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

Last Meeting – July 27, 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 Ace of Spades drawing. **Roy W** drew the 10 of Hearts. **Norm Tiffany** spoke on FDR's second Bill of Rights. **John Matteson** will give next week's Rotary Moment.

Guests — In addition to Chelsea DeForest, she brought along Art Graves, Harry's brother, to model Indian menswear. Other guests included Mary Schneider and Hannah and Cassie Schwarzhans.

Make-Ups — None this week.

Announcements — **Harry Graves** will hold a meeting of the special committee charged with developing a website for the club. That session will be held at Matt Meyers' home at 7 PM on Wednesday (July 29). --- **Roger Miller** reported that the Lynn Tractor crew poured the cement floor in the building they're reconstructing. The workdays will continue on Monday afternoons. --- Next Monday, the RYLA students will give their summary of the 2009 event. **Mike Virgil** is organizing the presentation but he'll be away at his final school conference. --- There will be a Directors' meeting on Monday evening, August 10. --- Not all bills have been received but **Nancy Fusco** estimates that the club will realize about \$1,200 from the Yard Sale event.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — We sang to **Nancy Fusco** weeks after her birthday.

Happiness — **Juanita Brown** thanked "Dr. Pegg" for delivering another baby goat. --- **Mike D'Amico** is just happy. --- **Nancy Fusco** paid a birthday dollar. --- **Harry Graves** welcomed his brother on his surprise visit to Rotary. --- **Gary Johnson** is happy. --- **John Matteson** listened to the complaints of his tablemates and says he feels sorry for Bill and Royce. --- **Roger Miller** praised Matt for running crews at both the Lynn Tractor building and at Hank's house today. --- **Patrick Pegg** breathed a sigh of relief when his dancing wife only sprained her ankle. --- **Bill**

Pickens says he's poor, that all his money is going toward repaving his driveway. --- **Fred Schwarzhans** enjoyed the "togetherness" he found at the Yard Sale food tent. Everyone was "happy at work". --- **Norm Tiffany** paid a dollar for another "groaner story". --- **Neil Townsend** is just happy. --- **Royce Webster** donated his last dollar.

Program — Patrick loaned his laptop to the club so Chelsea could show her pictures of India. She was completely poised and answered all questions. She was wearing a different outfit from last week. She explained both her costume and that worn by Art Graves.

This Week – August 03, 2009

We'll take a look at the 2009 RYLA seminar conducted earlier in the summer on the Hartwick College campus.

Next Week – August 10, 2009

Club Assembly, followed by a meeting of the Board of Directors.



Growing Up & Moving On — What have Mitchell and Chazzman Felker been up to? Lots! Details on Page 2.

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 *
Rehmann, Henry *
Schwarzhans, Fred
Schwarzhans, 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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Next In Rotary Service: Spread Rotary Fellowship. Attend The Meeting Of Another Club.

Family Of Rotary

The Felker Boys: Really Cool Adventures

In the days before Fred and Margaret started bringing their kids to Morris Rotary meetings, the spirit of youth was supplied by Chazzman and Mitchell John Felker. **Jeff Felker** (MRC President 2004-05) lived in the Butternut Valley, was deeply involved with Boy Scout activities, and frequently attended our meetings with his younger sons.

A job as Manager of Pharmaceutical Technologies at Sanofi Pasteur has taken Jeff and the boys to Pennsylvania ...and to new adventures. We asked Jeff for an update.

Mitchell is doing well. He misses his friends at MCS but is absolutely thriving in the Pennsylvania school system (95 average) and he seems to be adjusting to living in the Poconos. He is still behind on the vertical growth curve but that did not seem too hinder him as an 8th grader competing at the high school level running HURDLES. He is also getting high honors in the area of physics and has his sights set on engineering. Since he is talking Penn State I'm thinking he's adjusted to living here for a while.

And What About Dad?

I'm very busy at work. I'm directly occupied with H1N1 flu. Pandemic preparedness is impacting the entire site via ripple effect. I have been dating a lady (Dawn) for about a year now who also works on site and she is also involved the project. In general a flu is a flu, is a flu ...and this is just a flu. Eat well, sleep well, wash your hands OFTEN, avoid sick people and places where there are concentrations of people, and if you are getting sick see your doctor. And get some Tami flu. The bug seems to loose steam over generations so, although we are preparing for the worst, I'm predicting this to go into the "how bad it could have been" category. I think the publicity and elevated awareness can help contain this. (You have no idea how much it pains me to say I think the government is handling this situation pretty well.)

I'm still involved with scouting (at a parental level) as I now have one Tiger Scout, two Bear Scouts, and three Boy Scouts under one roof. I have not managed to get involved with politics or Rotary since I've moved as I am rather enjoying family life. I used to imagine it could be something like this but eventually gave up on that concept. Well, I gave up too soon! I'm quite content with life and all it has to offer.

My latest passions include my 75 gallon salt water tank, the next phase of my landscaping project (grape arbor, swimming pool and putting rock facing on the house), and just kayaking in circles on Gouldsboro Lake (takes about one hour to lap the lake ...and I can go for days).

Thanks for keeping me informed on things back in Morris.

Jeff

Mitch is back in upstate New York for most of the summer. He's working at Camp Henderson in the Schoharie Valley as a Counselor in Training (CIT) on the water front. He's a lifeguard. Since the Felker family always lived near and explored our waterways, it's only natural that Mitchell also teaches kayaking.

The youngest Felker hasn't forgotten Rotary. *He's interested in the Rotary Youth Exchange program but Dad put up some hurdles 1) must have good grades without me riding him to do homework and studying; he's doing great! 2) Must establish that he could be away from home for an extended period of time and fit into established rules and culture different from home (8 weeks at summer camp qualifies), and 3) Mitch still has some maturity issues that come with being 14. I think he will do better once he's out from Chazz's shadow.*

Older brother, at 17, is about to explore a much larger sphere. He's about to become an exchange student half-a-world away. *Chazz is also doing well in school (85-90 average) and is getting set to go to Argentina in August with the Rotary program. Everything has taken a back-seat to learning Spanish.* Hopefully, Chazz will remember Morris Rotary and we can follow the next chapter of his life with occasional newsletter reports.

Meanwhile, more great news came via e-mail from his Boy Scout leader this past week.

Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2009 10:04 PM

To: troop132@yahoo.com

Subject: Troop 132 New Eagle

Tonight Chazz Felker passed his Eagle board. Congratulations Chazz!!! Troop 132's newest Eagle! :)

After months of hard work, the ordeal was finally over. *He landscaped the Gazebo in the Borough of Moscow, PA for their Centennial Celebration. It included backfilling a retention wall, putting in weed block, applying mulch, and planting perennials. To complete the project he had to work with the mayor and the borough staff to get the retaining wall built, the dirt and mulch ordered and delivered, and to solicit donations of plants and flowers.*

Father Jeff reflects back on observing his son's personal growth. *He is very busy providing after-school supervision for my lady-friend's six (6) elementary school kids. Yeah, that's right - a girl and five boys ranging from 4 to 11 in age. The real bonus here is how much he has matured since he took the job. My pride is in that watching him, especially with the 4 year old, I realize that he is a good person and that I must have done ok as a Dad to have him take to the role of responsible adult for three hours a night.*

The Felker's Current Address:

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