

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. 14 Assembly Meeting
21 District Governor Visit
28 Clayton-Paul Cormier Jr.

Oct. 5 Leo Cohen - Valley Players rep.
12 Manny Apigian - Peter Boynton
19 Wini Thorsen - Acupuncturist (Akhil Kaplan)
26 Art Conway

November - Attention - anyone wanting a date in November please let me know before next Wednesday, as I plan to make up the schedule then. Wini 496-6710

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: Adam Greshin 9/9 Len Rubin 9/11

Anniversaries: none

In spite of the fact that we are still getting rain from the coastal storms and many bridges are out, 35 people managed to get to the Castle Rock Pub to attend our meeting including guests: Bill Brauer from Warren, who has been proposed for membership by John Straub; Sue Rogers and Joanne Fitzgerald from Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.

Meeting News

Lorraine started by mentioning our sorrow at Henri's wife passing away.

She also reminded us that the District Governor is coming to visit us on the 21st of Sept. and to please wear your "Sunday Best" in her honor.

Then she asked Doug for his final report on the Duck Race.

Duck Race Report.

Gross ticket sales: \$12,800 (beat last year)

Sponsors 3,700

Gross Income 16,500

Expenses 2,500

Net Income \$14,000

Praise goes to 1) Leo Cohen, who provided great detailed documentation on last year's Duck Race and was a continual source of help all summer

2) 59 Of our 63 members sold member tickets or wrote checks to pay for the tickets

10 members sold additional tickets: Carol Hosford, Leon Bruno, Joe Goldstein, Jim Leyton, Betty Maguire. Wini Thorsen, John Straub, Rose-Marie White, Doug Stoehr and Gary Plewak

There were 8 gold sponsors and 20 silver sponsors. 5 of the 8 gold sponsors were members - Al Barillaro (Allen Lawn Service) , Clayton-Paul (Maple Sweet R.E.), Brian Crandall (B&C Investments), Tom Byrne (Better Travel), Gary Plewak (Westport Funding),

9 of the 20 silver sponsors were members: Graves Realty (Adam Greshin), Eastern Systems (Jim Leyton) Hall & Holden (Bob Holden), MSA Mortgage (Rob Tierney) Mad River Massage (Trish Hopkins), MR Vineyards (Joe Klimek), VARE Real Estate (Bruce Bertholon), Waitsfield Inn (Vickie Walluck).

10 members obtained sponsors from other companies: Joe Goldstein obtained 3 sponsors and Jim Leyton obtained 2.

44 members sold tickets at least once at our sales venues, 7 other members provided significant contributions in other ways. Altogether 81% of our members were active participants in this project

We had 13 members who volunteered almost every week: Al Barillaro, Jack Miner, Jim Leyton, Betty Maguire, Art Conway, The Walkers, Jim Groom, Bruno Bertholon, Ben Plewak, John Hale, Gary Plewak & Wini Thorsen

On Race Weekend 25 members volunteered. We took in \$1,800 and waded on the rocks.

Doug called this a great team effort He said he would be remiss if he did not give particular thanks to Gary Plewak, who provided great leadership and organization, making Doug's job enjoyable. Doug awarded a "duck necklace" to Lorraine for always being there when needed.

Gary has agreed to be the BFD next year. Many thanks Gary from the club!!!

International Conference will be in Bangkok, Thailand in May 2012. (last day for early bird registration is December 1st) .

Our next fund raiser will be the Restaurant Raffle. A new leader is needed as Ralph and Sissy can't do it this year but they have it all set up on their computers and will hand all the data to the new leader. This project is a great way for one of our new members to really get involved with the MRV Rotary Club. Now is the time to step up!

A "Matching Grant" committee is being formed for Flood Relief.

Lorraine will E-mail us details on the Boy Scout project to be held on Sunday. Volunteers are needed to man the grill and other jobs.

Jim Leyton handed out a flyer on the MRV HURRICANE IRENE VALLEY FLOOD RELIEF RESOURCES- helping to coordinate volunteers, resources & needs for towns of Waitsfield/Warren/Fayston/Moretown/Granville/Hancock/Rochester

Location: Masonic Lodge - Main St., Waitsfield phone 802-496-6089

Call to get list of items needed and available.

BOD meeting today.

Military Assistance Golf tournament will be held at Sugarbush on 9/25

Megabucks - \$1,000 to the winner. - \$5 to the loser. Note: All further Megabucks ticket purchases will go into next pot. Dave Koepele drew the 10 of hearts for \$5

Happy Bucks

Al Barillaro - son getting engaged

Betty - happy to have today's speakers

Dave Koepele - happy to win/lose at Megabucks

Joanne - Happy to hear about all the great things we do for community support

Lorraine - Doug's recap of the Duck Race was great

Gary - SO happy not to pass around a sign-up sheet

Bill Brauer - happy to be proposed for our club membership

Bruce - furniture needs to be moved

Bob Holden - Thanks for all the community support; Eli back at school; regrets loss of

Corvette; happy to be back in the Valley; taking part in Phish Benefit Concert on

Sept 14th; first duck race he did not attend; lost garden; looking for help to move back in

Judy Reed - happy to see Bob Holden here; Exchange students in school

Dave Ellison - on committee to decide on contributions"

John Crump - Matching grant committee

Jack Simko - glad to be in MRV

Stan - Impressed by community support for flood victims

Jim Leyton - all 4 towns like one big family

Joe Koch - another one happy over community support

Heli - proud to be part of Valley community

Geren - Sad to be leaving for Georgia

Monk - try house rental in Florida

Program

Betty introduced Joanne Fitzgerald and Sue Rogers. They both teach teenagers and adults to read, write and do basic math and also coordinate the staff at the CVABE headquarters in Waterbury.

Joanne informed us that Betty is on the BOD of Central Vermont Adult Education, Inc. and oversees the operation of the organization.

Joanne thanked us again for all we do, especially donating funds every year for the last 10 years.

They are the sole provider of basic education for 4 counties and 7 learning centers in Vermont. They have over 140 volunteers who teach and perform office work, mostly one-on-one.

In some cases their students have learning disabilities.

Some small business owners need help for new employees in basic reading, writing, math and computer operations. The nearest learning center to us is Waterbury, or local libraries. In some instances people are struggling to get high school accreditation. Students who come to the center have various goals - such as making state regulations.

In the Valley they average 10 students per year. Their services are free and open to anyone who needs a basic education. The \$1,000/year donation from Rotary goes to teach students in the Valley.

Sue Rogers - Help is given to students who need basic skills to get employed, these people are often H.S, drop outs. Some employers give a job on condition the new employee acquire a H.S. degree. She comes to libraries in the Valley, even comes to private homes. Volunteers also teach in the Valley.

These days, prospective employees have to be computer knowledgeable. They also have to be able to do fractions (decimals) and understand what a sale with a % off means.

Adults can't help their children with homework, if they are not educated enough themselves.

In recent years, the amount of job-related knowledge required, has increased.

The GED (General Educational Development) is nationally recognized as a H.S. equivalency. Teachers help students to study for this credential. Official GED testing is regularly scheduled at CVABE Learning Centers. A test fee is required.

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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