

announced that his granddaughter placed first in her age group in the recent run to raise funds for the Carolee Dunham memorial fund. --- **Joan Miller** is preparing to host the grandchildren. --- **Lois Miller-Ballard** praised the youngsters who took part in Sunday evening's piano recitals. --- **Patrick Pegg** had a good time at Juanita's grandson's wedding. He then agreed to baby sit for two children under 3 years old. --- **Carrie Lynn Phillips** enjoyed the setting selected for Juanita's grandson's wedding. --- **Hank Rehrmann** attended the NYS Firechief's conference. He got to see the newest advances in firefighting equipment. --- **Neil Townsend**: just happy. --- **Royce Webster** says he has seen no negative impact on local business.

### Follow-Up

## National Park Bargains

Last week, **Roger & Joan Miller** mentioned a visit to Steamtown on their recent visit to Pennsylvania. MRC members might find the week's announcement by the National Parks Service worth noting.

*BRECKSVILLE, Ohio – Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today announced that the National Park Service will offer three fee-free weekends this summer to encourage Americans seeking affordable vacations to visit these national treasures. There are 391 national parks located across the country in 49 states. "During these tough economic times, our national parks provide opportunities for affordable vacations for families," Salazar said at a press conference at Cuyahoga Valley National Park.*

The first of the free weekends was this past weekend. Fees will also be waived on July 18-19 and August 15-16.

There are several participating facilities with a couple hours of the Morris area. Included are:

- + **Fort Stanwix National Monument** in Rome, NY.
- + **Saratoga National Historic Park** in Saratoga Springs.
- + **Women's Rights National Historical Park** and the home of Elizabeth Cady Stanton in Seneca Falls, NY.
- + **Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River** on the New York-Pennsylvania border.
- + **Steamtown National Historic Site** in Scranton, PA.

Fees for train rides will not be waived. According to *The Press & Sun-Bulletin* (June 14, 2009), *Steamtown National Historic Site is the only place in the National Park System where the story of steam railroading, and the people who made it possible, is told. In addition to the indoor and outdoor exhibits available at the site, visitors may join a scheduled Locomotive Shop tour.*

*For a \$3 fee, those age 6 and older may ride the "Scranton Limited," a short train ride inside the railroad yards.*

*On July 18, the park will offer a steam passenger excursion to Moscow, PA with ticket prices reduced to \$15/\$13/\$9. On Aug. 15, an excursion to Tobyhanna, PA. will be offered, with rates reduced to \$25/\$20/\$14.*

*Reservations are required for all longer excursions, and may be made by phoning (570) 340-5204 daily, 9:30 AM to 4 PM.*

### This Week – June 22, 2009

President-elect **Gary Johnson** will seek member input as he builds a calendar and develops a plan for next year.

### Next Week – June 29, 2009

Pass-The-Gavel Picnic at Centennial Park in Gilbertsville. Meat, beverage, and dessert will be provided at a reduced price. Bring table service and a dish-to-pass.

### Note – July 6, 2009

The first meeting of **Gary Johnson's** administration will be the District Governor's official visit. The club's Directors will meet with **Sam Koury** at 5 PM prior to the meeting.

**Board of Directors** – The Morris Rotary Club Board of Directors met briefly following last week's meeting. The following notes were typed and forwarded by member **Carrie Lynn Phillips**. These have not been reviewed for accuracy or approved by the Directors.

### **Board of Directors Meeting - June 15, 2009**

*Present: Officers G. Johnson, Marlier, Fusco; Directors Bosco, F. Johnson, Matteson, Phillips; and Director-elect: Meyers.*

*Fred Johnson suggested a committee be appointed to decide how to handle left-over food from club fundraisers. Nancy Fusco agreed to chair the committee, which would include Juanita Brown, Royce Webster, Hank Rehrmann, Lois Miller-Ballard and Roger Miller. Their decision will be reported to the board.*

*Gary Johnson will contact Teresa DeLaurentiis regarding the Banner Project, requesting that she e-mail board members with information about the wording and design. The board will meet following the meeting of 6/22 to make the final decision, so the banners can be made and put up as soon as possible.*

*Sharon Bosco will host a fireside chat for all members, possible in September. The date will be finalized when the calendar for 2009-10 is set.*

*Nicole Panek is resigning from Rotary due to business duties at Nicole's Family Diner.*

*Nancy Fusco reported that the Wilber Bank CD in the amount of \$16,800.00, which came due May 21st, has been placed in a money market. The board agreed that it should stay there until interest rates improve for short term investments.*

*Matt Meyers made a suggestion regarding the number of speakers per month. His idea was that the number of speakers should be determined by the club's calendar of events. When the club has several events coming up, speakers should be limited. But, when there are not events to be planned, more speakers could be scheduled.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Felice Marlier