

## **THE VALE NEWS**

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Rotary Theme Topic for September: New Generations Youth Services

### **Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments**

Sept. 12 Restaurant Raffle assignments  
19 Doug Stoehr - Vince Gauthier Community. Services  
26 Judy Reed - Health Measures

Oct. 3 Vermont Legislative Candidates  
10 Larry Ryan  
17 Gene Scarpato  
24 Joe Goldstein - Dori Ross of Tonewood Maple8  
31 Gary Plewak

Nov. 7 Waitsfield & Champlain Valley Telecom. (at bus. location)  
Editor's Note: Please inform Wini (496-6710) of the name of your speaker at least 2 weeks in advance.

Birthdays: Adam Greshin 9/9

Anniversaries: none

Cloudy and cool, but no rain this morning; attendees included guests: Russell Geren (Ron's brother, who resides in Ft. Myers, Fla.), Ken Nadolny, (prospective member from Warren), David Babic's 2 small children and our speaker, Wendy Brauer, Pres. of the Green Mt. Opera Festival. In Doug's absence, Gene ran the meeting today.

### **Meeting News**

After our usual opening ritual including our off-key singing, Gene started the meeting with David Babic's announcement of the Restaurant Raffle. Dave needed the early start as he had his 2 kids with him who had to be dropped off at preschool.

There will be over 50 Restaurants this year who will be asked to participate in our fall fundraiser. Ralph & Sissy will give David their list from last year for starters and next week Dave will ask the members to sign up restaurants to donate "Dinner for Two" certificates.

\*Gene reminded people to help with the Sept. 8th Bridge St. Party. Contact Jon Jamieson. At least 2 more volunteers needed.

The Masons will be celebrating putting in a cornerstone for a building on Bridge St. at 4 PM (Flood Headquarters) on Sept. 8th (same day as the Party for the "IRENE" workers )

\*Ken Amann is lining up help to fill Paul Livingston's wood box with fuel for this winter. Community Fund Committee providing wood, we need pick-up trucks to haul the wood to the Livingston Home and unload the wood (with the help of Harwood students). The event will occur in the afternoon of Sept. 16th, as the Mad Dash will be held on the morning of Sept. 16th.

\*Jon Jamieson looking for help with water stations for the Mad Dash Race to be held in the morning of Sept, 16th. Starts at Small Dog Bldg.

\*Gary Plewak will make a full report on the Duck Race next week. About the same amount of money was raised as last year (\$13,000). Sponsor money was not included as that sum is for all the events.

Dave Ellison reported:

The Duck Race winners were:

First - Joe Goldstein  
Second - Eric Lowe of Pottstown, PA  
Third - Jane Hobart Waitsfield  
Fourth - Manny Apigian  
Fifth - Bob Holden  
Sixth - Shannon Michl. Seymour New York City

Note: Rotarians bought approx. 1/3 of all the tickets.

\*Our Community committee has recommended we hold meetings in at least 3 business locations during the year. The 1st will be at Waitsfield Telecom, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Other suggestions are: the Theater - Cafe and the Waitsfield Inn.

\*Rotary Speech Contest. We need to contact Hardwood and the Green Mt. School to interest applicants.

There is a lot going on this month - hope I got it all straight.

Mega Bucks \$366 to winner. Al Barillaro collected \$5 for his pick of the 9 of clubs.

### **Happy Bucks**

Carol - 1) Husband injured in car crash - His car was rear ended.  
2) Daughter's book "Infinity" reviewed favorably by NY Times  
Ken Amann - 1) His leather demonstration drew a lot of spectators  
2) Moved his parents into a home  
Gene - Happy he made many friends in our club  
Bob Holden - His duck came in the money  
Al Barillaro - Proud of New grandson and Duck Race results  
Tom Byrne - here for 2 weeks  
Billy Brauer - Happy to have wife here today

Judy - enjoyed her trip

Monk - played golf in NH.

Stan - glad rain came during the night

Dave Ellison - going to Bar Harbor, Maine

Wini – While walking my dog, I ran into Liz Raddock, also walking her dog. Liz is enjoying hosting exchange student, Vjera from Croatia.

## **PROGRAM**

John Straub gave Wendy Brauer a glowing introduction for her efforts of fund raising and running the Green Mountain Opera Festival Organization.

The Stowe organization ran a survey on the economy of their area and reduced their ticket prices, but still lost money.

Wendy had a budget of \$250,000. Our valley had so many volunteers, it was like an army and they broke even, while many others went down the tubes.

Wendy managed to obtain rehearsal space for 3 weeks.

Last year the artistic director had visions of putting on a performance in the Flynn Theater, but we like to keep it in the Valley.

Wendy thanked our Rotary club for all our help and support.

The Festival is in transition - so far amicable - trying to solve 3 or 4 issues. They are contemplating putting on a performance in the Harwood H.S. Auditorium, but are afraid people will downgrade it to a H.S. level of performance.

As the level of singing will be way above H.S. level they will need a lot of favorable marketing. Harwood is the most convenient location for the surrounding area.

The Festival grows each year. They were lucky to break even last year and don't want the budget to increase.

A WEB designer is really needed. They have received offers from people to be the director. Besides needing money, they need many volunteers to build and paint sets, make costumes, gofers etc.

The Green Mtn. Festival Org. is the parent organization for other Festivals.

At this point, her allotted time was up and no more questions were allowed.

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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