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This Week:

- Bob Gruegle is standing in for President Steve Frederick.
- The District Conference is in October and there is still room for attendance.
- Colin Read lead the scholarship donation for Courtney Waldron who is leaving for dental hygiene school. Good luck Courtney.

Fines: Vicki Marking, President of the BPW, was pictured in the Press Republican.

Visiting Rotarians: Ronnie Brown (Sunrise Club), Gordon Hazel (Sunrise Club)

Guests: Jill Abdallah, Janet Duprey (Rod Giltz), Hossein (Hoss) Yadollahpour; (Stan Ransom); Garry Douglas (Bob Frenyea); Bill Rowden (Sara Rowden); Justin Meyer (PP Charles Paepke).



Jim Judkins speaks with Congressman John McHugh

Happy Thoughts: Kathy Forgette’s grandchildren are coming for a visit this weekend. She also asked us to keep her nephew who is in Afghanistan in our thoughts. Rod Giltz has two happy dollars—one for his daughter who is visiting from Washington this weekend. The second dollar is for his other daughter who’s leaving.

Peter would like to offer \$25 in celebration of his 25th anniversary to “St. Carla.” Bob Parks’ daughter returned from Germany safely. Kit Booth announced that Sept. 13-14 is the Battle of Plattsburgh Weekend, and he is looking for parade marshals. Stephens Mundy’s youngest son is going to college, and he is happy to see his son playing soccer. Kevin Killeen has a dollar because this year *would* have been his 25th anniversary. In light of the club’s happy dollar humor, Congressman John McHugh offered a happy dollar for it being eight years ago that he got divorced.

Our Program: Congressman John McHugh on Energy Policy. Every time Congressman McHugh returns home he hears deep concerns about the price of gas. Home heating season is a matter of life or death for many families.

Where are we now? If we set out to do so, we would be hard pressed to be in a more precarious place. If you think about it, we’ve built ourselves into the world’s super power (economically) on a single source—Oil. We impose restrictions to our domestic environmental resources. We place 85% of our resources off limits, and we’re the only country to do this.

What should we do? We have to set a course of action that makes us oil/carbon based energy free. We have the cultural, economic, academic, and technological means for us to make ground. The object is to take the challenge of getting off oil dependency and turning it into an opportunity that will bring economic growth, jobs and stability in the U.S. economy.

Q: Why are we spending so much to rebuild Iraq when they just had a multiple billion dollar windfall? Secondly, some of us think the best way to protect our soldiers is to bring them home. What do you think?

DATES TO REMEMBER:

10/17-19 District 7040 Conference in Cornwall

2009:

6/5-7 24th Annual Fishing Classic

A: Iraq found itself with no plan to spend the windfall. They have made a pledge to the Coalition to dedicate the money to rebuild their country. The reason we are spending the money is that Colin Powell said, "If you break it, you buy it." We need to help Iraq stabilize before we can bring troops home.

Q: Can you flush out your vision for conservation? We are concerned about what will happen when we go back to more standard oil prices.

A: We need to work on conservation all around. We need to consider gas guzzler tax for big vehicles. We've also created incentives for fuel efficient cars, alternative sources of energy. We need to balance consumer behavior and the power of taxation and incentives.

Q: Although I am prior military I can say that I'm ashamed of the torture practices. Can you speak to this?

A: I'm frustrated about the debate. According to President Bush, he signed an order to outlaw "water boarding." They want to put the same restrictions on the CIA and FBI that the Army Field Manual describes. I disagree with this because the field manual is geared toward untrained soldiers. Strict control is necessary.



L to R: Assemblywoman Janet Duprey, Congressman John McHugh, Ellie Murray

ON-LINE MAKEUP: www.rotaryclubone.org

NEARBY MAKE UP LOCATIONS:

Monday	Burlington	12:10pm	Wyndham Hotel
	Canton	12:15pm	Best Western
	Ottawa	12:30pm	Nat'l Press Club
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

But such restrictions on the CIA make its job very difficult. They can apply other non-torturous methods that are currently not allowed, because they are not allowed in the Army manual.

Q: What makes the present different from the 70's oil crisis?

A: Nothing is different. Let's assume congress gets serious about alternatives and renewable energy, and the rest of the world gets on board. The only thing that will make a difference is insuring your elected representatives stick to the issues. This is a wake up call and we need to work like crazy to preserve what we do have. If the leadership at the state and local levels get lax, we're doomed in rural areas. We don't have subways and busses. That's not an option for rural communities.

50/50: The pot is worth \$799 and Jack Dee picked the 6 of Diamonds.

Make-ups: Rosemary Souza-Botten (on line 7/17,7/23, 7/30); Jay Kerley, (on line 7/16)

Another Candle Burning for: Paul Sands (Aug 12)

	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27
PROGRAM	Airport Development	Stepping Out	NPC and Political Landscape—Brian Mann
GREETERS	Chris Kreig	Elle Berger	John Boule & Kyle Brister
	Gil Zahn & Don Anderson	John Bernardi & Bonnie Black	MaryAnne Bulholt-Ryder
HOSPITALITY	Rose Anderson	Alan Booth	Rose Anderson
BLESSING	Kevin Killeen	Stan Ransom	Ita Bullard
INTRODUCTIONS	Amy Asadourian	Chris Booth	Rod Giltz
PROGRAM INTRO.	Bob Smith	—	George Burrell
THANK SPEAKER	Elle Berger	Ellen Bouchard	Anne Cutaiair
NEW MEM. TALK	—	—	—
SEASONED MEM.	—	Erik Eaglefeather	—
FOOD SHELF	—	—	—

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?