



ROTARY 2008-2009 *Make Dreams Real*

**THE ROTARY CLUB**

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**THIS WEEK:**

Pres. Steve was back telling us we were in his thoughts while staring into space at Acadia National Park (right!!). District Conference will be held October 17-19 with options. There are still 9 'members' who haven't paid your dues!!

Members of the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors will have a quick meeting after today's program. *NOTE:* The Board voted to **NOT** have a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> nor on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please correct your calendars!!

PP Kit reminded us that the Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration begins north of us next week with the big Plattsburgh event the 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Erik Eaglefeather and Eagle's Nest Veterinary Services for covering the cost of the fireworks and PDG Rod and Northern Insuring will be sponsoring an interesting-sounding group! NBT Bank joined Key Bank in the elite Commodore MacDonough Division paying for the Navy Band (\$7500). He acknowledged the \$4,000 of our club and we are the co-sponsor of the Royal Marine Band (the guys in the red and pith helmets!). He also noted that at least half of us have been sponsors or advertisers for the weekend. Bill McBride has again provided the printing of the American Flag in the *Press Republican* this coming weekend; and Bob Parks will assure that there are many for the kids to come to Stan Ransom to make their own paper hats to parade in. He then provided 25 admission buttons for our auction this year! The winner of the poster contest this year is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader (1 of 200 submissions). He also needs about 15 parade marshals, so see him by next week.

**NEXT WEEK we will meet at CVPH** visiting the new construction site, and lunch will only be \$5 each! Entering from Beekman Street, park in the first parking lot to the right – behind the llamas! Go into the new entrance and reception area to find everyone. We will **begin at NOON** with a tour and lunch.

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** Lynne Nayman (Peekskill).

**GUESTS:** Bruce Lawson (John Bernardi), Kristin Shives (Bob Parks), Richard Nayman (Lynn Nayman), Jim Waller & Josh LaBounty (Phil Green), Jay Stein (Anne Hansen).

**New Member Talk: Ann Cutaiair**

Ann Cutaiair moved here from Montreal when she was three. She attended St. John's, Beekmantown, CCC and PSUNY. She began at National Savings Bank as a part-time teller driving to work on her '90 Kawasaki! She has two grown sons and is a broker/banker/VP at Key Bank which acquired National Savings Bank. She met her current husband during a jury trial and was blessed with two more children and now has 4 grandchildren. She likes to travel, play golf, ballroom dance, amateur photography and winning raffles!

**Our Program** was given by North Country Public Radio Commentator **Brian Mann** on the **political landscape**.



**NCPR Commentator  
Brian Mann**

Brian believes this is a dead-heat tie between Obama and McCain, even when looking at the deep numbers. He expects a noisy three months once we get through the conventions. This is an historic race, not only because of the first African-American presidential candidate; the dialogue about race in America will now be changed. McCain also is an historic figure (celebrated soldier and public servant for many decades) arriving on the scene when his party is struggling to find its identity. If McCain were to win, Brian believes that the legacy he truly will leave behind is what will be important four years from now.

It will be a tough year for Republicans. It appears that the Democrats will almost be veto- and filibuster-proof with their representatives in the Senate.

Brian's focus is on rural America and sees this ill-wind not effecting the smaller regions. The Republican stronghold in the rural areas means those like Congressman John McHugh are untouchable. The population in the rural areas of New York are dwindling while the suburban/urban areas are growing. Keeping the thoughts/ideals of rural America as the urban areas grow in influence is the challenge.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- 9/4 Roducky Cleaning & Prep Party
- 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 Rotary Fishing Classic

Brian believes it is important to have two strong political parties – unlike NYS and the Northeast where the Republicans have hardly any influence. He sees the loss of the check-and-balance system will change the environment and not necessarily for the benefit of residents.

Brian also spoke of the Treadwell/Gillibrand race just south of us. The 20<sup>th</sup> Congressional District has been electing Republicans since it existed until Gillibrand won last time. What’s troubling is the competitive advantage Treadwell seems to have; it is his own funds behind it and not a strong party. This should be of concern to all of us interested in a two-party system.

The other stories NCPR is keeping an eye on are: the shortage of medical professionals here; the heating oil situation this coming winter; and (outside of Plattsburgh) the effect of cuts on the dependence on government sector employment in the North Country.

Questions: What about Condoleezza Rice as a possible VP candidate? Brian noted that race will be a factor because ‘we are not there yet’ totally. He sees her giving McCain the ability to say ‘we are not the party of white men.’ And that’s the future of the party and country. He feels the ticket of McCain and Romney would be detrimental to the party. Another question asked why the presidential race is so close while the rest of the races don’t seem to be. He stated that race is a factor ,and Obama is vulnerable regarding his limited track record. He noted that if people are frustrated with the last 8 years, then Obama wins. If they think about the public service records, then McCain wins. He was also asked about the ‘over-50 versus under-50’ voters in this election. Brian stated that the biggest levels of tension are in the over-50 voters and this may play out. Our rural areas are aging and cities are getting older contributing to the political situation.

**ON-LINE MAKEUP:**

[www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

**NEARBY MAKE UP LOCATIONS:**

Monday	Burlington	12:10pm	Wyndham Hotel
	Canton	12:15pm	Best Western
	Ottawa	12:30pm	Ottawa 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 on 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

Obama’s youth and McCain age are vulnerabilities for each. He predicted that on Election Day, if all remains as is, the things that will matter are: the ground game (door-to-door campaign) and the race issue. He feels this campaign will be played out on a ‘retail level.’

**NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL**

The following has been proposed by our Membership Committee and our Board of Directors. If there are no objections registered with the Club Secretary or President within 10 days, he will be asked to join our club:

**Name:** Rick Leibowitz

**Business:** Small Business Development Center

**Position:** Director

**Classification:** Education State Agency

**Membership:** Active

**Previous Rotary Membership:** Yes, Muncie, IN and Sunrise Crawford, NJ

**Proposed by:** Colin Read

**50/50:** The pot today was \$997, and Stephens Mundy picked the 3 of spades taking home \$3. We’re going for the Ace of Spades. There are also two jokers worth \$50 each still in the deck!

**Make-ups:** 8/6 and 8/13 at Managua, Nicaragua: Bonnie Black and Marty Mannix; 8/11 at Program Committee meeting: Corn Forrence, Bob Smith, Rod Giltz, Howard Lowe, Bob Parks, Stan Ransom, Keith Tyo and Ellie Murray; 8/20 online: MaryAnne Bukolt-Ryder.

**Another Candle Burning for:** Bob Perkins (9/2); Brian Hammond (9/3); John Boule, Catherine Forget (9/4); Lois Lynch (9/7).

	Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Rotary at CVPH Michael Hildebran	The Quadricentennial Kevin Dann	China Today Bob Parks
<b>GREETERS</b>	Peter Cadieux & Jody Carpenter	Paul Connley & Marsha Cook	David Davis & John Dee
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Carmen Carpentier	Jon Cooper	Bruce Delventhal
<b>BLESSING</b>	Bonnie Black	MaryAnne Bukholt-Ryder	Peter Cadieux
<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Tracy Clark	Hope Coryer	Gerald Dominy
<b>PROGRAM INTRO.</b>	Bob Smith	Stan Ransom	—
<b>THANK SPEAKER</b>	Heidi Clute	Harney Davey	Bob Donlan
<b>NEW MEM. TALK</b>	—	—	—
<b>SEASONED MEM.</b>	Amy Asadourian	—	Paul Sands
<b>FOOD SHELF</b>	—	—	—

**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?