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The ROTARY CLUB of MORRIS, NY

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District 7170



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Meetings every Monday at 6:00 PM in the Town House, Morris, NY

Last Meeting – March 02, 2009

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President-Elect **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 19 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky Pegg. In the Ace of Hearts drawing, **Mike Virgil** drew the Two of Hearts. Again, **Fred Schwarzhans** was absent so he will give next week's Rotary Moment.

Guests — DGN **Sam Koury** (Oneonta) was the only visiting Rotarian. Mackenzie Ballard accompanied her mother.

Make-Ups — None this week.

Announcements — **Dick Keene** reports that over 250 cases of citrus fruit will be arriving at the Town House on Wednesday, March 4. He would like help unloading the shipment. Also, he encourages everyone to make the deliveries promptly. --- **Lois Miller-Ballard** is taking reservations for the club winter social on Friday evening, March 27. The cost is \$35 per person. Guests are welcome. --- Responding to a question from the floor, **Mike Virgil** outlined the schedule of interviews for the new MCS Superintendent. The district received 25 applications. The field has been narrowed to seven; it will be further reduced to three in the next round. The selection will be completed by month's end. Virgil declined, however, to comment on any of the individuals still in the running, citing a vow of confidentiality. --- **Selean "Sam" Koury** promoted the District Assembly to be held on April 4 at the SUCO Conference Center. He promised it will be four hours of important Rotary training, sandwiched between a complete breakfast and a nourishing lunch. All MRC members are invited to attend.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — We sang a heart-felt song to **Gary Johnson**.

Happiness — **Gerry Bourgeois'** granddaughter (Meredith) will be working for the Chenango County District Attorney. --- **Harry Graves** spent the day thoroughly scrubbing a spare room that will be closed down. --- **Gary Johnson** contributed a dollar for Maureen's

Four-Way Test effort. --- **Maureen Kranbuhl** learned the Four-Way Test. --- **Lois Miller-Ballard's** daughter Melissa (Sidney Rotarian) was one of the celebrity riders in last week's donkey basketball game. She's all black and blue ... but says she'll do it again. --- **Mike Virgil** was pleased with the public support of the donkey basketball game. --- **Royce Webster** had a great two-week trip to Florida. He encountered many other Rotarians while there.



Program — After a year off, the local Boy Scout troop will again sponsor the Trout Derby for area kids on May 2. They will stock the creek down through Dimmock Hollow. The goal is to have every kid take home a fish or a prize. (The troop is seeking door prizes to be given away to the kids.) The entry fee will remain \$5 per child. Last time the event was held, a total of 118 kids participated.

Spokesman Ray Howland also reported on other Boy Scout matters: + The troop is raising money so five Morris scouts can attend the national jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill in Virginia near Washington, DC. Assistant Scoutmasters Dan Nitto and Garrett Smith will accompany the boys. The project will cost about \$12,000. The troop collected nearly \$1,000 at a fund-raiser at Appleby's Restaurant. + The Annual Blue & Gold Dinner will be held on April 28. + Several Scouts and the new Webelos (Cub Scouts making the transition into Boy Scouting) successfully completed their sleep-out this winter (on a VERY cold night).

This Week – March 09, 2009

Club Assembly and Directors' meeting.

Next Week – March 16, 2009

We'll get a program from a fellow Rotarian. **Christine Lindberg** of the Edmeston club works for the publishers of the Oxford Dictionary. We'll explore the world of words.

Active Members

- Bosco, Sharon *
- Bourgeois, Gerard *
- Breuninger, Mary *
- Brown, Juanita *
- Burdick, William
- Conroe, Jeffrey +
- D'Amico, Michael +
- DeLaurentis, Teresa
- Frankel, George +
- Fusco, Nancy *
- Graves, Harry *
- Hay, Ronald *
- Johnson, Fred *
- Johnson, Gary *
- Keene, Richard *
- Kranbuhl, Maureen
- Lander, Robert +
- Marlier, Felice *
- Matteson, John *
- Meyers, Matthew
- Miller, Joan
- Miller, Roger *
- Miller-Ballard, Lois *
- Panek, Nicole
- Pasternak, James *
- Pegg, Patrick
- Phillips, CarrieLynn +
- Pickens, William *
- Rehrmann, Henry *
- Schwarzhans, Fred
- Schwarzhans, Marg
- Tiffany, Norman *
- Townsend, Neil *
- Virgil, Michael *
- Webster, Royce *

YEP Students

- DeForest, Chelsea
From G-MU to India
- Endo, Thais Sayuri
From Brazil to MCS
- Meyers, Kaitlin
From MCS to Belgium

Honoraries

- Danielson, Walter *
- Halbert, Ronald *
- Norton, Bruce *
- Sorensen, Herbert
- Stowell, William *
- Walicka, Terry *

* Paul Harris Fellows
+ Sustaining Members

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Next In Rotary Service: Please Make Your Rotary Citrus Fruit Deliveries Promptly

Board of Directors

February MRC Directors Actions And Discussions

(Minutes typed by **Carrie Lynn Phillips** to be submitted at the March meeting. Not yet corrected and approved by the Directors.)

