

Program: Assemblywoman Janet Duprey and Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward on *The State of the State's Economy.*

From the Thanksgiving Table to the Chopping Block Assemblywomen Janet Duprey and Teresa Sayward were pleased to join the club to discuss the effects of the state's economic crisis. Together they have rallied to tackle the difficult times that lie ahead. With the state of New York facing a \$15 billion deficit, no stone will be unturned in the coming months as the state's leaders find ways to straighten out what appears to be a growing and unruly financial mess.

New York has asked for a piece of the national bailout pie. However, Assemblywoman Sayward is not hopeful that the Governor's request for an economic bailout will be met. She said, "Being realists, we recognize state budgets are going to be cut." Sayward added, "With 52% of the state's budget allocated to Education and Health Care, those programs will be under the microscope."

**"We are in a tough crisis.
 We have to take a hard
 look at what's on the table
 and turn these hard times
 into opportunities.**

- Assemblywoman Janet Duprey

New York's Medicaid/Medicare service plans to California's model which delivers services at significantly lower costs.

Taking Pride in NYS Schools There is no question that New York's education system is one of the best, and with 50% more money budgeted for education, perhaps it ought to be. Assemblywoman Duprey pointed out that our students are bright and full of promise. She added, "But are they 50% brighter on average than other students across the country?" Education will be on the list of programs with budget cuts looming.

The Environment Assemblywoman Sayward touched on the state's recent \$10 million purchase of land in the Adirondack Park. She questioned the need for buying additional land so it can be protected when the land being bought is from the Nature

Conservancy which takes protective measures. Following this, Sayward spoke to the recent energy conference held in Tupper Lake at the Wild Center. While experts suggest forests lock up carbon, Sayward said the other side of the coin is that mature trees take up very little carbon. She suggested that regulated forestation can create more productive carbon uptake. Logging could have additional benefits such as job creation, revitalizing sawmills and creating a revenue stream for the state. Sayward and Duprey plan to have experts weigh in on the issue and really address the Adirondack Park.

In Closing Assemblywoman Duprey ended on a positive note. She generated applause in saying, "There are cell phones on the Northway!" She thanked to the community for coming together to make it happen.

Q: Can you comment on the Department of Corrections budget?

A: The facilities will face downsizing in the coming year, but will do their best to maintain the officers' safety.

Q: Every time the Governor's office changes over, new jobs are doled out. Can you speak to this?

A: There are 10 liaisons to the Department of Labor alone. Each are pulling in \$100,000 or more. Yet 9 out of 10 times we get the calls. We are your liaisons! We need to look more closely at this.



**Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward 113th District (L)
 Assemblywoman Janet Duprey 114th District (R)**

High Costs of Health Care Of great concern under the health care umbrella is the Medicaid/Medicare program. New York has the highest rates in the country and both Assemblywomen feel it will be imperative to take a hard look at why that is. Assemblywoman Duprey emphasized the need for restructuring. "I know a diabetic patient who sees a podiatrist once a week. The doctor who cares for her gets \$7. The cab driver who takes her to and from the appointment is paid \$127. There's something wrong with this," said Duprey. Another deep concern is the downsizing of local nursing homes. Four local facilities are being forced to make cuts necessary to just be able to provide basic resident care. Duprey and Sayward plan to compare

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Announcements:

President Steve reminded everyone about the following important dates: Dec. 10th, bring your unwrapped gifts with attached cards for the Christmas Bureau to Rotary or take them to the location at Consumer Square where the old Dollar Store was (by Wal-Mart). The Monday, Dec. 15th Board Meeting has been canceled. The Wednesday, Dec. 17th meeting will be held at Lake Forest. Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st meetings have also been canceled.

Ange LaMariana encourages club members to contribute to the Nursing Homes, Christmas Bureau and Salvation Army.

Corn Forrence thanked everyone who rang the bell for the Salvation Army. You are entitled to a make-up.

Guests: Robert & Elizabeth (son and daughter-in-law of Ita Bullard); Jamie Cross (Ellen Bouchard); Jill Abdallah (Steve Frederick). Welcome back Nick Pope and Rod Giltz.

New Member Talk: Bryon Tuthill grew up in Bloomingdale, NY. Upon graduating in 1974, he joined the workforce as a banker. While working he attended NCCC where he earned an associates in Business Management. In the '90s, he attended Plattsburgh State where he graduated from the School of Business and Economics. Brian is a strong proponent of community service. He spent years on the board for the Boy Scouts and Habitat for Humanity. He was Political Chairman for the Republican Committee in the Town of Franklin and a mentor for children through North Country Behavioral Health Services. Brian is currently on the board of the Adirondack Community Housing Trust. His wife, Amy, works for Paul Smith's College, and his son is graduating from SUNY Brockport and will be a commissioned officer through the ROTC program. His daughter is majoring in International Studies and Spanish at Syracuse University and is currently in Chile. Welcome to Rotary, Bryon!

Happy Thoughts: Stephens Mundy made a donation of \$15 for the three club members who gave blood last week. John Bernardi saw PP Tony Searing last week and he's doing much better following some complications. His full recovery is expected and Tony plans to be skiing soon.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

12/10	Collections for the Elk's Staff
12/10	Bring your Christmas Bureau Gifts to Elks
12/17	Holiday Meeting at Lake Forest
12/24	no meeting
12/31	no meeting

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

50/50: The pot today was \$2,010, and Bryon Tuthill drew the Three of Diamonds.



	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Jan 7
Program	Annual Meeting	Christmas at Lake Forest Luncheon	A Year in Review
Greeters	Steve Frederick Joann Rushford-Gowett & Bill Rowe	John Seiden & Bob Smith	Bob Grady Stanley Supinski & Al Sweenor
Hospitality	Leona Salzman	CJ Soper	Al Tripp
Blessing	Bonnie Black	MaryAnne Bukolt-Ryder	Peter Cadieux
Introductions	Paul Sands	Sylvia Stack	Keith Tyo
Program Intro.	—	N/A	Bob Parks
Thank Speaker	Sara Rowden	N/A	Sandra Walker
New Mem. Talk	—	—	—
Seasoned Mem.	Driss Hassam	—	Kyle Brister
Food Shelf	—	S. Rowden V. Marking	—



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