26 days in jail and a fine) He learned you are powerless in jail.

He left the group and worked for a town in N.H. while his wife was on the ballot. He came in contact with a Rotary Club which he described as a bunch of old men sitting around congratulating themselves on the number of raffle tickets they sold. But he discovered they were a service club, joined and became secretary.  In those days everything had to be made out in triplicate.  He helped out the president and in turn was elected president in 1976. After he was inducted, one member stood up and complained “I did not think Rotary elected presidents who were jailbirds”.

While he was president he attended district conventions, met other presidents giving him a lot of new ideas for his club.

He told us our club is one of the most active and the strongest in the district and presented us within the Governer’s award for achieving the highest net gain in membership within the district and outstanding performance.

He also attended PETS - training for president-elects on how to run a Rotary Club. Our new Rotary International President, Gary Huang is from Taiwan and the Rotary theme for the year is “Light up Rotary” which includes publicizing what we do. He gave us a banner for that.  Finally he gave us a Rotary paddle (every club gets one).

Gary Huang wants each Rotarian to light a candle.  Together we can light up the world. Host a Rotary day and show our community what we do.

Rotary has softened up its rules in order to help clubs maintain and increase membership.  Now only 50% annual attendance is required.  We can obtain matching grants for performing international services.  We belong to Rotary to do things together and accomplish great things.

Editor’s Note.  Bruce did not give me anything in writing, this report is all from my notes; not guaranteed to be accurate. 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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