



Another Success!

After a slow start, we had huge crowds for the Yard Sale.

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

Last Meeting – July 13, 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**. **Neil Townsend** drew the Ace of Hearts but the current lucky card is the Ace of Spades.

Guests — We were joined by former members Rev. Ann Blair and Bill Boggs. Also, prospective members Joanne Long and Carl Harris.

Make-Ups — None this week.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — No birthdays were noted but anniversaries were celebrated by Mary Jane and **Jeff Conroe** and by Ruth Ann and **Gary Johnson**.

Happiness — **Rev. Ann Blair** will soon be winging her way to Oregon. --- **Bill Boggs** is glad to be back in Morris. --- **Sharon Bosco** and Chuck journeyed to Mount Tremper in the Catskills for a private concert by rock star Levon Helm, formerly of *The Band*. They camped while there ...and, yes, their campsite was visited by a bear during the night. --- **Juanita Brown** said

thanks to Patrick for delivering her babies (goats). --- **Jeff Conroe** hopes to get son Luke settled in Saratoga this week. --- **Mike D'Amico** says the warmer weather has his vegetables growing. He also thanked Mike Virgil for taking steps to keep the MCS Weight Room open this summer. It had been slated as a storage room. --- **Teresa DeLaurentiis** lost her golf match. --- **Harry Graves** paid a visit to former exchange student Alan Pavinski last Sunday in Ithaca. --- **Carl Harris** is here again. --- **Gary Johnson** paid his anniversary dollar. --- **Joanne Long** is again with us at Rotary. --- **John Matteson** is glad that Pat's back from a vacation with the girls. --- **Patrick Pegg** marked his niece's birthday. --- **Carrie Lynn Phillips** called Royce the "most selfless man I know" when remembering his annual party. She was moved by the Powerpoint presentation put together by his children. --- **Fred Schwarzans** noted many new faces at Royce's party. --- **Norm Tiffany** found yet another amusing story. --- **Neil Townsend** is here again. --- **Royce Webster** shared with the club the Johnson's discussions about a summer holiday trip. Ruth Ann wants to go to Europe ...but Gary's not convinced.

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 *
Schwarzans, Fred
Schwarzans, 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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Freddie, The Busker –

Pickin' and Singin' proved to be a popular pastime at the Community Yard Sale. Freddie Schwarzans set up shop by the Rotary Food Tent. Meanwhile, two local teens strummed their guitars in Guy Rathbun Park.

Do you (or they) know the term for it?

busk (*busk*)
intr.v. **busked, busk-ing, busks**

To play music or perform entertainment in a public place, usually while soliciting money.



Next In Rotary Service: Do You Know The Four-Way Test? President Gary Will Ask.

Announcements & Club Assembly — Hank Rehrmann

reported that renovations have started on the Lynn Tractor Building. The crew has set Monday afternoons for its weekly work session. They are also considering a proposal to use the rear of the building as a storage area for Rotary equipment. --- President Gary announced that he has received commitments from some of the Rotarians he has asked to lead committees. Other positions have yet to be filled. The full list of committees is not yet available. --- President Gary then distributed a proposed calendar of the year's major events and asked for club input. It was pointed out that the date of the Morris Central School Open House might be rescheduled by the district so the date of the Pork Supper might be changed, too. School authorities will be contacted for this revision. No one else offered any suggestions for additional projects or date changes. ---

Harry Graves expressed two concerns about producing the newsletter, 1) gathering information and 2) the printing of the physical product. He said he wanted to be a "publisher" but not a "reporter". He asked that all project chairmen commit to promptly provide written details/results of their events. On the distribution issue, Harry stated that electronic delivery works well to computer-savvy members and to others in District 7170. Now that he has retired, he no longer has weekly use of his employer's high-speed printer. He proposed that a copier given to the club by Bill and Teresa be set up so the newsletter could be copied at the Town House each week. He further suggested that a budget line be created to cover printing expenses. President Gary reported that PDG Fred had offered to print copies for the few members who still don't use computers. Rotarian Harry said that he would continue to write the newsletter for a few more to see if the bigger problems can be resolved. --- The gift of server space for a club website was again offered. President Gary responded by appointing Bill and Teresa, Matt Meyers, and future member Carl Harris to work with Harry to decide what items should be included on the website. They would also establish a plan allow the site to be useful to many members.

This Week – July 20, 2009

Chelsea Deforest found India to be very different from her quiet life at Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School. She'll tell us about her year as a foreign exchange student.

Next Week – July 27, 2009

At this time, the program slot is still being held for our other outbound, MCS student Kate Meyers. If the returnee has sufficiently recovered from a broken leg, we'll hear about her exchange year in Belgium.

Follow-Up — Charles "Big Chuck" D'Imperio, who spoke to our club about his book "Great Graves of Upstate New York", was inducted into the Sidney High School's Wall of Fame over the weekend. The 1967 graduate was honored for his excellence in broadcast journalism. He's the morning personality at WDOS in Oneonta. The induction came at Sidney's annual All Class Reunion luncheon. To date, 20 alumni and staff have been recognized.

Follow-Up

Remembering The Empire

The Empire Hotel has long been an important part of the Gilbertsville community. An upcoming presentation by Tom Morgan might be of interest to residents. Morgan has spoken to our club in the past about financial matters. But this appearance, according to a release being distributed by the Franklin Stage Company in Franklin, will be of a very different nature.



FSC Presents

TALES FROM THE EMPIRE

Written and performed by Tom Morgan

Sunday July 26 at 2 PM and 8 PM

Author and Franklin resident Tom Morgan, the voice of radio's much-admired *Moneytalk* program, appears at the Franklin Stage Company in the premiere of his own play *Tales from the Empire: A Journey back to the Old Empire Hotel*. Two performances only - at 2 PM and 8 PM on Sunday July 26th - are expected to be in great demand. The theatre advises early booking.

Tom Morgan's family owned the Empire Hotel in Gilbertsville for many years. In his poignant one-man play, adapted from his own autobiographical stories published in his newspaper columns and included on *Moneytalk*, Tom portrays some of the characters and events from his family's time there in this powerful stage debut.

Tom has produced his radio show for over thirty years and has been writing his column for twenty. His TV show appeared for several years on various PBS stations, while G.P. Putnam's published his book *Money Money Money* in hardcover. Tom's writing has also appeared in the *Writer's Digest* anthology *Just Open a Vein*.



Franklin Stage Company is located in Chapel Hall at 25 Institute Street in Franklin. The landmark building, now a small community theater that offers several productions every summer, is across the street from Franklin Central School. Additional details on all FSC events can be found on the group's website (www.franklinstagecompany.com) or by calling 607-829-3700.