

# The Maverick

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Rotary Club of Vergennes

November 26, 2013

## Events

Maverick Bake Sale  
During Holiday Stroll  
12/7/2013

Christmas Party and Dinner  
12/17/2013

Holiday Fund Raiser



## Online

[www.Rotary7850.org](http://www.Rotary7850.org) - District Site

[www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org) - RI web site

[www.VergennesRotary.org](http://www.VergennesRotary.org) - us

## Rotary Club of Vergennes

P.O Box 313  
Vergennes, VT 05491  
*Officers for 2013-2014:*

Anthony Panella - President  
Patty Paul - President Elect  
Walter Kuehn - Secretary  
Mary McKinnon - Treasurer  
Susan Burdick - Past President

### *Directors:*

Robert McNamara  
James Weening  
Lynn Jackson-Donnelly  
Scott Gaines

*Sergeant-at-Arms:*  
Father Yvon Royer

## Tuesday's Meeting

15 Mavericks' braved the 25 degree morning with wind chill that dropped the temperature another 6-10 degrees. Are the cold temperatures early this year?

Our guests this morning were MaryAnn Castimore and Sophie Donnelly who at this point needs to be inducted, (if only we could).

Missed our old friend who returned to Vergennes, Tony Staynings and program facilitator for the week Jim Weening.

Did anyone notice that president Tony missed roll call two weeks in a row? What's up with that?

### Rotary Minute

The minute this week was presented by Lynn Donnelly and the subject was Rotary conversations and first name basis decorum. From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis. Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are cornerstones of Rotary, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Professor, Mister, the Honorable or Sir are regularly called Joe, Bill, Charley or Jerry by other Rotarians. The characteristic Rotary club name badge fosters the first-name custom.

In a few areas, such as Europe, club members use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. In other parts of the world, mainly in Asian countries, the practice is to assign each new Rotarian a humorous nickname which relates to some personal characteristic or which is descriptive of the member's business or profession. A member nicknamed "Oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products. "Trees" is the nickname for the Rotarian in the lumber business, "Building" is the con-

tractor, "Paper" is the stationery or office supply retailer.

The nicknames are frequently a source of good natured fun and fellowship. But whether a Rotarian is addressed by a given first name or a nickname, the spirit of personal friendship is the initial step that opens doors to all other opportunities for service. **Ref. Rotary District 9790**

### Happy Dollars

Father Royer collected happy dollars of which no one won. Much of the happy comments were about the New England Patriots, how Lynn *was not* happy that deer season is over, and how Walter has been through four prospective Mrs. Kuehn's.

We sang "My Wild Irish Rose" in memory of Roger Kayhart.

### This Weeks Program

Patty Paul invited the director of the Food Shelf to breakfast and to present an update of the activities of this much needed local support organization. We also took this opportunity to present from our club a donation of \$800 to the Food Shelf. MaryAnn Castimore mentioned that the Food Shelf receives 100% of its donations in food. The congregational church maintains the facilities and buildings. 477 families receive goods from the Food Shelf. There is no established requirement to be met in order to be a recipient of goods from this service, however recipients have to sign a document stating income is less than a certain amount. Over fifty turkeys have gone out already and 97 families have visited the Food Shelf in the last week. People are allowed to receive goods two times a month. There are some regulars and many transients. There are many customers who do not know how to cook end up buying canned foods that certainly don't go far in feeding a family.

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## Actions/Announcements

Holiday Bake sale is December 7th. Please sign up to display your baking prowess and have your baked goods sold to support our community.

The holiday dinner/party will be at the Old Lantern Inn. The cost is \$30/ person. This will be a buffet inclusive of appetizer and dessert. More to come on this.

Check out the wonderful display of holiday gifts, a Vermont Teddy Bear, American Girl Doll, KindleFire, John Deere child farm set, etc. All can be seen at Classic Stitching. The club is making a \$800 gift donation to the Food Shelf. This also benefits Meals-on-Wheels program. We cannot do this without ticket sales.

Don't forget to vote for Tim Vincent's and George Gardner's joke of the month.

We have received inquisitive and positive feedback on our 'Like' buttons.

We have received a nice thank-you from the Boys and Girls Club in their newsletter which was shared.

Another young person and bike winner wrote Scott Gaines a thank you card which also was shared.

Sue has created press releases for the Holiday Decorating contest for the residents and the business owners. Judging will take place Sunday the 22nd.

Rob Mac asks, "have you introduced anyone to a Rotary breakfast"?

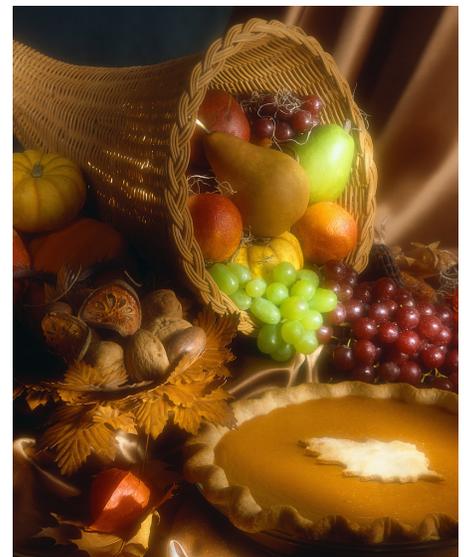
If you have program coming up and don't have an entry at this time, we have some waiting in the wings. Let us know so we can supply you the information.

Much dialog on purchasing disaster relief items; ShelterBoxes or LifeStraws to be sent to the Philippines. No direction from the district at this point. At a minimum, the club will be purchasing a case of LifeStraws to be sent to this region. Will also determine if the high school would like to match financially the clubs donations.

More to come.

*"I'm not a do-gooder. It embarrassed me to be classified as a **humanitarian**. I simply take part in activities that I believe in."*

- Gregory Peck



*Food Shelf Director MaryAnn Castimore receiving a check from Community Service Director Lynn Donnelly*

## Tuesday December 3rd Agenda

Program - *Sue Burdick*

Minute - *Richard Wright*

Invocation - *Tom Heeter*

Songs - *George Gardner*

Humor - *Not this Week*

*Hope you all join Sue at  
Breakfast!*

