

Program: Fieldtrip to the Strand Theater

The Grand Tour For those fortunate to participate in today's offsite club meeting, a brilliant lunch provided by Chris Dominiani at the Adirondack Soup Company was followed by a wonderful tour of the Strand Theater. Heath Powers, a lifetime resident of Plattsburgh and Strand Restoration volunteer, lead tours through both the balcony and main auditorium.

The Balcony The tour started in the balcony where a major portion of the renovation is under way. There used to be a separate screen for those in the balcony and now that the main stage is the only focal point, the seating has to be sloped differently.

Points of Interest Heath highlighted three interesting facts about this theater that make it unique from others. First, the amount of "fly space" (space directly above the stage used to store sets that are raised and lowered by ropes) is larger than most at three stories tall. Second, all seats in the theater have an equally good view of the stage. Finally, acoustics in the theater are so good, that microphones are not needed for people in the balcony to hear what is being said on the stage. An acoustics specialist from New York City came to assess the sound and was adamant that nothing be changed during the restoration process. He said it rivaled any Broadway stage!

A Few Changes Although the restoration process requires keeping very close to historical accuracy in terms of aesthetics, a few changes are necessary to accommodate the changing times. In 1924, when the theater was built, as a show was beginning, the lights would dim, the organ would rise up through the floor and the chandelier would rise to the ceiling. This will still be the case upon reopening, but hydraulic lifts are required to maneuver the chandelier, which is being designed and built by Schonbek Lighting. Seating capacity has changed as well. The Strand once hold 1,300 people. However, larger seats and handicap accessibility regulations, including larger aisles will slightly reduce the capacity.

The Organ In 1924, 10,000 Wurlitzer Organs were made. Only 44 remain in existence now, and the Strand



Heath Powers (left), a volunteer with the Strand Theater Restoration Project, discussed future restoration work with members of the Rotary Club during a tour of the theater.

Theater is fortunate to have one of them. Jonathan Ortloff is working with a team of volunteers to completely restore it at no charge.

Major Undertaking The total financial investment to restore the Strand Theater will require \$3.8 million. To date, the project has collected \$1.3 million. The focus for the summer will be to raise \$83,000 from the community as part of a matching grant from the city. Once the money is raised and spent to restore the marquee and the front of the building, the city will contribute the other half of the matching grant.

How to Help The Strand Performing Arts Center is offering the opportunity for individuals to sponsor a seat in the theater. Your inscription will be displayed on a brass plaque mounted on the back of the seat. Depending on the seat you select, sponsorships range from \$150-\$500. Contact the NCCCA (30 Brinkerhoff St. in Plattsburgh) at 563-1604 or email NCCCA@primelink1.net. For more information visit www.plattsburgharts.org.

This Week:

- May 29th is the Paul Harris Dinner at the Valcour Education Conference Center. Tickets are \$35 per person, and RSVPs are due at the next meeting, Wednesday, May 27th. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6:30pm. Please join the club in celebrating our Paul Harris Fel-



A 1924 WURLITZER ORGAN IS BEING RESTORED BY JONATHAN ORTLOFF AND WILL BE AN INCREDIBLE, AUTHENTIC ATTRIBUTE OF THE THEATER.

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lows. Keith Tyo will be emailing the club a flyer with the information.

- June 5-7th is the Rotary Fishing Tournament. There are still openings for volunteers to sign up to help at a weigh station. Feel free to bring a competent non-Rotarian with you to help.
- June 10th is the Rotary Golf Outing.

New Member Induction: Wallace Westfeldt

Wallace Westfeldt was inducted as the club's newest member. He was sponsored by Bob Parks. New members increase our effectiveness as a club and further spreads the good work we do.

Guests: Annie Scavo (Ita Bullard), Marianne Westfeldt (Wallace Westfeldt)



International Scene: Putting a STOP to Polio

ROTARIAN AND STOP VOLUNTEER JENNY HORTON IMMUNIZES A CHILD AGAINST POLIO IN PAKISTAN. PHOTO BY JEAN-MARC GIBOUX -

The following excerpt has been taken from Rotary International: www.rotary.org.

"The STOP program was CDC's idea, and we met with several of the agency's 'smallpox warriors' to hear their thoughts on training and deploying staff for three-month assignments," said Dr. Steve Cochi, special adviser to the CDC Global Immunization Division

DATES TO REMEMBER:

2009

- May 29 Paul Harris Dinner
- June 5-7 24th Annual Fishing Classic
- June 10 Rotary Golf Tourney
- June 21-24 RI Convention in Birmingham, England

2010:

- 6/20-23 RI Convention in Montreal

ON-LINE MAKEUP:

www.rotaryclubone.org

NEARBY MAKE UP LOCATIONS:

Mon.	Burlington	12:10pm	Wyndham Hotel
	Canton	12:15pm	Best Western
	Ottawa	12:30pm	Ottawa Marriott Hotel
Tues.	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
Wed.	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)
Thurs.	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
Fri.	Burlington Sunrise	7:15am	Ethan Allen Club
	Old Montreal	12:15pm	Holiday Inn Select

director. "Based on their experience eradicating smallpox in the 1970s, they recognized the value of such a program and provided great input as we got started."

The volunteers conduct field surveillance, train health care providers in surveillance techniques, and help plan and monitor polio and measles vaccination campaigns. STOP also sends volunteers to support UNICEF in social mobilization, advocacy, and communications for immunization efforts in Africa and Asia.

Upcoming Programs

- May 27—Adirondack Young Professionals
- June 3—Issues on Open Government
- June 10th—TBA

Programs/Duty Roster:

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