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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 – July 06, 2009

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 28 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky Pegg. Again, there was no winner in the Jack of Diamonds drawing. **Ron Hay** drew the Four of Clubs. **Dick Breuninger** spoke on his experiences as a GSE guide to Germany.

Guests — Guests included Oneonta's **Dick Breuninger** and Assistant Governor **Catrina Truesdell**, prospective member Carl Harris, and Mackenzie Ballard.

District 7170

We'll Soon Be 45 Strong

Growth is critical to the future of Rotary. Every district governor has an objective to maintain or increase the membership. DG **Lana Rouff** saw one new club formed during her recently-completed year as governor.

The new club formed in the Conklin area when residents were impressed with Rotary's help following the severe flooding in 2006. To be known as the Conklin Rotary Club, it will be the 45th group in District 7170.

This week, Rouff issued an update to club and district leaders. *I am delighted to notify you that the charter for the newly formed Rotary Club is on its way! The club has 21 charter members with a couple of members in the "wings." They plan on having their charter night on Wednesday, September 16 at the Terra Cotta in Binghamton, New York. Invitations and specifics will come within the next few weeks.*

I want to encourage you and members of your club to attend this celebration! They deserve a wonderful "send off" and your support. As in the past we encourage your club to present them with a Rotary gift at the dinner! Hillcrest, the club's sponsor, will be purchasing their bell. Along with the invitation a "wish list" will be sent. Thank you for your support!!

Announcements — **Dick Breuninger** announced that this year's exchange student will be arriving on August 21. Jaroslav Dlouhy will be attending Gilbertsville Central School. --- We have located a couple of the club's missing items. The roll of table-covering paper is at Bill Pickens' home and the "fuzzy pot" turned up at Gary Johnson's house. Both will be returned soon. --- Extra manpower is needed for the food tent at the Yard Sale next week. The RYLA students will be asked to help out. **Harry Graves** said the deadline for listings on the Yard Sale map will be Wednesday, July 15. Registrations must be received by **Carrie Lynn Phillips** in order to be added to the map.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — Members **Jim Pasternak** and **Matt Meyers** had birthdays.

Happiness — **Gerry Bourgeois** joined Phil and Linda Griffin in the Capital District for their 50th anniversary. --- **Mary Breuninger** and Dick have moved to their new quarters at The Plains. They wish they could only get moved out of their former home on East Street. --- **Juanita Brown** thanked Royce and Marguerite for a great July 4th Party. --- **Mike D'Amico** reports that his Connecticut friends who have been in ill health are now improving. --- **Ron Hay** noted the fine job the RYLA leaders did with the kids this year. --- **Fred Johnson** says Lynn Barton did a good job removing bees from his barn. --- **Gary Johnson** also commented on Royce's outstanding party. --- **John Matteson** and Pat are moving from the farm to their home in the village. He came across his old "Polio Pioneer" card while going through stored items. --- **Matthew Meyers** coughed up a birthday dollar. --- **Jim Pasternak** admitted being another year older, too. --- **Patrick Pegg** praised Royce's party. --- **Hank Rehmann** went camping with the grandkids at Sylvan Beach. --- **Norm Tiffany** told another of his famous stories. --- **Mike Virgil** and Barb went to the Philadelphia area for the weekend. They went to Longwood Gardens and then they got together with Mike's brother. --- **Royce Webster** told of President Gary offering to "treat" all of friends to free drinks at Royce's party.

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 *
Pasternak, James *
Pegg, Patrick
Phillips, CarrieLynn +
Pickens, William *
Rehmann, Henry *
Schwarzahns, Fred
Schwarzahns, Marg
Tiffany, Norman *
Townsend, Neil *
Virgil, Michael *
Webster, Royce *

YEP Students

Dlouhy, Jaroslav "Jaro"
From Slovakia to G-MU
No Outbound Students
Duriing 2009-2010

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: Many Hands Are Needed To Help With This Weekend's Yard Sale.

Make-Ups — Members **Ron Hay** and **Harry Graves** joined New Berlin RYLA Chairman **Vicki Gregory** at the closing dinner and awards presentation of this year's RYLA session at Hartwick College.

