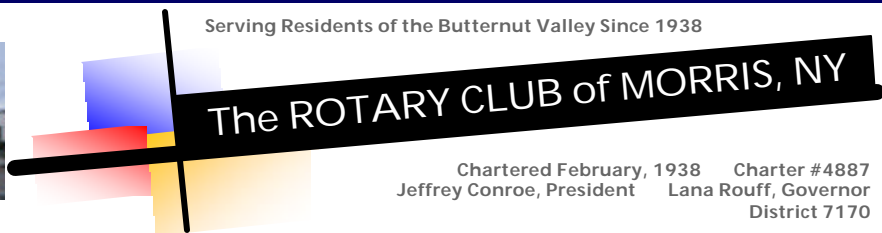




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Last Meeting – April 13, 2009

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Jeffrey Conroe**. We had a small turn-out. The meal for 18 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky Pegg. **Harry Graves** drew the Ace of Spades in the Two of Clubs drawing. **Mike D'Amico** has researched the reconstruction of Room 711 (Paul Harris' office) at RI headquarters in Evanston, IL. **Roger Miller** will give next week's Rotary Moment.

Guests — None

Make-Ups — **Roger & Joan Miller** attended Rotary at Temple Terrace in Florida.

Announcements & Discussions — Various members promoted the Chicken & Biscuit Dinner next week at the Morris United Methodist Church. All members are needed to provide labor ...and to supply two pies for dessert. Rotarian Hank is already promoting the dinner on the fire department sign. --- **Roger Miller** has set Thursday, April 23 as the date for the first highway clean-up. He would like to finish the task before the grass starts growing rapidly. --- **Harry Graves** promoted the upcoming District

In Carolee Dunham's Memory

Before she was killed in an auto accident in November of 2007, Carolee Dunham added vibrancy to the Gilbertsville community. She had participated in many school activities at Gilbertsville-Mount Upton from which she was to graduate in 2008. She had spent a year in Brazil as a Rotary exchange student the previous academic year.

Now, her friends and classmates will honor Miss Dunham's memory with the first annual Carolee 5K, an event to generate funds for a scholarship to be awarded annually to a G-MU scholar-athlete.

The initial walk/run is set for Saturday, May 23 at 4 PM. Anyone wishing to contribute can send donations by mail to: Carolee's Run, P.O. Box 336, Gilbertsville, NY 13776.

Conference in Binghamton. It will be the first weekend in May. You can attend for the entire weekend or pick various sessions. See the District website or PDG Fred for registration forms. --- Several members spoke about the annual auction in May. Chairman Gary says the date (May 15) has been reserved with Lukie Miller. Patrick will provide the sound system. Hank will order 100 halves of chicken from Brooks House of Barbecue and order all other food for the evening. Desserts this year will be limited to cupcakes and brownies the eliminate the need for cutting and serving plates. May's Club Assembly will be used as a work night to clean the fairgrounds while other members pick up donated items. --- Oneonta Rotarian **Sarah Patterson** will speak at the Pride of Workmanship dinner. --- Considerable time was spent discussing the embarrassment to the club when members leave early. **All members are asked to personally apologize to the speaker in advance for having to leave early.**

Birthdays & Anniversaries — Those with birthdays were celebrating elsewhere.

Happiness — **Mike D'Amico** reports that track season has started and he has a large contingent of good kids. The competition at Edmeston was held in horrible weather. He put in a plug for getting a track at MCS. Mike also noted that a family friend seems to be recuperating from a bout with cancer. --- **Teresa De-Laurentiis** is back after many days of intense work on the selection committee for the new superintendent of schools. She happily reports that several folks have already told the successful candidate to join Rotary. --- **Harry Graves** attended "From Test Patterns to Pixels", a symposium at Syracuse University on the future of television. It included lively interviews with TV pioneer Fred Silverman and others who examined the innovative "M*A*S*H", "Mary Tyler Moore", and "All In The Family" programs. --- **Gary Johnson**: Happy. --- **John Matteson**: Happy. --- **Matthew Meyers**: also happy. --- **Joan Miller** is happy to be home again. --- **Roger Miller** and Joan made it to Florida and back without problems. They did,

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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 *
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Miller, Roger *
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Pasternak, James *
Pegg, Patrick
Phillips, CarrieLynn +
Pickens, William *
Rehrmann, Henry *
Schwarzans, Fred
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Tiffany, Norman *
Townsend, Neil *
Virgil, Michael *
Webster, Royce *

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From Brazil to MCS
Meyers, Kaitlin
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Next In Rotary Service: Supply Two Pies and Your Labor to the Chicken & Biscuit Dinner.

however, have their car broken into while they were there. --- **Patrick Pegg** and Vicki held their first family gathering at the new home. They entertained 21 guests for Easter. --- **Hank Rehrmann** happily reports that an issue with an earlier IRS return has been resolved favorably. --- **Norm Tiffany** told an extremely funny story about Buford's case of shingles. --- **Royce Webster**: Happy.

