

NEWSLETTER

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We are Young Professionals

By Shianne Martin and Sam Brusco



RYP President Gormly

Rutland Young Professionals (or RYP) is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization designed to create a “more vibrant” Rutland and promote the area to young professionals. What began as local youth meeting in coffee shops to share ideas and interests, progressed into a complete organization with a fully functioning board and well-grounded structure. RYP was made official in July of 2013, with founding president Katye Munger serving for three years. Two years ago, in order to create a more democratic election and divide authority, bylaws were created to limit presidential terms to one year. This organization strives to portray Rutland County with a professional but lively ambiance by inviting people from neighboring areas to events such as mixes or meet-ups. Mixes include activities such as skiing, river tubing, bowling, and yoga classes. A meet-up is a smaller, more regularly encouraged event based on specific member interests. Another program of the Rutland Young Professionals is “Let’s Dish”, where a member welcomes a potential resident to the area with a tour or dinner upon request. Since RYP is a non-profit, it receives funding from local sponsors such as RRMC, Castleton University, OMYA, and The Vermont Country Store. They also charge a \$25 annual membership fee, sell semi-annual Gala/event tickets, and accept personal donations.

Recently, I met with Will Gormly, President of Rutland Young Professionals. He was a 2005 Rutland High School graduate from Chittenden, Vermont. He moved to Massachusetts to pursue a postsecondary education at Bentley University, receiving his Bachelor’s degree in Marketing and an MBA with a concentration in Entrepreneurial Studies. Will is not only the President of RYP, he is also owner/operator of Mountain Cider Company. He was a member of the group “Local Share” when he first moved back to Vermont in 2011. This group had the same ideology as RYP, only with less structure and interaction with the community. He was a part of RYP when they started in 2013, became a board member in 2015, and was successor to President Sara Gilbert in 2017. As president, his focus is to tighten policies and procedures among the board, create a succession plan, and to improve member outreach. He couldn’t stress enough “the importance of getting like minded individuals together” and the impact this sort of teamwork could have on an infinitely developing community.

RYP doesn’t see many high school students at the mixes, however participation of our generation is vital since we will be the next young professionals; frankly we already are. “A high school student should be interested in attending our events. They provide an educational experience with regard to networking and how to become involved with the broader community as well as show them that Rutland isn’t such a bad place.” There are opportunities for students to get involved with RYP. To learn about Rutland Young Professionals, check out their website at www.rutlandyoungprofessionals.org or visit their facebook page! You must be 18 to become a member, however RYP is currently looking for a postsecondary underclassman to serve on the board, so high school seniors interested in building their career in Vermont should contact them.

Get Moving Over Break

By Austin Cockey

Are you a fan of poetry? Do you write your own? Well then, the open mic poetry night at Phoenix books is perfect for you. Hosted by Bianca Amira Zanella, the recipient of the 2014 Robert T. Marsh Memorial Prize for Excellence in Writing, this poetry day is completely free of charge and lasts from 2:00-4:00 PM. Those interested in reading their work at the open mic can sign up at the door! Happy reading!

Fan of reading? Have I got something for you! On April 29th, the Rutland Free Library is holding the annual Table of Content. This event features a lovely, elegant dinner in the Fox room with a group of distinguished authors from around the state. Authors will move from table to table for book signings and talk to the guests. Admission is \$95 if you order before April 1st and \$115 if you order after that date.

Artists, come one, come all to the Rutland Recreation Courcelle Facility's open art studio! Every Monday from 7:00-8:30 PM, and Fridays 9:00-11:00 AM, you can create your very own clay art for \$5-\$8. This is a great chance for you to make some art for yourself or a loved one. The open studio runs from September through May and Rutland City residents can get a punch card for just \$20 to save money. Hope to see you all there!

On April 7th multi-platinum country artist Clay Walker will be performing at the Paramount Theater. Since his debut in 1993, Clay Walker has become an American Country icon with four platinum and two gold albums and six top-chart hits in country. Don't miss the chance to see Clay Walker live. Admission is \$45-\$55, however tickets are selling quick!

Need some new books? The Rutland Free Library is holding a book sale on April 7th from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. Don't miss the chance to get yourself some amazing books. The book sale will be held in the basement of the Rutland Free Library and is first come, first serve. Hope to see you there!



With Gratitude

By Adam White



Kiwanis Club Members with
Carolyn Ravenna and TJ Moran

The Kiwanis Club has over 600,000 members in more than eighty countries. Kiwanis hosts nearly 150,000 events each year. Their history has always been about putting a smile on everyone's face and they love to see everyone grow and succeed. Recently, they made a \$1,000 donation to the Howe Center for community service projects.

This service club has been an enthusiastic supporter of Howe Center Campus over the years. We are appreciative of the generous donation we have received and we are looking forward to putting it toward helping the Rutland community. We are grateful for their continued support of both our school and our community.

Campus Chatter

By Emelie Patterson

What are some things that make it hard to get a job?



