



A Family Affair
Thanks Freddie & Cassie
and Several Rotarians

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

Last Meeting – April 27, 2009

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Jeffrey Conroe**. The roast beef dinner for 25 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky Pegg. Again, there was no winner in the Two of Clubs drawing. Mary Breuninger drew the Nine of Hearts. **Lois Miller-Ballard** was absent so she will give her Rotary Moment next week.

Guests — Royce's nephew Carl Harris

Make-Ups — We received two make-ups from Florida for **Jim Pasternak**.

Announcements — Labor is needed for nthis weekend's Trout Derby, co-sponsored by the

Family Of Rotary

Webby's On The Mend



Word quickly spread around Morris that **Royce Webster** suffered a medical incident at his Oneonta office on Wednesday afternoon. We are all very concerned. The following e-mail was issued late on Friday evening.

Hello all,

I just wanted to update you on Royce.

When I left him in his hospital room at Fox Hospital about an hour ago, he was sitting looking over some paving estimates.

Yes, he went into cardiac arrest. But by the miracle of God and some quick CPR by Pete Gould and the Oneonta Fire Department EMTs he is well on his way to recovery. Yesterday he was taken off the respirator and sat up ...and asked for his cell phone because he had two businesses to run!

He is out of ICU. He will be in Fox for a few days and at some time will have to go to Wilson Hospital to have a defibrillator implanted.

Thanks all of you for your prayers and words of encouragement and concern. It means a lot.

Marguerite

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. **Mike D'Amico** asks volunteers call Nicole Kneaskern at 607-263-2565 if you can help out. --- The club will conduct its spring Adopt-A-Highway clean-up on Thursday, April 30. Members should meet at the Morris firehouse at 6 PM. --- President Jeff read a thank you note from the Morris Farmers' Market recognizing our contribution. --- The Rotary auction, golf tournament, and Pride of Workmanship dinner are coming up in the next month.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — None.

Happiness — **Gerry Bourgeois** spent a few days in Delaware and Virginia visiting family. They enjoyed lots of golf. --- **Dick Breuninger** is glad that the Morris Central Schools selected Matt Sheldon as its new superintendent. Matt is a former Rotary exchange student. Dick and Mary also had a great trip to Germany with their OHS kids. --- **Juanita Brown** thanked everyone for their help at the Scout dinner. --- **Bill Burdick** had a great time last Tuesday "even drying dishes". --- **Jeff Conroe** played in the alumni basketball game. --- **Mike D'Amico** added his thanks to everyone for supporting the chicken and biscuit dinner. He also congratulated the MCS boys' track team for placing 4th and the girls for their 6th place finish of 14 teams. His eight throwers all had personal best tosses. --- **Teresa DeLaurentiis** and Bill went to Syracuse last week to see Andre Rieu in concert at the War Memorial. It was a thrilling show. --- **Harry Graves** says his 90 year old mother decided to take the auto-train home from Florida this year, saving everyone the long trip. --- **Carl Harris** is going to be moving to Morris soon. --- **Gary Johnson** is only happy. He said he couldn't top Norm's story. --- **John Matteson** is happy again. --- **Roger Miller** has a new pacemaker ...and is no longer dreading the approaching medical procedure. --- **Patrick Pegg** got a great laugh when he announced that he had loaded Juanita's ass on a trailer. He didn't say where the donkey was going. --- **Carrie Lynn Phillips** has passed the two-week mark as a non-smoker. --- **Hank Rehrmann's** grandson "moved up" at the annual Cub Scout Blue &

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

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Sorensen, Herbert
Stowell, William *
Walicka, Terry *

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Next In Rotary Service: The Annual Morris Rotary Auction Will Be On Friday, May 15.

Gold dinner. --- **Fred Schwarzhans:** daughters Cassie and Emma won both the shot put and the discus in their relay meet. --- **Norm Tiffany** told a hilarious story of what can happen when you leave out a single letter in an e-mail address. --- **Mike Vandow** is glad to be joining the Morris Rotarians for dinner. --- **Mike Virgil** said that Matt Sheldon will be his replacement at MCS. --- **Royce Webster** commented on the great fun everyone had working at the chicken and biscuit dinner. He also noted that the Pickens, the Websters, and the Johnsons went to dinner at the Hidden Inn over the weekend ...and Gary paid the bill.

