



Still Our Leader

After years as chairman, it was great to see Ron Halbert make a brief appearance.

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

Last Meeting – July 20, 2009

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 32 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and **Vicky Pegg**. In the Ace of Spades drawing, **Jim Pasternak** drew the Two of Diamonds. **Ron Hay** spoke on the Four-Way Test. **Norm Tiffany** will give next week's Rotary Moment.

Guests — We had a full house with Carl Harris and Joanne Long starting the night as guests. Others included **Rev. John Bowen** (Catskill Rotary), **Mary Schneider**, and recently-returned exchange students **Chelsea DeForest** (India) and **Kate Meyers** (Belgium).

Make-Ups — **Harry Graves** attended a meeting of the New Berlin club on July 21.

Announcements — **Bill Burdick** showed the plaque that will be on display at Colonial Ridge to list the winners of the annual golf tournament. --- **Jim Pasternak** represented the club as a pall bearer at the funeral of former member **Fred Nelson**. --- **Hank Rehrmann** says the Lynn Tractor building is ready to have a new concrete floor poured. The group's workdays will be Monday afternoons. They expect the renovated building to be ready for public inspection in the fall. --- President Gary passed around several "thank you" notes from various student award

winners. --- **Kate Meyers** was applauded for her selection as the "Exchange Student of the Year" in her Belgian district.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — None.

Happiness — **Gerry Bourgeois** said they had a great "grill staff" at the Yard Sale food tent with chefs **Bourgeois**, **Pickens**, **Sorenson**, and **Schwarzahns**. --- **Mary Breuninger** remarked on the pleasant visit she and **Dick** had with former exchange student **Brian Bartholomew** from South Africa. --- **Mike D'Amico** said his downstate friends came to town for the annual Yard Sale. --- With the recent passing of **Walter Kronkite**, **Harry Graves** recalled being in **Amersterdam** during the 1969 lunar landing. **Kronkite's** coverage was being aired across Europe. In Holland, **Harry** saw the live telecast with Dutch subtitles. --- **Ron Hay** thanked everyone, especially the RYLA kids, for their help at the Yard Sale. --- **Fred Johnson's** daughter **Rebecca** and her family are at the **Johnson** camp in the Adirondacks. **PDG Fred** also thanked **Bill Pickens** for setting a new utility pole on his property. --- **Gary Johnson** is glad for good weather and another successful weekend. --- **Felice Marlier** complimented the Yard Sale efforts of **Abby** and **Cassie Schwarzahns**. --- **Kate Meyers** is glad to be home after her year in Belgium. --- **Roger Miller** told of finding a **Unadilla** (brand) Camping Trailer on display at

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 *
Harris, Carl
Hay, Ronald *
Johnson, Fred *
Johnson, Gary *
Keene, Richard *
Kranbuhl, Maureen
Long, Joanne
Marlier, Felice *
Matteson, John *
Meyers, Matthew
Miller, Joan
Miller, Roger *
Miller-Ballard, Lois *
Pasternak, James *
Pegg, Patrick
Phillips, CarrieLynn +
Pickens, William *
Rehrmann, 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
During 2009-2010

Honoraries

Danielson, Walter *
Halbert, Ronald *
Norton, Bruce *
Sorensen, Herbert
Stowell, William *
Walicka, Terry *

* Paul Harris Fellows
+ Sustaining Members

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Club Growth —

President Gary's year is off to a solid start. Two new members were inducted at Monday's meeting. **PDG Fred** pins **Joanne Long** while **Carl Harris** (!) awaits for his pin. **Long** was sponsored by **Mary Breuninger** and **Harris** by his uncle **Royce Webster**. One of the goals for this year is to attain positive growth. With recent resignations, the club remains healthy with 35 members.



