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VVSCRC Newsletter

Club Officers

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Media: Kyra Furman, Sam Netzband, Dennis Schonewetter, Kate Frymoyer

Important Dates

Next Meetings:

- Nov 2 (PM)
- District Gov visit
- Nov 9 (AM)
- Nov 16 (PM)
- Nov 30 (AM)



We need all available elves to deck the halls for Santa's visit on **December 9.**





VVS Interact members were hard at work raking leaves in the community.

Legacy Grant

There were funds available for District 7150 clubs to apply for before we merge with two other districts next year. In an effort to keep the money where it originated from, the District put together a committee to award grant funds upon application.

We set out to apply for \$9100 to help the Vernon Library get back on its feet after it sustained significant damages from a flood. Our application was heard, and we received \$7100!

This will continue to be a topic of discussion at upcoming meetings as we find ways to help the library stretch the money to its fullest potential.



VVS Community Club Mental Health Morsel:

To support our RI Presidential Initiative for Mental Health, we are developing a recurring addition to our VVS Community presence to share Mental Health resources and ideas to educate ourselves and to share with others. This initial edition shares the **Rotary Action Group Mental** Health Initiatives link for a wide range of information to enable us as People of Action to move forward on this crucial initiative. https://ragonmentalhealth.org

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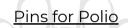
Four Way Test of the things we think, say, and do.

- 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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President Sam presented to the Verona Town Board at their September meeting. We continue to share information on the work that we do and build partnerships for support with future projects.



Pins for Polio was a tremendous success! Between bowling games, raffle baskets, concessions, and business donations, the club was able to make a donation of \$1750. Thank you to all who contributed!

<u>Gratitude</u>

Over the summer we received a thank you letter from the South Sudan Villages Clinic based out of Buffalo, NY. We gave a gift of \$250 which will help the thousands of patients that they see every year in their small, seven room clinic. Since their inception in 2019, they have helped over 56,000 patients half of which are under the age of five. Thank you, VVS Rotary!

For more information on the clinic, please visit: southsudanvillagesclinic.org

Imagination Library

<u>Updates</u>



Bill, Sam, and the Sherrill-Kenwood Library have been hard at work to help families sign up their children for the Imagination Library.

Any child aged 5 and under who lives in a Vernon, Verona, or Sherrill zip code is eligible. To date, we have 173 kids signed up!

As a reminder, this is a Rotary funded project with help from the Friends of the Library. No taxpayer money was utilized. Throughout the year, there may be different fundraisers to continue to support the project. One such was the "Dine to Donate" campaign that was just held at the Recovery Room in Verona. Any diner who mentioned the Imagination Library to their server had 15% of their bill donated to the project.