February 9, 2009

Present: Pres. Conroe; Pres-elect G. Johnson; V.P. Burdick; Sec Marlier; Treas. Fusco; P. Pres F. Schwarzzhans
Directors; F. Johnson, C. Phillips; Director-elect: Meyers
Attendee: DeLaurentiis

Harry Graves voiced concern that the Monday meeting following a week -end event would have low attendance and should be cancelled. The Board didn't agree but it was noted that Rotarians participating in any event receive a make-up which may be used for a missed meeting two weeks prior to two weeks following any Rotary event or project.

The Board voted unanimously to keep the new 6 PM start time for Monday meetings. Fred J. will notify the district website and Felice will notify The Daily Star.

A donation of \$50.00 will be given to the Morris Fire Dept. for the use of the fire house for the chicken barbecue on super bowl Sunday.

Teresa DeLaurentiis reported on the banner project for Main and Broad streets. The cost for providing 8 banners plus the hardware to install them is approximately \$2,000.00 The Village will provide the labor for installation. Teresa will give an update on the material and design of the banners at the next board meeting. The Board is in favor of sponsoring this project and appreciated Teresa's presentation.

Bill Burdick reported on his conversation with Faith Huston regarding the \$500.00 she has from Tom Ford for the Christmas wreaths, which he donated to the Village in memory of his friend in 1996. The Village doesn't plan to access these funds. The Board suggested that Felice talk to Faith about donating the money to the Butternut Valley Garden club for their annual tree planting project.

Matt Meyers reported on the status of the Linn Tractor building project in Guy Rathbon Park. Curtis Lumber will donate any plywood, trim and lumber needed. Otsego Redi-Mix will provide the concrete for the floor but, due to the economy, may not be able to give Rotary a discount.

Mike Virgil made the motion to give the \$590.00 profit from the Super Bowl Sunday chicken barbecue to the Linn Tractor Building project. The motion was second by Fred Johnson and carried unanimously.

The Board will ask Mike D'Amico to work with the Boy Scouts on the Fishing Derby, a popular event, which hasn't been held for several years, to see what their needs may be, such as funds, volunteers, etc.

A Rotary Leadership Institute will be held in Owego on Saturday, March 28th from 8 AM to 3:30 PM. Bill Burdick and Carrie Lynn Phillips were asked to attend and will inform the Board by February 23rd of their discussion.

The annual District Conference will be held from May 1-3 at the Regency Hotel in Binghamton. Rotarians are encouraged to attend part or all of the weekend's sessions and events. More information is forthcoming.

Bill Burdick said the Morris Farmers Market Association wants to obtain a 501c3 designation to make it a tax free entity. The cost is \$500.00 which includes legal fees. Mike Virgil made the motion for Rotary to donate \$250.00 now, second by Fred Johnson, with the option for them to request additional funds later on. The Board unanimously approved this motion. Rotary will receive a free space at this year's Farmers Market, which will run from July 2nd to the end of October. This space will be used for a 50/50 raffle, membership recruitment and supplying Rotary information.

The Board briefly suggested ideas for a 3-5 year plan. Further discussions were tabled until the next meeting.

Carrie Lynn Phillips said the talent show to benefit Catskill Area Hospice and Palliative Care will be held on April 24 at 7 PM in the auditorium of Morris Central School. Patrick Pegg will be asked to supply his sound system. The committee includes Carrie Lynn, Fred Johnson, Teresa DeLaurentiis and Mike Virgil.

Nancy Fusco noted that 8 or 9 Rotarians currently don't have e-mail and thus are not receiving the weekly newsletter. Teresa DeLaurentiis said she would donate one of their copy machines to be placed in the Rotary room for use in duplicating newsletters, etc. Nancy suggested that a line-item be placed in next year's budget for ink, postage, etc. The Board expressed appreciation to Harry Graves and Pro-Tel for printing the newsletters and paying for postage for the past several years.

Respectfully submitted,
Felice Marlier, Secretary