



Club #85, founded 1913

October 23, 2007

Attendance: Herman Alves, John Bishop, Patrick Lemoine, Steve Sadler, George Shalhoub, Udo Stundner, Bob Velan, Drew Webster. **Visiting Rotarian:** Auli Kankkunen (Finland). **Visitor:** Wilhem Silencieux (Haiti).

President Herman introduced our guest speaker **Daniel Jagodinski** who was accompanied by **Anne-Marie Jouan**. His topic was to have been “20th Century Painting” but incompatibility between Apple and IBM equipment decided otherwise. Instead, he spoke about a French artist painter whom he got to know at La Sorbonne at the time of the student riots in 1968. **Boris Taslitsky** was born in 1911 in Paris to a family of Russian emigrants. He died in September 2006 at the age of 94. His pictures are in the main galleries of Europe but, according to a write-up by Reuters “the artistic community in France had always been cold to him”. Our speaker referred to his imprisonment at Buchenwald during the Second World War about which Reuters says: “...in the concentration camp he made 111 portraits on the writing paper he stole from the SS department.” He is known for portraits of leaders of the French Communist Party and a series on Algeria and the war in Viet Nam. During the presentation, sketches by the artist were passed around in 8½” x 11”, glossy, high definition scans. Our speaker is attempting to interest the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts in putting on a Boris Taslitsky exhibition. Great painter that he is, his sketches may very well exhibit greater talent.



Patrick Lemoine thanked our speaker who agreed to return another time to present his originally scheduled talk.

Other business:

Drew Webster spoke about the District Conference. He referred to the presentation on “Global Climate Changes” given by **Mike**

Brklacich, Professor and Chair of Geography and Environmental Studies at Carleton University. Professor Brklacich has been part of the Global Environmental Change and Human Society GECHS team since 1996 and chaired its Scientific Steering Committee from 2001 until 2006. His concern about carbon dioxide levels is palpable. The fact they are so much higher than in previous cycles over the past 400,000 years, I forget his actual words but the message was “this is scary stuff”. No one knows what comes next. He is a lead author for Fourth Assessment by Intergovernmental Panel on Climatic Change Working Group II and a member of Scientific Advisory Committee to the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research.

Upcoming Speakers:

October 30 at 7.30 am: **Tania Tassone**, event manager of TassONE Event specializing in the development and coordination of special events such as galas, product launches, conferences, cocktails, business meetings and seminars.

November 6 at 12.30 pm: **TBA**

Membership:

The Rotary Club of Watertown NY won this year’s trophy for the largest percentage increase in membership in District 7040. They go about the task using a team approach, 4 people in one team. I do not have further detail but the result is certainly interesting. The Rotary Club of Laval is using a template called clubwithinaclub. Again I am hazy on detail but I understand they will be inviting one hundred or so business and professional people to a reception in the expectation that some of them will be interested in becoming Rotarians.

Public Relations tip:

Recycle your ROTARIAN magazines by re-labeling them with contact information of our club and distributing them in waiting rooms.

International Convention:

Los Angeles, June 15-18, 2008

Website Links:

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