

# The Maverick

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Rotary Club of Vergennes

September 24, 2013

## Events

Halloween Party  
Friday 10/18/2013  
hosted by Mary and Dick

## 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

It was a cloudy morning and about 45 degrees. We are starting to get some color on our trees. Nice time of year in the north country.

We had only 16 Rotarians, one guest and our favorite rotodog Sophie.

Our guest and speaker was from Audubon Vermont, Mr. Peter Ross.

"When those Saints Go Marching In" was our song challenge this week with Father doing the challenging. We handled the first verse okay...

We still missed singing Happy Birthday to Cookie who turned @\$ on the 16th of September.

### Rotary Minute

The minute this week was Walters who had to leave but enabled CJ to present the Rotary Code of Conduct which is now prominently displayed on page 8 of the Rotarian in the same column as the Object of Rotary and the Four-Way Test.

CJ used this minute time to convey the use of PayPal on our website. This utility will be used for donations to our various fund raising programs.

### Happy Dollars

Father Royer collected the humor bucks which Tim won and donated his winnings to the Boys and Girls Club. The banter consisted of Lynn's almost completed kitchen, Patty bailing out Sue, Tom is happy he is still here and Dick mentioned the meeting is not over yet?

### Humor Stuff

This week was joke week and Rob McNamara had the task but is still on the road heading back from the Carolina's, but CJ filled in with some humor

for us to enjoy and vote on. Rob is not off the hook and will present his comedic styling's when he is back from his trip.

### This Weeks Program

JoAnne LaBerge had program this week which was shared with the King. George introduced educator, fund raiser and vice-president and executive director of Audubon Vermont, Peter Ross.

Peter began his presentation asking why we are involved in Rotary. He talked about not noticing the beauty around him while growing up in the state. It was education that brought an awareness and appreciation for the beauty of Vermont. He stressed the importance of being stewards of the earth and to consider the legacy of what we leave our grandchildren. Peter grew up hiking, camping and swimming in Vermont's magical outdoor spaces, and from his father, learned it's important to leave the world a better place for our children. "I believe in Audubon's mission and values, and I'm excited to support and expand the great conservation work Audubon does here in Vermont and across the hemisphere", Peter said.



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## Weekly Program cont.

Peter will lead and implement conservation goals and strategies in the state and will expand the geographic reach of Audubon Vermont's programs across the state and the region. Audubon has 3,000 members and seven affiliated chapters in Vermont. With an annual budget of \$820,000, Audubon Vermont employs 12 biologists, educators and advocates and is headquartered on 255 acres at the Green Mountain Audubon Center in Huntington.

The Green Mountain Audubon Center is Vermont's oldest nature center and provides environmental education programs to more than 5,000 people each year. Ref; Audubon.org

Peter left us with a thought, "If we change the earth may it bear the sign of our intelligence".

## Actions/Announcements

The Waterbury Rotary Club is sponsoring a day of fellowship on October 3rd which is also an opportunity to welcome 11 South Africans Rotarians to Vermont. A golf tournament is part of his event.

Need to invite the two young people that attended Ryla to learn of their experience and to present to them their certificate of completion.

Mary and Dick will be hosting the annual Halloween Party on October 18th.

Jim will contact Cookie to create additional press information for the local papers and to give thanks to our corporate sponsors.

We will be collecting for the Food Shelf on Tuesday 10/1.

The District 7850 has nominated Jay Polimeno (from Lincoln-Woodstock) as District Governor for 2016-2017.

Board Meeting to be held Monday October 14th. Sue or Walters?

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.

*"35 million people in the U.S. are hungry or don't know where their next meal is coming from, and 13 million of them are children. If another country were doing this to our children, we'd be at war."*

-- Jeff Bridges

## **Tuesday October 1st Agenda**

Program - **Mary McKinnon**

Minute - **Kalvin Jay**

Prayer - **Tim Vincent**

Songs - **Lee Shorey**

Humor - **Robert McNamara**

Meeting Facilitator - **Sue Burdick**

**Enjoy Breakfast!**

