



ROTARY 2008-2009 *Make Dreams Real*

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This Week:

- The District Conference is in October. Steve would like a good showing for our Plattsburgh Club.

Visiting Rotarians: Victoria Zinzer-Johnson, Sunrise Club

Guests: Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward; Rick Leibowitz (Colin Reed), Reg Carter (Al Folsom), Pat Garrow (Ellen Bouchard), Jay Stein (Ann Hansen), Bob Grady (Bob Parks), Gary Clark & Helen Smith (Heidi Clute).

Fines: Stan Supinski received a cell phone \$10.

Happy Thoughts:

Ita Bullard thanked everyone for all the support she has received as the airport has accepted 3 of her large paintings. Kit Booth announced that the Battle of Plattsburgh will be listed in Cape Air's seat back magazine. Guest Rick Leibowitz's younger brother welcomed a baby into the world.

Infomercial: In 2010, the Rotary International is being held in Montreal. Linda Bradley is looking for 50 volunteers to help with set-up in a multitude of roles. Please see President Steve's email with information on how you can volunteer.

Our seasoned member talk; Heidi Clute has three sisters (one twin who flew out to celebrate her b/day and is a guest today). She lives in Morrisonville with her cats. Though she claims she never had cats or liked them, "Marilyn" showed up under her car one day and she's had cats ever since. As a hobby, Heidi used to do commercial stained glass, and enjoys riding motorcycles. She has been a member of Rotary since 1997 and has enjoyed participating in all the activities including Radio Day, weighing fish, selling "ducks for bucks" and more. Heidi is a member of the Women Business Owners of Vermont. She attended Plattsburgh State

and started in the Financial Service field in 1980. Heidi formed Clute Wealth Management in 1984 and is celebrating her 29th year in business. She recently received the Barron's Award for 2008 Winner's Circle top 100 Women. Heidi enjoys serving with Rotary and everything that goes with it.

Our Program today is Mayor Kasprzak and Bernie Bassett on *Shared Services*.

Don Kasprzak: Mayor Kasprzak would like to make an announcement. Next week, the city and the town are merging (laughter). Don and Bernie have been meeting with the county, the college, and city school district to discuss shared services. Some of the shared services between the county and city that exist presently include shared Civil Service Depts., youth programs, law enforcement, combined fuel bid with the school district, legal services, school district purchases, sand and salt, and maintenance support. They have a working relationship with Plattsburgh State as well. They cooperate on center city issues and share services with the town as well.

Some highlights that need addressed: Central Warehouse Buying, GIS Mapping (why aren't we doing them together?), health insurance purchases, training costs, contract negotiation services, sign shops, website expertise, tax collection.

Bernie Bassett: One of the wonderful things about working together is the positive relationship between he and Mayor Kasprzak that has developed over the years. As we talk about sharing services, it is important to point out that not everything can be shared. It is necessary to look at the legality and overall benefits of sharing certain services.

Mayor Kasprzak and Bernie Bassett open the floor for questions:

DATES TO REMEMBER:

10/25-27 District 7040 Conference

2009:
6/5-7 24th Annual Fishing Classic

Q: When you get water from the town that's used strictly for irrigation, why are we billed for city sewer?
Echoed by other members.

A: We don't have a dual billing system. It's always been that way and the water will eventually get into the sewer. This is a problem that can't be fixed right away, but it has been brought to the attention of the people in water/sewer.

C: If either municipality were to go into the metering of groundwater, it may be more expensive than cost effective.

C: If the consumer can put up the expense for a separate meter, why can't the city put up the expense for separate billing?

Q: What is going to happen with the theater?
A: Bernie: We are expecting to open it in the fall.

Q: Can you comment on the Development Corporation's reuse of the Air Base and where the town fits in?
A: Bernie: The airport is in the town and zoned airport limits what we can do. We have an enormous amount of work to do to prepare for the jobs and infrastructure needed to bring Laurentian.

Q: Is there a county wide effort to collapse services and make things more efficient for the people?
A: Mayor: We have been meeting since early April and we are looking at more efficient ways of governing. Is there an official plan? No. But is it on the table? Yes.

ON-LINE MAKEUP:		www.rotaryclubone.org
NEARBY MAKE UP LOCATIONS:		
Monday	Burlington Canton Ottawa	12:10pm Wyndham Hotel 12:15pm Best Western 12:30pm Nat'l Press Club
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	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)
Thursday	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
Friday	Burlington Sunrise Old Montreal	7:15am Ethan Allen Club 12:15pm Holiday Inn Select

Q: There is fear that local government is going to seek property taxes from non-profits and other tax exempt cultural organizations. Can you speak to this?

A: Mayor: Every year the city of Plattsburgh should have been sending out paperwork to review businesses as non-profit. As many tax exempt businesses should be put back on the tax rolls as possible. The school district initiated that particular move but because the properties are located in the city, we have the responsibility to pursue it.

C: Assemblywoman Sayward: We have far too many tax exemptions in the state of New York.. Non-profits that are making money ought to be paying taxes.

50/50: The pot is worth \$500 and Kathy Forget picked the 3 of clubs.

Make-ups: None

	July 16	July 23	July 30
PROGRAM	Soc. Serv. Attorney's Work—Jack Dee	Telemedicine Howard Lowe	District Gov. Visit Peter Bashaw
GREETERS	Stan Ransom & Colin Read	Joann Rushford—Gow & Lee Salzman	Bob Smith & CJ Soper
HOSPITALITY	Alice Recore	Paul Sands	Rosemary Souza-Botten
BLESSING	Bonnie Black	MaryAnne Bukolt-Ryder	Peter Cadieux
INTRODUCTIONS	Sara Rowden	Tony Searing	Sylvia Stack
PROGRAM INTRO.	Bill Rowe	Corn Forrence	Pres. Steve Frederick
THANK SPEAKER	Stan Stupinski	John Seiden	Barbara Straw
NEW MEM. TALK	Ron Graham	—	—
SEASONED MEM.	—	Alice Recore	—
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?