

THE VALE NEWS

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Rotary Theme Topic for September - New Generations Youth Service - a time to highlight Rotary's commitment to Youth

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

Sept	4	Paul Cillo & Jack Hoffman - Public Assets Inst.
	11	Continuation of The Crump's presentation on Mexico
	18	Club Assembly & Chris Pierson - classification speech
	25	Catherine Kalkstein - Wash County Diversion Program
Oct.	2	Robert Roper - Pres Ethan Allen Inst.
	9	open
	16	open
	23	open
	30	open

Editor's Note: Please inform THE SPEAKER COMMITTEE IF YOU HAVE A speaker in mind at least 2 weeks in advance.

Birthdays: Adam Greshin 9/09

Anniversaries: none this week

Meeting News

The big news for this week is the list of winners for the Duck Race:

- #1 Kim McKermott, Newton, NH
- #2 Caryn Crump, Warren
- #3 Felix Ringsted, St. Georges, Bermuda (Felix is 5 years old!)
- #4 Michael Ware, Waitsfield
- #5 Nick Kenyon, Waitsfield
- #6 Doug Kenyon, Waitsfield
- #7 Bob Warburgh, Huntington, NY

Our guests on this beautiful crisp September morning were: Dale Hamilton, all the way from Dallas, Texas; Kate Hunt, retired teacher from Fayston, Vt., interested in becoming a Rotarian, Jeff Lynn, from Warren, Vt., Paul Cillo, our speaker, Caryn Crump, one of the lucky winners, and John Daniell, our regular guest,

Announcements

The Warren Church Stewardship & Mission Committee is sponsoring a local Mission Week. We have been asked to help out at Circle in Barre on Tuesday, Sept 10th. Circle is the regional organization for helping victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. They need some cleaning and other simple chores. On Thursday

Sept 12th , if there are a few workers, we will help out with some chores at Another Way in Montpelier. Another Way is a drop in center in Montpelier that offers voluntary alternatives to mental health services and provides pot luck meals, help finding and keeping affordable housing, etc. Please contact Karen Winchell (karen@winchell.org) or Sue Stoehr (sostoehr@hotmail.com) if you can help either day.

*Duck Race Raffle

Dave Koepele spoke for the committee today and informed us that we are only \$800 behind last year and will net approx. \$9,000. for the race.

Manny thanked everyone for their efforts in this project and that included everything from selling tickets to counting and cleaning the ducks, working on the float, clearing the riverbanks, blowing up "BIG DUCK" and keeping the ducks swimming in the right direction. Jim Leyton deserted us to attend his grand daughter's wedding in Georgia and his replacement did not fall in the river, otherwise everything was normal.

*Exchange Students

Doug Stoehr's committee is planning a party and kayak trip on the Waterbury Reservoir this Saturday starting at 1:30 PM. He has 4 kayaks lined up, but needs 4 more. Four members immediately offered to lend the group the needed boats. Our club always comes thru with the needed supplies and people for our projects.

*Mega Bucks - \$587. John Daniell's ticket was selected by Paul Cillo. All though the deck is shrinking, John was unable to find the joker but received the usual loser's \$5.00

HAPPY BUCKS

Caryn Crump - Everyone knows why I am happy today

Sissy W. - Delicious croissants on the buffet today - courtesy of our guest from Montreal.

Al Barillaro - 7 AM on Sat. don't have to look at Art

Art - Don't have to look at Al.

Dave K. - Duck Race is over and going to Paris next week

Marv - friend (Dale Hamilton) visiting from Texas.

Chris Kirchen - Nantucket visit this weekend

Stan N.- Happy to live in Vermont

Monk - friend found his 9 iron lost on the Sunapee course 10 days ago

John Daniell - happy to win \$5 . Hope the movie he plans to film of our speaker this morning turns out OK

Jim Leyton - Apologized for not falling in the river during the D.R. this yr. Thought he lost his money clip in Georgia, but he left it at home

Jack Simko - All 10 grand children visited this summer. Glad they are all back in school

Jack Miner back from 2 weeks in Milwaukee helping his son to move from Oregon.

Dave E. Finally will get wood delivered for the weekend.

PROGRAM

Paul Cillo described his organization, the Public Assets Institute, as the watchdog for the people of Vermont. Their purpose is to support democracy by helping Vermonters understand and keep informed about how their state government is raising money and using other public assets. The state government is the largest employer in Vermont.

Paul grew up in Vermont, his father owned a restaurant - gas station in Rutland, now he is the president and director of the Public Assets Inst.

We need a balance between how the state raises money and the needs of Vermonters. He wants to return to Gov. Snelling's priorities - where Vermonter's well being and good education come first.

Since that time, taking care of people has become secondary and funds have been cut on research on what Vermonters need - especially children and efficiencies. This does not lead to smart decisions.

The org.'s goal is a creative state that works for everybody.

A balance is needed where funds come from. Largest tax is, 1) the Property tax, 2) Income tax, 3) Sales tax & others. The gap is in the sales tax - over time the shift has been from goods to services but the tax rules have not kept up.

R.E. taxes have 2 divisions - residential and non-residential. A more balanced school tax is needed. The governor has proposed a statewide property tax in which all town's would pay the same rate.

There are two problems with the Child Care Financial Assistance Program:

1) insufficient subsidy amount - Only 14% of licensed child-care providers are covered. 2) Outdated eligibility criteria. Many low-income families do not qualify.

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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