

## THE VALE NEWS

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New Generations Youth Services - A time to highlight Rotary's Commitment to Youth

### Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

October	7	cancelled - NO MEETING!!!!!!!!!!!!
	9	Friday Evening meeting at Crumps' residence to welcome Taiwan GSE team - pot luck dinner
	14	Rotary District Governor visit
	21	Doug Stoehr (classification speech)
	28	Stan Needleman
Nov.	4	Pat Pinkston
	11	Betty Maguire
	18	Audrey Witschi
	25	no meeting (day before Thanksgiving)
Dec.	2	Wini Thorsen
	9	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: John Crump 10/8

Anniversaries: Jane & Monk Bancroft 10/7; Ellen & Al Barillaro 10/9; Hilda & Ron Geren 10/9

### Meeting News

The foliage season is being dulled with all these cold, rainy, cloudy days, nevertheless, we had a good crowd this morning. Guest: Jim Clark, a Rotarian From New Zealand, the KIWI capitol of the world, is visiting us with the Rotary Friendship Exchange group. He brought us a banner from his club and said he appreciates the warm welcome. He said the weather never gets this cold in New Zealand. Our other guests were Benjamin and Anna White.

### Announcements

Jack Simko visited Frank Rodgers at the Hospital in Berlin. Frank is suffering from Pulmonary Fibrosis (same disease that Charlie Biederman had) and will be flown to New Jersey from the Montpelier Airport by charter plane this morning. All we can do now is pray for him.

Kickoff Event of the Warren Library, sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council. Come and hear about "When the Emperor was Divine" by Julie Otsuka, a story about the Japanese-American Internment Experience during World War II. Thursday, October 1st: 5:30 PM Registration; 6:00 Community Potluck; 7:15 Rotary Welcome, Ellen Bruno Speaker. Cost: Bring a dish to pass (salad, side dish or dessert).

The GSE team from Taiwan have arrived in Vermont. Our hosts will pick them up on Friday, October 9th. Dave Koepele passed around a sign-up sheet for the "Meet and Greet" pot luck dinner-meeting on Oct. 9th to be held at the Crump's Home in Warren.

Mad River Valley Players need 8 people to bring 2 dozen cookies each to be sold during intermission at the theater on Oct. 9 - 11. This is a benefit for the Food Shelf. They can be left

at the Real Estate office at the bottom of the Access Road on your way to the Meet and Greet meeting on Friday night. (Sharon Kellerman will take them)

John Crump did a mini presentation (using his computer) about the Study Exchange Group from Taiwan. It included photos of the members and scenes from Taiwan. There are 4 members on the team.

Al Molnar distributed a 10 page description of their visit including a map and description of Taiwan. On Saturday, Oct. 10th, they will be attending the Chicken Pot Pie dinner at the Masonic Hall in Waitsfield. If you want to join them, make a reservation at the Tempest Book store for the 6:45 PM serving.

#### Restaurant Raffle

The Walkers need the signed certificates by the first week of October, in order to print the tickets and put ads in the Valley Reporter. The drawing is scheduled for Dec. 9th. Only 1,500 tickets printed -chance of winning is one in 30. Only a few members have gotten the certificates so far. Get busy guys!!! If you can't make the "Meet and Greet" meeting on Friday drop the certificates at Jim Leyton's office.

Every Rotarian Every Year. Jim Leyton distributed the Rotary Foundation Quick Reference Guide 2009-10, It explains the new program. This replaces the Sustaining Members Program of the Paul Harris Fellows. He also gave out stickers to be placed on the badges of our current EREY members.

Mega Bucks - \$816 to the winner. Adam's ticket gave him the chance to pull the joker from the deck but he drew the 8 of Clubs

#### HAPPY BUCKS

Ken Friedman - YANKEES!!!

Dave Ellison -Visitors from New Zealand

Brian Crandall - Glad to be in Vermont again

Jack Simko -great job Al Molnar is doing with the GSE team

Monk - lot of relations coming

Gene Scarpato - Happy

Tom Byrne - going back to Italy end of October

John Hale - back from Florida

Peter Laskowski - rode motorcycle to Florida with no rain

Ralph Walker - happy when he receives restaurant certificates

Jack Mansfield - spent weekend with children & grandchildren

John Crump - daughter brought college singing group to visit

Jim Leyton - Has 3 subscriptions to EREY: 36 to go

Adam Greshin - Looking forward to Crump singers at Sugarbush

Jim Clark - Enjoying friendship visit.

Dave Koepele - Visitors and back from California

Dave Ruane - Haverhill Rotary Club in Mass did their 1st Duck Race. They hired a marketing company to do the work and took in \$7,000.

Note; If our club did that, we could not say that all the money went to Charity.

#### Program

Ken Amann Classification Speech

Ken was born in 1949, raised in Lynbrook, LI (the town where Gene Scarpato was mayor). He is the youngest of 3 sons. His father was frugal and they lived out of their garden. He taught his

children to live within their means and never borrowed. His parents were also very handy and involved with the community.

His parents bought a home on the day of Pearl Harbor. His neighbors turned out to be a Japanese family and were wonderful people.

He went to Colgate University and earned B.A. in psychology/english. Later he earned a Doctorate in social work at Adelphi University in Garden City.

His work experience involved teaching in the areas of substance abuse, crisis intervention, etc. He developed experimental learning course in Appalachian Poverty and directed a program in West Virginia. He obtained grants to run the Rising Star Program, Franklin School Mentoring project and community policing collaborations in several under-served communities.

He has made many presentations, on teaching programs, substance abuse including a Telecare TV show on Service Learning.

He has publications related to substance abuse, social work and health care and 6 Professional Licenses related to social work.

In 1978 he married Patricia Rosate and they have 2 daughters. The 25 year old went to NYU and studied Global studies and a 27 year old daughter.

He has wanderlust. In 1971 he spent a year on the road and did interesting things, such as picking apples, working as a Santa Claus, hospitals, etc. In 1988, he took a motor trip across the country, living out of his van. In 1990 bought a condo on Rte. 17, went skiing, hiking, played hockey. In 2004 bought current home and in 2008, moved here full time.

Currently he is running a fine Leather craft business. He hopes to combine travel with leather craft marketing. His website is [www.amannleather.com](http://www.amannleather.com), where you can learn all about his business.

His mother always made him recite the "4 Portals" (our 4 way test) before he did or said anything.

#### 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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