- School hours
- Not what you're looking for
- Not hiring
- Mental health issues
- Availability

-Betty Bell

- Availability
- Amount of experience
- Transportation
- Age

-Bailey Allen



Despite having applications available, many job sites are "invite only". There is also the catch of needing experience.

-Oliver Trevino



- Lack of Encouragement
- Vulnerability over being turned down for a job
- Could have troubles with transportation and working around school hours

-Daniel Bongers



Killington Cleaning Crew

By Austin Cockey

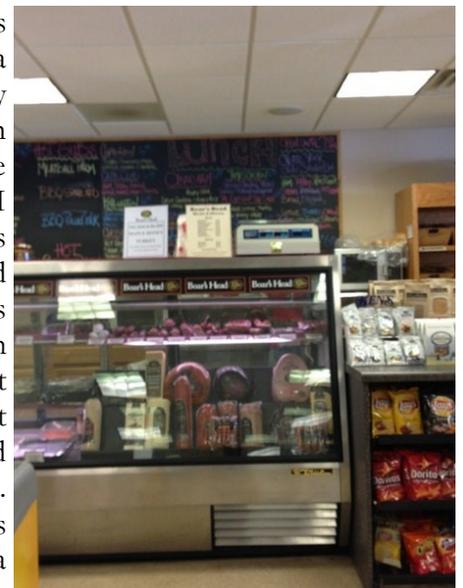


Kassie Boardman started working at Killington in December of 2017. One of her jobs is to clean the lodges so they are ready for the next person. She says she doesn't mind cleaning up after people. Her favorite part about the job is the steady income. Kassie used to work the morning shifts, however has since moved to the night shift, which she enjoys more. Unfortunately, she said, they are already full, so she would not recommend trying to apply for a job. During her shift, she says the most important thing is being available where you're needed and being able to deal with older people because they are the most common customers. Kassie has a very straightforward attitude when it comes to working; she works with the motto, "We all need money." One lesson she has taken away from her time at Killington is that although people will say bad things about you, you can't let that bother you. Kassie enjoys working at Killington and she said she is not looking for another job because she is happy with her current job.

Life at Olivia's

By Austin Cockey

Olivia's is one of the many places in Rutland where you can get a delicious sandwich. I recently interviewed Adam White, an employee at Olivia's Bottle Redemption Center. When I asked Adam about his job, his response was that he enjoyed working there. His favorite part is that he gets half-off sandwich prices when working. His least favorite thing about working at Olivia's is when they are busy and it becomes a more physical job. Adam also said every day is different, so it's hard to describe a typical day. The co-workers are nice people most of the time, which is why he enjoys going to work each day. Adam doesn't plan to stay at Olivia's forever, however. He plans to get a different job when he turns eighteen or nineteen. He is hoping to move from having a job to having a career. Overall, Olivia's seems like a nice place to work with nice people and a different surprise every day!



Important**Dates:****April Break:**

4/16/18 — 4/20/18

Memorial Day:

May 28, 2018

Graduation:

June 14, 2018

Test Dates:**SAT:**

May 5, 2018

June 2, 2018

Birthdays



March

Shawn Davis - March 14

Makayla Brogren - March 27

Jenn McLemore - March 29

April

Dan Bongers - April 11

Betty Bell - April 22

Madalynn Marshall - April 26

Dakota Mitchell - April 29

May

Molly Trevino - May 5

Emelie Patterson - May 12

Kaleb Marchinkowski - May 15

Ashley Devino - May 20

Mackenzie Robinson - May 24

Problems with Independence

By Emelie Patterson

It is common to think a kid will live with their parents to the age of eighteen. Well, that's not always the case. Some kids aren't as fortunate as others. Some kids are sent away because their parents can't handle them or in some cases, the kids are rebelling and deciding to leave. But what the kids don't realize is that life is about to get ten times harder and more responsibilities are coming.

Just because you don't live at home doesn't mean you don't have to fulfill the responsibilities you would if you were home, like school. You're still required to get good grades and graduate. School is important, especially for your future life. Students that don't graduate are more likely to end up with an unstable home life and/or end up in illegal activities. The real fact is you're not going to have much of a life if you don't have at least a high school diploma.

Also, when living on your own, you're going to face that you have your own bills to pay. You must find a way to stay clean and warm and figure out ways to feed yourself. It's really hard. After attending school from 7 in the morning till 3 in the afternoon like the average student, the kids that don't go home to mom and/or dad have to go and make money so they can have a place to go after work, a place to sleep and a place to eat. It's stressful. The days are long. A student in school should be getting at least seven and a half hours of sleep to function for the day, however being a young adult with all the stress and responsibilities, you're not going to get as much sleep. Being on your own, you're not going to get help, either. You're going to be working over 30 hours a week and attending school. You will be sleep deprived and burn out all of the time. When you're a student with a job while living at home with mom and/or dad, you don't have to pay for your food or necessities because parents purchase that for you. The money you get on payday usually goes to fun stuff. For teens living on their own like me, payday means bill day. After calculating what must be paid, you're barely going to have enough money for food. Don't be in such a rush to grow up because having to grow up before you're ready is a very hard and stressful thing. Stay home with mom and/or dad for as long as you can.