



ROTARY 2008-2009 *Make Dreams Real*

**THE ROTARY CLUB**  
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**This Week:**

- Oct 17-19 is the District Conference. A handful of members are planning to attend. Carpooling options are still available for anyone wanting to go.
- Oct 20th is the next board meeting at CCC Dining Hall.
- Phase three of the strategic planning session went well. Club Assembly is Oct. 1st, and the results of the strategic planning will be discussed.
- President Steve thanked everyone for participating in the Roducky Derby and for helping marshal the parade. Great work to all!
- Jeremy Baker, a Rotary Student Scholarship recipient, sent a very nice letter thanking the club for helping him with his education.
- Colin Read also received a thank you from Courtney (former Elk's employee) who received a donation from Rotary members before she left for college. She was able to buy her books and the dental hygiene kit she will use for the next two years.
- Al Folsom, Alexis Marking, and Elle Berger had ducks in the Roducky Derby that scored them some prizes. Ellen Bouchard presented the prizes and announced the total proceeds from the event: \$5,100.

**Guests: None**

**Visiting Rotarians:** Linda Carpenter; Sunrise Club

**Fines:** Fines have been waived for our Paul Harris Fellows whose pictures were recently shown in the Press-Republican.

**Happy Thoughts:** Bob had a dollar to announce his recent visit to Pennsylvania where he met with the last high school class he advised before retiring. Keith Tyo had \$5 for Ellen Bouchard and Bob Grugle who coordinated the Roducky Derby and the track mates who helped set up the track. John Seiden gave a dollar for Ange LaMariana for his participation. Al Sweenor also gave a dollar for Ange's hard work and one for Keith Tyo who spent the

morning of his wife's birthday helping. Peter Cadieux thanked Ellen Murray for taking a turn at being the duck with Ange. A dollar was given to thank Kit Booth for all the work he puts into the Battle of Plattsburgh every year. Jody Carpenter's first dollar was for her daughter who made the JV soccer team as a seventh grader. Her second dollar was to thank club members who attended her Business After Hours in August. Rosemary Souza-Botten recognized Stephens Mundy and the staff at CVPH. One of her family members benefited from the new facility.

Ita Bullard had a dollar for the great time she had during the Battle of Plattsburgh. She also took a moment to explain some of her artwork. Bob Parks wanted to thank all the parade marshals who volunteered at the last minute. Linda Carpenter from the Sunrise Club had one dollar for her daughter who is going to have a baby. Her second dollar announced a Sunrise Club fundraising event coming up on Oct 4th. Fall into Pink is a motorcycle ride for women riders (and their men) to raise money for breast cancer. See Linda for more information on how you can participate. Colin Read had a dollar for a fundraising suggestion: A Woman's "Hog Calendar" to sell.

**Auction Item:** A Roy Hurd CD was auctioned for \$15 to Jay Kerley.

**Our Program** Bob Parks on *China Today*.

Bob's travels allowed him to visit some of China's most treasured sites like the Great Wall and new Olympic Venues. Bob noticed a major transformation in China. Every major city had new construction including apartment buildings, offices, ship yards and more.



**Linda and Bob Parks enjoying some food on their trip.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

10/1 Club Assembly  
 10/17-19 District 7040 Conference in Cornwall  
 10/20 Board Meeting (CCC Dining Hall—PARC)

**2009:**

6/5-7 24th Annual Fishing Classic



**Bob Parks with some of his new friends in China.**

The Chinese Government is clearly dedicating much of their resources to growing the country. This drive to strengthen China's economic power has had positive effects on the country but also what westerners might see as negative side effects. The growth has forced the relocation of millions of rural families. One relocated farming family man chose his words carefully he explained the government gives you an option: a city apartment or a piece of land shared with others. There is no protesting. It is simply life in China.

With all aspects of the media being owned by the government, the Chinese are fearful of repercussions for the discussions they have with foreigners like Bob. Foreign newspapers brought in on airplanes are confiscated. The internet is heavily guarded. The "Golden Shield" or the "Great (Fire) Wall of China" blocks much of the internet and email activity.

**What do the Chinese think of us?** Bob said the people want to know about our freedoms. The most popular shows are Prison Break, 24, and Desperate Housewives. were their favorites. One citizen said, "The sun shines brighter on your country." Many people speak highly of America and its opportunities. They live with strict rules that govern their private lives, but are quick to say, "don't judge us by what you do in your country." They simply do what is necessary to keep China stable.

**Questions and Answers:**

Q: Did you see signs of religion?

A: There are 10/12 government sanctioned religions.

Q: What would happen if the Government found out someone made negative remarks about China?

A: He or she would probably lose their job.

Q: Did you see any American business expansion?

A: Everything from IBM to BMW to Mercedes and fast food chains. The Western presence is definitely there.

Q: If someone wants to own a business, is it still the case that the Chinese Government has to own half?

A: Yes, I believe so.

**NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS**

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

**Name:** Bryon Tuthil  
**Business:** Community Bank, N.A.  
**Position:** Branch Manager  
**Classification** Banking-Management  
**Membership:** Active  
**Previous Rotary Membership:** NA  
**Proposed by:** Stan Ransom

**Name:** Dr. Jay Stein  
**Business:** SUNY Plattsburgh  
**Position:** Provost/VP for Academic Affairs  
**Classification** Education—Administration  
**Membership:** Active  
**Previous Rotary Membership:** NA  
**Proposed by:** Anne Hansen

**Name:** Kristin Shives  
**Business:** Boy Scouts of America  
**Position:** District Executive  
**Classification** Association of Boy Scouts  
**Membership:** Active  
**Previous Rotary Membership:** NA  
**Proposed by:** Robert W. Parks

**50/50:** The pot today was over \$1,100, and Tim McSweeney drew the three of spades.

	<b>Sept. 24</b>	<b>Oct. 1</b>	<b>Oct. 8</b>
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Adk. North Country Assoc. Terry Martino	Club Assembly Pres. Steve Frederick	D.A Andrew Wylie Peter Ensel &
<b>GREETERS</b>	Bruce Delventhal & Gerald Dominy	Bob Donlan & Erik Eaglefeather	Alan Folsom Paul Grasso
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Larry Goodman	Ron Graham	Stan Ransom
<b>BLESSING</b>	Jack Dee	Kevin Killeen	Ewa Jankowska
<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Tracy Clark	Donald Ireland	Corn Forrence
<b>PROGRAM INTRO.</b>	Howard Lowe	Howard Lowe	Frank Hamilton
<b>THANK SPEAKER</b>	Bob Grugle	Ray Guydosh	—
<b>NEW MEM. TALK</b>	—	—	—
<b>SEASONED MEM.</b>	—	Joann Rushford-Gowett	—
<b>FOOD SHELF</b>	K. Killeen & C.J. Soper	—	—

**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?