Neighbors — The **Sidney Rotary Club** will be sponsoring its second annual golf tournament on Thursday, May 14 at the Sidney Golf and Country Club. Registration and breakfast are set for 9 AM with tee off at 10 AM via shotgun start. A buffet lunch will follow tournament play. There will be longest drive, closest-to-the-pin, and skins contests. Call Sidney Vice-President **Tim Cutting** at 607-561-2800 for more details and/or registration.

This Week – April 20, 2009

It's a work night. After enjoying Juanita's dinner and a brief business meeting, members will move to the Morris United Methodist Church to prepare for the following evening's chicken & biscuit dinner. The work-list includes peeling potatoes, arranging tables, and putting out tableware.

Next Week – April 27, 2009

Cobleskill Rotarian **Mike Vandow** says we may soon see "filmed in Otsego" in the credits of more films and television shows. He'll provide an update of the steps being taken to make it easier for film crews to operate in Otsego and Schoharie counties.

Follow-Up

For Your Summer Planning

The NYS Office of Parks & Recreation has announced several changes due to the economic downturn. We looked to former speaker Ed Winslow of Glimmerglass State Park for the local impact. His quick summary: *Our region has some cutbacks. Camping will open one week later (May 15th). Hunts Pond and Oquaga Creek will be closed two days a week (Tuesday & Wednesday).*

The official press release listed details that might impact the summer plans of MRC members. Changes for the nearby sites in the Central Region are outlined below.

Glimmerglass State Park: Winter tubing program will not operate during the winter of 2009-10; primitive winter camping will be discontinued.

Hunts Pond State Park: Campground closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Oquaga Creek State Park: The park and swimming beach will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The campground will be closed Monday through Wednesday.

Regional Campsites. All campgrounds will operate under reduced shortened seasons (typically shortened by two to four weeks). All campgrounds will open on May 15th (one to two weeks late for some facilities, except five weeks late for Chenango Valley). All campgrounds will close on Columbus Day.

Regional Historic Sites. Herkimer Home & Lorenzo State Historic Site will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays. The Lorenzo winter holiday program will be shortened to 5 days (previously an 18 day event).

YEP Report

How's Obama Doing?

Rotary's exchange students are our ambassadors to other countries. They are also good observers of how their home country is viewed from afar. Our current student in Belgium (Kate Meyers from Morris CS) was asked about reaction to President Obama's recent trip to Europe.



I was not fortunate enough to get to see the president; nor was anybody else that I know here in Europe. There has been a bit of talk about his visit though. The "Belgian view" of his trip to Europe, these days, is no more than, "Oh, that's nice. Obama is coming to Europe." Everyone here had a bit of curiosity about what he was planning to do and say while he was here, but not many people have gone out of their way to go and watch the president make a speech or anything of that sort.

My host mother said that if it was twenty years ago or so, then everyone would have been on the next flight to go and see the president, but now everyone here in Belgium is so used to seeing pop stars and famous artists that it is just normal and not anything to be so excited or shocked about anymore. Everyone does watch and listen to his speeches on the television though. Being that the capital of Europe is located right here in Belgium, Brussels, hundreds and hundreds of famous people have visited Belgium to do their shows/speeches so the culture is different nowadays and something like the president to come and visit Europe is just normal.

Even though everyone was not extremely excited about his visit, almost 99.9% of Belgians (I have not yet heard one Belgian say that they were for McCain or Bush) were happy that Obama decided to come to Europe. Everyone here believes that he is magnificent at giving speeches and winning the crowd with his style of speech, but many people are having their doubts or still waiting for some proof or action to back up what he says. Almost everyone here is pulling for him and excited to see something more from Obama than his speeches.

Many Belgians have trouble believing anything that Obama says because their own government is not in the best shape that it could be in. Many people have said that their political candidates say great things on the television to give a good voice and win over their supporters, but these politicians never fulfill the promises that they have made. This makes it very hard for them to believe all of the great things Obama has said because they've already believed too many promises for their own government that have never come true.

Sincerely,

Kate

P.S. I will be mailing you shortly about the trip to Italy. I will leave you with this: It was an unbelievable and fantastic experience and I learned so much about Italy's culture in just 11 days!