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In Dutch

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# The ROTARY CLUB of MORRIS, NY

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## Last Meeting – March 30, 2009

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Jeffrey Conroe**. The meal for 23 Rotarians and guests was served by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky Pegg. Again, there was no winner in the Two of Clubs drawing. **Mike Virgil** drew the Seven of Hearts. **Margaret Schwarzans** substituted for Fred, distributing some pictures of her exchange trip

## Family Of Rotary

### From The Mailbag

The Florida delegation met at Mount Dora on Tuesday, March 24. Some members have announced their travel plans. **Roger & Joan Miller** say *our plan is to head North on the 5th or 6th of April. If all goes well we will see you on Monday, April 12.* Meanwhile, Marcia and **Hank Rehrmann** will be arriving earlier. *We will be home April 5<sup>th</sup>.* --- **Neil Townsend** sent along several bulletins from the Hudson Rotary Club with some novel ideas. A group of members will participate in the annual "Walk Across Florida" to raise money for cancer research through the Lance Armstrong Foundation. In May, they will trek across the peninsula from the Cocoa Beach on the Atlantic coast to Clearwater on the Gulf. Details on the organizing group can be found at [www.walkacrossflorida.com](http://www.walkacrossflorida.com). Another week's bulletin contained an article about an interesting speaker. The club had a program on "Santa America". Its white-bearded members visit terminally ill children in Hospice all year long to spread their joy. You can get details on the web at [www.santa-america.org](http://www.santa-america.org). George, you qualify! --- It was also good to hear from our summer visitor **Rev. John Bowen**. *You got me wondering about "esquivalence". So I Googled it... I think it apply applies to more than one of my offspring. "a willful avoidance of one's responsibilities." However, it not a word that will show up in one of my sermons.* --- The program by the Butternut Valley Alliance caught the attention of past president **Jeff Felker**, especially the search for a two-foot Hellbender salamander. *Chazz and I hunted our entire time in Morris to find one between the Butternut and the Unadilla.*

to India in 1980-81. **Mike D'Amico** will prepare next week's Rotary Moment.

**Guests** — **Dick Breuninger** (Oneonta) and **Chuck Reichardt** (Unadilla) were visiting Rotarians. Exchange student Thais Sayuri Endo of Brazil also joined us.

**Make-Ups** — **Neil Townsend** sent along cards for three visits to the Hudson, FL Rotary Club.

**Announcements** — Everyone had a good time at Friday's gathering at the Canasawacta Country Club. --- Chairman **Mike D'Amico** has posters for the chicken and biscuit supper on April 21. He will distribute them at next week's meeting. **Gary Johnson** confirmed that the United Methodist Church has been reserved. --- President Jeff noted that the club is preparing for the annual auction on Friday, May 15 and the golf tournament on Saturday, May 30. **Royce Webster** says the club will be receiving a quantity of estate furniture and suggested that the club secure the use of the auction building early for storage of sale items. --- Organizer **Mike Virgil** says the club has received three RYLA applications from MCS students and two from G-MU. Interviews will be held at 5:30 PM on Wednesday. --- The Pride of Workmanship dinner will be held at the Stella Luna restaurant in Oneonta. A buffet dinner will be offered.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** — None.

**Happiness** — **Gerry Bourgeois** had a memorable family gathering to mark his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. And he commented on the good time had at Friday's Winter Bash at the Country Club. He accused Rotarian Bill of kissing all the girls. --- **Dick Breuninger** praised the OHS students for an outstanding production of "Les Miserables" last weekend. --- **Jeff Conroe's** son Luke attended the Villanova-Pittsburgh NCAA basketball game. --- **Harry Graves** asked why Rotarian John had a nice blanket of new snow on his fields while all the lawns in the valleys are only spring-time brown. --- **Fred Johnson** distributed a list of the activities sponsored by Rotary clubs in District 7170, noting MRC's accomplishments. --- **John Matteson** sampled the Greek-style yogurt made at the Agro-Farma