Next In Rotary Service: Have A Great Summer. After Many Projects, You Deserve To Relax .

at a transportation museum in Denver. The camper was made in the 1930s in New Berlin. --- **Patrick Pegg** took his nephews on a fishing trip this weekend. --- **Carrie Lynn Phillips** cleaned out "all her stuff" and brought in over \$1,300 at her yard sale this weekend. --- **Hank Rehrmann** has collected another vehicle. --- **Margaret Schwarzhans** missed the yard sale but reports that her entire family had a great time. --- **Mike Virgil** took in *Jersey Boys* while on a trip to Long Island. He also spoke of some very special "Betsy-Daddy Time" he shared on a long walk alone with his oldest daughter. --- **Royce Webster** attended Ed Wilson's wedding in western Pennsylvania, causing him to miss his first Yard Sale since the community event started.

Program — The experience of a year abroad is likely to have a major impact on any student. Her time in India made a strong impression on G-MU graduate Chelsea DeForest. Coming from a Mount Upton address with a weekend job at a veterinary hospital, Chelsea suddenly found herself in Surat with its teeming millions. During her time in the country, Chelsea and the other exchange students took trips to the north and south of Indian, experiencing mountains (Himalayas), deserts, unrestrained wild-life, and one of man's grandest structures (Taj Mahal).

Her observations:

+ She wore uniforms in school but quickly became accustomed to India's "everyday wear", clothing that was very inexpensive. She also learned to bargain with merchants for the items she wanted.

+ Table manners were interesting. Every action was taken with the right hand, the "clean hand". Many food items, all spicy, are eaten by hand even in formal situations. And staying with four Hindu families, she didn't eat beef for 10 months.

+ The temperature soured to near 110 degrees for much of her stay. And in an area impacted by monsoons, she didn't see rain from September until her return to the States in June.

+ Her most irritating moment came when TV coverage of President Obama's inauguration was interrupted. Electricity black-outs are common but this time the culprit was a pack of monkeys playing with antenna wires on the roof.

Chelsea brought her prepared "program" on a computer memory stick. The club didn't have the equipment to show her pictures. She'll be back on July 27 when we'll have the equipment she needs.

Fred Nelson Passes

The club was saddened by the passing of former member Frederick Raymond Nelson, age 87. A longtime Rotarian, Fred served as president during the 1981-1982 term. He was a well-known insurance claims adjuster in the area. Following his retirement, he stayed active in the community driving school bus at MCS. He was pre-deceased by Jane (Shelly), his wife of nearly 60 years.

Mr. Dependable — Former member Herb Sorensen was one of many volunteers, including family members and RYLA students, who were invaluable to the success of the club's food tent. A total of \$321 was collected from folks who wanted to appear on the Yard Sale map. The food tent brought in over \$2,000. After all expenses are deducted, the club should be able to call the event a huge success.



Board of Directors — The following is the first draft of minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on July 13, 2009, forwarded by **Carrie Lynn Phillips**. This record has neither been reviewed by nor approved by the Directors.

Officers: G. Johnson, Pres.; Bill Burdick, President-elect; Phillips, VP; Marlier, Secretary; and Conroe, Past- Pres.

Directors: DeLaurentiis, Matteson, Meyers, Virgil

Teresa DeLaurentiis presented 4 designs for the banners created in blue and white, with a design featuring butternut leaves and another butternut tree. Project Graphics will make the banners. Initially the club will purchase 16 flags and 8 sets of hardware. Teresa will show the 2 designs selected by the Board to the club at an upcoming meeting, so that the entire membership can vote for the ultimate design.

The Board voted unanimously to continue the Honorary memberships of Walt Danielson, Ron Halbert, Bruce Norton, Herb Sorensen, Bill Stowell and Terry Walicka for the 2009-10 year.

The Board voted unanimously to accept Joanne Long and Carl Harris as members of Morris Rotary.

Bob Lander is spending most of his time downstate now and is not able to attend Rotary meetings. The Board regrets losing him as a member and hopes he will come to visit us when he can.

Fred Johnson will make copies of the newsletter for members who do not have e-mail. Matt Meyers will make the copies whenever Fred is unable to do so.

The Board suggested that it's time for a new club roster to update telephone numbers, updated e-mail addresses, and add/delete members, and will ask Harry Graves if he will be willing to do so.

It was suggested that the dedication of the newly refurbished Lynn Tractor Building be held during Girl Scout/ Boy Scout dinner and concert in the park scheduled for September. Matt Meyers and Hank Rehrmann said the project should be complete by Labor Day.