Neighbors — The Cortland Rotary Breakfast Club is now meeting at Linani's Restaurant in Homer at 7 AM.

This Week – May 04, 2009

Regional postal supervisor Barry Moore will tell us what to expect from the US Postal Service in the future.

Next Week – May 11, 2009

A work night to prep for the auction will replace the Club Assembly. Wear your work clothes. Many members will clean the auction barn while others pick up donations.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

RYLA Programs Are Tailored To Local Conditions

With the district's RYLA program coming up at the end of June, we devoted a full page of last week's newsletter to the week-long leadership exercise to be held at Hartwick College. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) started in Australia in 1959. The program became very popular and rapidly expanded to other areas. It became sanctioned by Rotary International in 1971. To this day, RYLA varies from district to district to meet local needs and to take advantage of available talents. Three districts in New York State show significant differences.

District 7190 – Albany Just as in District 7170, the Capitol Region RYLA program is open only to high school juniors but they meet throughout the academic year (October through April). The first and last meetings are full-day; the other five sessions are half-day seminars. And RYLA is not located on a college campus. It meets in spaces located across the district that reaches from neighboring Schoharie County to the northern tip of Lake George. The program is fully run by Rotarians with about half of the district's 46 clubs offering scholarships.

Program chairman **Nick George** of Hudson Falls Rotary recalls a long-standing relationship with District 7170. "Your district supplied the format that you use to us back in 2003. We followed that format for two years. When I was asked to get involved we sat down and discussed how to make the program better. From those conversations, listening to the feedback from the students who had participated in the program, and my years of experience as a trainer, I designed the yearlong format. The key to it is giving students a little to learn ...then encouraging them to go back and 'try it out' in real life. At the next session we discussed what worked, what didn't, and how it might be improved. This has created very strong results for our students. We listen and learn from the students as well every year; we are always evolving the program."

District 7150 – Syracuse RYLA is a mid-summer Friday-Sunday weekend event. This year, it's scheduled for July 10-12. The conference was moved from Utica's Mohawk Valley Community College to centrally-located Cazenovia College about five years ago. "We bring in some very influential presenters," notes Chairman **Larry Richardson**.

They take advantage of local talent with one of the favorite speakers being former SU football star Tim Ahern. Richardson's voice brightens as he explains, "He's owner of Ahern, Murphy & Associates, a company that teaches corporate executives how to be leaders. Tim's topic for us is *Developing the Attitude of a Champion*."

The District 7150 RYLA sessions are open to high school juniors with an occasional sophomore accepted. Seniors are not welcome because there's a community service component to be completed during the following school year. Richardson, of Chittenango Rotary, has found that seniors are mentally heading off to college and rarely focus on the service project. Last year, 26 of the district's 45 clubs funded 38 students according to their website.

District 7090 – Buffalo. District 7090 is an "international district" with several clubs in western New York and the remainder in Ontario, Canada. They offered RYLA to a wide range of ages but found that teens didn't mix with older young professionals. The solution was to split the group ...and create two age-appropriate programs.

RYLA was kept as a week-long experience with a strong emphasis on professional development. It is offered to the 19-25 set so they bring a variety of life experiences to the conference. The program is held on the SUNY Fredonia campus in June with many participants being upper-level college students and others already out in the working world, according to US RYLA chairman **Donald Lang**. The program is an intense week for 40-45 young professionals, the kind of training that corporations offer to their executives. This year's session is already sold out.

"About 4 years ago, we started a program called Slap Shot for 16-18 year old high school students. This is held at Canterbury Hills Conference Centre in Ancaster, Ontario on May 1-3. We have to limit it to the 100 best applicants. It has become very popular," says Lang. "In addition to the classroom leadership sessions, the facility has a high adventure ropes course. Catering this weekend event to teens while keeping RYLA for young professionals was a very smart move. And it has been strongly supported by our Rotary clubs."