## Active Members

Bosco, Sharon \*  
Bourgeois, Gerard \*  
Breuninger, Mary \*  
Brown, Juanita \*  
Burdick, William  
Conroe, Jeffrey +  
D'Amico, Michael +  
DeLaurentiis, 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 \*  
Schwarzans, Fred  
Schwarzans, 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 \*

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Next In Rotary Service:

Hang A Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Poster In Your Business

plant in West Edmeston. In a MRC program a year ago, the plant's owner had predicted that we would like their Chobani yogurt; John says he was correct. --- **Chuck Reichardt** raved about the good meatloaf dinner created by Juanita. --- **Laurene Reichardt** also praised our meals. She added that her last three dinners while speaking at a neighboring club were all chicken and biscuit; this was a welcome change. --- **Margaret Schwarzans** noted the success of Friday's social event. "Fred had a fine time without me," was how she phrased it. --- **Mike Virgil** commented on that great American war hero: General Happiness. --- **Royce Webster** has connected with former exchange student Malcolm Evans. The 1990s visitor from Australia is now married and has completed his economics degree. Royce also poked fun at president-elect Gary, noting that they saved the last piece of chocolate cake for him last Friday.

**Program** — Speaker Laurene Reichardt gave us an overview of the Catskill Center For Independence, a not-for-profit service agency located in the former State Police facility on Oneonta's Southside. The outreach group is a branch of the NYS Department of Education with the goal of letting those with disabilities to live independently. The

group also advocates to government bodies on behalf of the disabled. The Center is chartered for operation in Delaware County but their service area also includes Chenango, Otsego, and Schoharie counties.

Additional information can be found at the group's website, [www.ccfi.us](http://www.ccfi.us). All centers for independent living are consumer controlled. That means that at least 51% of the Center's Board of Directors must be individuals with disabilities. In fact, most of the Center's management and direct service staff are also qualified individuals with disabilities. When someone first contacts CCFI, the case workers ask many questions so they can make recommendations and create solutions that are in the best interest of the disabled individual.

#### **This Week – April 06, 2009**

Bankruptcies have been very much in the news in recent months. However, large organizations and most individuals have very different needs. Few lawyers conduct bankruptcy work. Chances are that your counselor does not. Norwich attorney James Cushman focuses on such needs and will make a presentation on the various "chapters" of state and federal bankruptcy laws.

#### **YEP Report**

## **Springtime in Europe Includes A Vacation In Italy**



Springtime is wonderful. And our youth ambassadors are enjoying it, too. This week, we get an update from Europe where Kate Meyers is preparing to go beyond Belgium's borders. But first, a review of her presentation to her host Rotary club.

*We started out with eating lunch together, which was a typical Belgian dish (pork with pickle sauce, potatoes - which they eat with EVERYthing EVERY day - and salad). Then I had to give my presentation. I was a bit nervous but after a few minutes of being on stage it flowed right out. Everyone was shocked at how well I could speak in Dutch. It was nice! It was in the Zwijnaarde Castle, no less, with a beautiful fountain and structure. The sun is FINALLY starting to shine here. I think it is a record here; it has been sunny the ENTIRE week with no rain. That is unbelievable for Belgium. It was already up to 16 or 17 degrees the other day! (Celsius, that is)*



*Yesterday, I received my schedule for Italy. In the Easter vacation, about two weeks from now, I will be going to Italy for ten days with all of the Rotary students. I am so excited. We're going to begin with Rome and the Vatican City, and then work our way through ancient Rome, Naples, Pompeii, Pisa, Florence, and Venice!!!! It is from April 6th- April 16th, so I will be in Italy for Easter! I was a little bit bummed that I won't be able to celebrate Easter with my family in Belgium because then I would've been able to see a "Belgian" Easter. I'm sure that Italy will be wonderful as well, so it's okay!*

*For the next two weeks, there is a fair here in Gent op St. Pieters plein, dus misschien. I will go there this evening to check out the rides and eat some French fries with my friends!*

*I will make sure to tell you everything about Italy!*