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This Week:

- Pres. Steve was back: he thanked Bob Grugle for filling in last week, then announced that he will be absent next week, vacationing in Bar Harbor! Bonnie Black will fill in on the 20th.
- Get well cards were circulated for C.J. Soper and Izzy Defayette; Izzy is in Room 555 at CVPH and welcomes visitors.
- The August Board of Directors meeting is cancelled. The September Board meeting will be held on the 15th at the CCC Dining facility (former "New Base").
- 15 Rotarians still owe their dues – you know who you are!!

Visiting Rotarians: Karen Volkman (Sunrise Club)

Guests: Claire Bentley (Sonja Long)

Happy Thoughts: A second collection was held to help Courtney Waldron as she heads to Hudson Valley Community College to become a dental hygienist; the grand total, presented by Colin Read, was \$882! Best of luck to Courtney.

Elle Berger announced that \$253 was collected last month; \$123 went to the Salvation Army and \$133 to the Interfaith Food Shelf.

We need to sell more ducks for the Roducky Derby (especially corporate ducks)! Complete your sales and turn money in by the end of August.

Our Program: Chris Kreig – Manager of Plattsburgh International Airport. Mr. Kreig started with a story – a reporter from New York City called him about the plight of small airports, wondering about the loss of passengers, flights and airlines. Mr. Kreig told her that flights are at Plattsburgh – there were

1500 emplanements in the last year of the International Airport, 2700 in the first year of PIA, and they are on track for 40,000 to 50,000 for 2008! Airlines have not been lost, and flights have not been eliminated. This information was not useful for the "gloom and doom" story she was preparing.

Mr. Kreig went on to say that Canadians are definitely utilizing the new airport – the 600 space parking lot had as many as 850 cars in it at times last winter. PIA



Chris Kreig — Manager, Plattsburgh International Airport.

has requested funding from the Federal government to expand the parking lot to 850.

He said that Canadians expressed a desire for bus service from Montreal to Plattsburgh, so twice daily routes are now operating through Greyhound and Trailways - \$40 per round trip. The baggage belt was clearly "under engineered" and will be fixed.

The main request for expansion of flight availability is to New York City, to connect with flights around the country, and for international flights. (Cape Air now flies to Boston, where you can connect to international flights.) He said the Chamber and The Development Corp. both do a great job promoting the airport. Many possibilities for expansion and development are being explored, but nothing to announce yet.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

2008:

- 8/18 August Board of Directors Meeting — CANCELLED
- 9/13 Roducky Derby in association with Battle of Plattsburgh, (Macdonough Monument)
- 9/15 September Board of Directors Meeting (CCC Dining Hall — PARC)
- 10/17-19 District 7040 Conference in Cornwall

2009:

- 6/5-7 24th Annual Fishing Classic

Comments and Questions for Chris Kreig:

Comment: The lack of French announcements at the airport is a problem.

Answer: In the words of Inspector Clouseau – “Not any more!” Announcements are now bi-lingual.

Question: Please comment on Sheltair – the FBO at the airport.

Answer: They are the fixed base operator and are paid \$200,000 for consulting — an arrangement that is unusual but works well for the County.

Question: How about the Plattsburgh Aeronautical Institute – How are plans coming?

Answer: The institute is now in his bailiwick, and he supports the idea. Sara Rowden announced that opening is scheduled for sometime in September 2009.

Question: Ever consider charging for parking?

Answer: Free parking is a marketing tool which has worked well, and there are no plans to change that for now.

ON-LINE MAKEUP: www.rotaryclubone.org

NEARBY MAKE UP LOCATIONS:

Monday	Burlington	12:10pm	Wyndham Hotel	
	Canton	12:15pm	Best Western	
	Ottawa	12:30pm	Marriott Hotel	
Tuesday	Plattsburgh Sunrise	7:30am	Elk's Club	
	Saranac Lake	7:30am	Hotel Saranac	
	Massena	12:15pm	Elk's Lodge	
	St. Albans	12:15pm	Masonic Temple	
	Montreal	12:30pm	Holiday Inn-Pt. Claire	
	Grand Isle	6:00pm	So Hero Congregational	
Wednesday	Middlebury	7:15am	Rosie's Restaurant	
	Albany	12:15pm	Wolferts Roost Ctry Club, Van Rensselaer Blvd.	
	Tupper Lake	12:15pm	Pine Grove Restaurant	
	Potsdam	12:15pm	Sergi's Banquet Hall	
	Watertown	12:15pm	Best Western Carriage House	
	Chateaugay	6:15pm	Leonard's Cherry Knoll Rest.	
	AuSable Forks	7:00pm	Ambulance Hall (no meal)	
	Thursday	Williston	7:15am	Will Federated Church
		Lake Placid	7:30am	Howard Johnson's
		Watertown AM	7:30am	Best Western Carriage House
		South Burlington	7:30am	VT National Country Club
		Champlain-Rouses Pt	7:45am	Old Tyme Café
Malone		Noon	Gallagher's	
Colchester-Milton		12:10pm	Hampton Inn	
Ogdensburg		12:15pm	Gran-View Restaurant	
Friday		Burlington Sunrise	7:15am	Ethan Allen Club
	Old Montreal	12:15pm	Holiday Inn Select	

Question: Have their been problems with the border?

Answer: Occasionally, but we have no control over border delays. However, if late evening flights are delayed resulting in a sudden increase of Canada bound travelers, they will contact Canadian Customs to let them prepare staff-wise.

Question: How can the community support the airport, and what additional resources do you need?

Answer: Support the airport by flying out of PIA when it makes sense.

Question: Resources?

Answer: Bring me tenants.

	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sept. 3
PROGRAM	Stepping Out	NPC and Political	Tour of CVPH Construction
	Elle Berger	Landscape—Brian Mann	— Michael Hildebran
GREETERS	John Bernardi & Bonnie Black	John Boule & Kyle Brister	—
HOSPITALITY	Alan Booth	MaryAnne Bulholt-Ryder	—
BLESSING	Stan Ransom	Rose Anderson	—
INTRODUCTIONS	Chris Booth	Ita Bullard	—
PROGRAM INTRO.	Sonja Long	Rod Giltz	—
THANK SPEAKER	Ellen Bouchard	George Burrell	—
NEW MEM. TALK	—	Anne Cutaiair	—
SEASONED MEM.	Erik Eaglefeather	—	—
FOOD SHELF	—	A. Recore & J. Boule	—

50/50: The pot is worth \$844 and Jud Judkins picked the Ace of Clubs.

Make-ups:

Another Candle Burning for:
Ewa Jankowski (17)

The Four-Way Test

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL TO ALL concerned?