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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 – June 8, 2009

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Jeffrey Conroe**. The meal for 24 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky Pegg. **Gary Johnson** was the winner of the Two of Clubs contest ...but he let Freddie Schwarzhans pull the card so he split the \$40 pot with him. **Mike Virgil** was at the MCS Awards Night so he will give his Rotary Moment next week.

Guests — Freddie Schwarzhans accompanied sister Mary who was the speaker.

Make-Ups — None this week.

Announcements — **Hank Rehrmann** reports that lots of donations have been received for the Lynn Tractor building. Work on the project will begin when Matt Meyers returns from Belgium. --- **Royce Webster** will be away at the time of this summer's Community Yard Sale. He needs a list of all equipment that will be needed for the Food Tent. --- **Roger Miller** announced that the MCS SADD group will be doing their highway pick-up on Thursday at 3 PM. He has agreed to help out. --- **Bill Burdick** reports that most of the Thank You notes to the golf event backers have been sent. --- **Teresa DeLaurentiis** has posted reminder posters for the club's Pass-The-Gavel picnic at Centennial Park. That event will be held on Monday, June 29. Each family should bring a dish to pass. --- **Gary Johnson** announced that Governor **Sam Koury** will make his official visit our club on June 6

Birthdays & Anniversaries — **Roy Hay** marked another birthday.

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DG's Official Visit

Governor **Selean "Sam" Koury** makes his official visit to the Morris Rotary Club on Monday, July 6. He will meet with the Officers and Directors at 5 PM before speaking to the membership during the regular 6 PM meeting.

Happiness — **Sharon Bosco** has a grandson who has completed his year in kindergarten. --- **Jeff Conroe** has been playing lots of golf. --- **Ron Hay**, the birthday boy, had his annual heart "tune-up" at a Binghamton hospital. --- **Fred Johnson** rode in a 46 mile bike ride for Opportunities For Otsego. --- **Dick Keene** says that Beth rode in a bike ride in Saratoga to raise funds to battle diabetes. --- **Joan Miller** noted the impressive ordination ceremony in Scranton for pastor Sarah Barton. --- **Roger Miller** toured Steam Town and a old coal mine on their trip to Scranton. --- **Jim Pasternak** now has a college grad for a granddaughter. --- **Patrick Pegg** went to Royce's house last night to play pitch with a group of friends. --- **Neil Townsend** has a grandson on the Dean's List at Alfred. --- **Royce Webster**: just happy.

Program — Mary Schwarzhans stopped by to tell of some of the things she has been doing since her year as MRC's exchange student to Slovakia a few years ago.

Now a student at SUNY Purchase, she was one of only 20 students accepted into the school's film program. As a major project this semester, she produced a video documentary entitled *Preservation Time*. It focused on those who collect, restore, and preserve older books and magazines. It featured interviews with Morris' own Gary Norman at his store with shorter segments contributed by the White Plains librarian and a gentleman who collected many years of *National Geographic Magazine*.

The sound quality of her video was excellent. Keeping up with the times, she created the work digitally on her computer. The whole presentation was then burned onto a DVD. Morris Rotary does not own a DVD player. One had to be borrowed and attached to the club's TV.

This Week – June 15, 2009

Club Assembly and Directors' meeting.

Next Week – June 22, 2009

President-elect **Gary Johnson** will roll out his objectives for the coming year.

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 *
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: The Pass-The-Gavel Picnic Will Be Held On June 29, 2009.

Club of Month:***BU Rotaract Club***

Every month, DG **Lana Rouff** honors one of the clubs in the Southern Tier for its achievements. Slightly breaking from tradition, in May she turned to a Rotary-sponsored group of future leaders, the Rotoract Club at Binghamton University. Rotoract is for men and women ages 18-30.

A tiny girl with a bright smile and tenacity way beyond her size, Bianca Kapadia, a BU sophomore, is the president of Binghamton University's Rotaract Club. She is responsible for creating the club and happily saw it chartered this past July.

Sponsored by the Binghamton Noon Club, this club has twenty members and excels in "Service Above Self!" They have raised money for PolioPlus by selling lollipops and candles and sold PolioPlus pins at the district conference.

Currently they help the City of Binghamton create community gardens through its VINES program, and are heavily involved in mentoring at risk children after school. Some of their members have been trained to work with mentally challenged kids and even volunteer to serve meals at the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner held at the Senior Vestal Center.

Members of this club are the Rotarians of the future, and we are pleased to have them in our district.

**GSE Program**

The visiting GSE Team from District 4460 (Peru) began its tour of District 7170 at the District Conference in Binghamton. The young businessmen then spent the month of May touring selected clubs in all areas of the district. They spent time in New York City before returning to South America. This picture appeared in DG Lana's newsletter for May.

YEP Report**Kate Meyers Wins Award**

Morris Rotary sponsored two ambassadors to study abroad this year. Chelsea DeForest has spent several months in Surat, India. But his week's big news comes from Belgium where Kate Meyers was honored.

The announcement arrived in an e-mail to YEP officers worldwide from former Belgian YEP chairman **Philippe M. Caron**. It was sent to *YEO Talk* which is subscribed to the whole Youth Exchange World.

Dear Youth Exchange Officers and friends,

Some of you will remember that District 1620 has designed a special "Outstanding YE Student" pin and a corresponding document.

For the second year now, our clubs and the district have selected the "Best Students of the Year".

The pins, the documents and the reward have been solemnly handed over, on stage, to the 8 inbound finalists at the district conference last weekend by the representative of the international president, the governor and the governor elect.

It is our great pleasure to mention that this year our best student was Miss Kaitlin MEYERS, sponsored by RC of MORRIS (NY), USA in District 7170 and hosted by RC of GENT-ZUID, Belgium.

It is worth mentioning that Kaitlin, before she knew she was nominated, directed a remarkable speech in Dutch to the 400 people participating in the district conference. A speech in French was delivered by a Colombian student.

She was introduced with the following words "From the beginning Kaitlin was particularly motivated to learn and use the Dutch language. According to one of her teachers, she was an asset for her school and certainly an example for her schoolmates. For the hosting club, who had a bad experience with Youth Exchange a few years ago, she was an inspiration to start welcoming YE students on a regular basis again."



Kaitlin has received a reward of 500 euro, to be used against the purchase of a flight ticket back to Belgium within the next two years.

The closing of the district conference was a song interpreted by our 60 inbound students and the organizing club.

I cannot stress enough the positive repercussion of this ceremony on the D1620 clubs in terms of program participation.

The "Outstanding YE Student" pin design, approved by RI, is freely available on request. We had it produced in India.

*Philippe M. Caron,
Past 1998-2008 Chairman,
District 1620, Belgium.*

Kate is in the final weeks of her European experience. She returns to Morris on July 4.