



Sidebar.....

Upcoming Events

Jan. 27: **William Klein**
(House Appropriations Cmtee)

Feb. 3: **Michael Fonte**
(Update on Taiwan)

Feb. 10: **Kristin Panier**
(Rotary Amb. Scholar)

Feb. 17: **TBA**

Feb. 24: **Ms. Pi-Hsien Yu**
(Embassy of Singapore)



3 Minute Talk Schedule

Jan. 27: **Barrie Friedman**

Feb. 3: **Ellen Gillis**

Feb. 10: **Lyuba Hubbard**

Feb. 17: **Curt Huff**

Feb 24: **Larry Jackson**



Member Milestones

(Jan. 27—Feb. 2)

Jan. 29: **Frank Lankowski**
(Wife's Birthday)

The Three Minute Corner



Bruce Fowler, M.D., a toxicologist with ICF International, reported that his office has not seen the end of concerns about last year's oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, as there remains a substantial amount of oil on the floor of the Gulf.

Bruce recounted that his office has been asked to quickly come up with numbers about the extent of the spill, but it has been difficult if not impossible to do.

Never the less, a group of ten or so scientists at ICF International went to work and came up with their findings within a week or so.

The reaction (wouldn't you believe it?) was "What took you all so long???"

This Morning



Our breakfast speaker today is **William (Bill) Klein**, a friend of Aaron Overton and the husband of Lori Gillen, who was one of our speakers last year.

Bill joined the House of Congress's Appropriations Committee's Surveys and Investigations (S&I) staff last year. He is a team leader whose portfolio with the S&I staff includes defense, homeland security, and intelligence issues. Prior to this job, he spent over ten years with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). His education includes a B/A degree in political science from George Washington, and a M/A degree in National Security Studies from Georgetown University.

Money Hustling Time

Steve Vaccarezza won last week's 50/50 raffle (\$27), but not the jackpot (\$505).

Ecstatic dollars were contributed by **Dave Fitzwilliam** (Happy Birthday for visitor Bob Schapiro), **Carla Satinsky** (No polio in India last year), **Gonzo Accame** (huge project completed), **John Warden** (see picture & announced that he is moving to Connecticut, and has enjoyed his short year with our club), and **Jim Manley** (made note that Rob Follit was a bit late, but made it in time to handle "Sarge" duties).



Wine Tasting & Auction

President **Gary Lett** expressed disappointment last week that only 30% of the membership has furnished names and addresses for invitations to the Wine Tasting/Silent Auction on February 18. Presumably, this means that less than a dozen members have responded.

Suggestion: Excuse our older and retired members from complying, and suggest to them that a cash contribution to our Foundation (\$100 to \$500) would be sufficient and appreciated.

Last Week

Last week's breakfast speaker was Ms. **Rachel Simko**, who has served as a missionary and art teacher in Ecuador for the past year. Her talk was about the country and her work in the capital city of Quito.

The country is roughly the size of Colorado and sits astride the equator, hence its name, and Quito is at an altitude of 9,500 feet. It is a beautiful country but impoverished, follows traditions, speaks Spanish, and is Roman Catholic. Its schools are poorly furnished, and our speaker uses her own funds to buy supplies.

Rachel's photographs displayed few desks, one computer that does not work, and a Christmas tree for the holidays. From her conversations, it was apparent that she has a deep affection for her students, and they in turn for her. She was graduated from the Maryland Institute College of Art, and has become proficient in Spanish. She welcomes the support of churches and service clubs in the area.