Follow-Up — Several months ago, radio WDOS morning personality "Big Chuck" D'Imperio addressed the Morris club. Earlier this week, he sent the following interesting item to his listeners via e-mail. *In just a little while from this email (at 34 minutes and 56 seconds after Noon), it will be a very interesting time and date. Go ahead and write it down...12/34/56/7/8/90!*

This Week – July 13, 2009

Gary Johnson will conduct his first Club Assembly, followed by a Directors' meeting. President Gary will roll out his calendar and goals for the coming year.

This Weekend – Saturday, July 16, 2009

Major fundraiser - 27th Annual Community Yard Sale

Next Week – July 20, 2009

Chelsea DeForest was the first of our exchange students to return from her year abroad. She will give us a report on her year in India.

Program — The new district governor has quickly instituted his programs and started his governorship. He and his team have posted lots of new material on the district website. They have planned a dynamic District Conference. And the new DG has started his aggressive tour of the district's clubs with stops at nearby clubs first.

Governor **Selean "Sam" Koury** kept his message short and sweet. The highlights of his remarks included:



+ The new Colesville Rotary Club will be having its charter night soon. That will bring the number of clubs in the District up to 45.

+ The 2010 District Conference will be in Owego on April 30 – May 2, a traditional Friday-Sunday event. There will be a Lebanese flavor with at least one day of fine Middle-east cuisine. The theme will be "Off to O-we-go".

+ One of the district's projects will be an area-wide Polio Plus campaign in participating stores.

+ The district will hold interviews later this month to select the non-Rotarian members of the GSE team going to Northeast England.

+ Governor Sam was accompanied by his loyal traveling companion Kahsim, the camel. Kahsim is the purveyor of food and produce.

The Rotarian

Canada Gets Its Own Magazine

Rotary's flagship publication, *The Rotarian*, just got better with the introduction of a new quarterly supplement, *Rotary Canada*. The on-line publication, available in both English and French, is designed to deliver insightful stories about Canadian clubs and to celebrate the country's Rotary heroes.

The initial installment is on the RI website now. Read all the stories yourself at www.rotary.org. It starts with a bit of Canada's Rotary history and lots of facts.

Next June, Rotarians from around the world will gather in Montreal for the 101st RI Convention. When they do, they not only will usher in a second century of Rotary conventions, they also will mark the 100th anniversary of the first Rotary club in Canada, that one in Winnipeg that can -- and does -- claim to be "the club that made Rotary international."



By 1914, six Canadian clubs had followed Winnipeg into "first 100 clubs" status: Toronto, Vancouver, Halifax, Hamilton, Montreal, and Victoria. In the nearly 100 years since, those seven clubs have multiplied a hundredfold: Canada is now home to 728 clubs with more than 27,000 members.

Among the more than 200 countries and geographical areas in which Rotary has a presence, Canada ranks 12th in both the number of clubs and members. Once those early clubs were chartered, it didn't take long for Canadians to assume leadership roles in the association.

E. Leslie Pidgeon, who was from Quebec but came to Rotary by way of Winnipeg, became president in 1917, the first non-American to hold the post. He established a long-term financial plan and was instrumental in taking Rotary south, into Latin America.

Canada's contributions to Rotary's polio eradication effort have been significant, both in financial terms and measured by volunteer participation. Last fall, the Canadian government announced that it was contributing \$30 million toward eradicating polio in sub-Saharan Africa. That followed a June 2008 announcement of \$60 million earmarked to help end the disease in Afghanistan.

Over the years, Canada has contributed nearly \$331 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, putting it in the top five of all government donors.

So what is it that makes Canadian Rotarians unique? "We think internationally, as opposed to domestically," says Wilkinson. "Today, 16 of our 23 districts reach across Canadian borders and – given the new rezoning in Rotary – our country is now a part of five zones, when previously we were all in one zone. Because of our location, our club members are challenged to share ideas and projects with Americans and Russians. We are in a unique situation; our geography has an impact on how we think and act as Rotarians."