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

Last Meeting – August 17, 2009

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 30 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky Pegg. Since we had a winner last week, the Jack of Hearts will be our new "target card". **Mike Virgil** drew the Four of Spades. **Joan Miller** entered "Morris Rotary Club" into Google and spoke on the number of references she found, including a positive posting on the Morris Central School site. **Norm Tiffany** will give next week's Rotary Moment.

Guests — Christine Gibson and Diane Hamblin were our speakers. Christine was accompanied by her husband Ed and her houseguest Sue Sterling.

Announcements — **Margaret Schwarzhans** reported that the new exchange student from Slovakia will be arriving on Friday. She is organizing a welcoming group to meet him at the Syracuse Airport. They expect to introduce Jaroslav "Jaro" Dlouhy at next week's meeting.

--- **Fred Johnson** said the Butternut Valley Alliance is making presentations to community groups to express their views on natural gas drilling. The group appeared at MRC earlier this year. --- **Matt Meyers** and helpers **Hank Rehmann** and **Roger Miller** made considerable progress on the Lynn Tractor building. They will be working again next Monday afternoon and other Rotarians are welcome to join the workforce. --- **Harry Graves** announced that the New Teacher Dinner will be held at the Presbyterian Church (change of location from previous years) in Gilbertsville. The committee and kitchen staff will visit the site later this month of survey the site.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — Anniversaries were celebrated by Chuck and **Sharon Bosco**, Pat and **John Matteson**, and Barb and **Mike Virgil**.

Happiness — **Sharon Bosco** noted the passing of Angela Gregory, now of Oxford, during an unsuccessful liver operation. --- **Mike D'Amico** spoke of meeting several Rotarians while dining

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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YEP Report

The New Exchange Student Arrives From Slovakia

It was a bit of an ordeal but Jaroslav Dlouhy has arrived in the Butternut Valley. The 17 year old from Slovakia will be attending classes in the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School district during 2009-2010. He was met at the Syracuse Airport by **Fred Schwarzhans** and daughters Cassie and Abby.

Margaret Schwarzhans provided an update on Sunday. *After being stuck at JFK for 8 hours due to weather conditions, Jaro arrived in Syracuse just before midnight on Friday, bleary-eyed but still smiling. He has spent the weekend with us, and will be joining his first host family (Beth and Joe Gonzales in Gilbertsville) on Monday evening after his first Morris Rotary meeting.*

Jaro comes to us from Poprad, Slovakia, which is in the mountainous region known as the "High Tatras." He seems to have a keen sense of humor, and is looking forward to meeting more local people and playing soccer, basketball, and tennis at G-MU.

Margaret and **Mike D'Amico** will serve as Jaro's club advisors during the coming year.



Next In Rotary Service: Join the End-of-Summer Picnic at Rathbun Park on August 31.

at a restaurant in Portsmouth, ME. --- **Carl Harris** enjoyed a birthday party for an active 9-year-old. --- **Ron Hay** was pleased to chat with visitor Ed Gibson whom he has known for decades. --- **Fred Johnson** used his Rotary contacts in Costa Rica to initiate a manhunt for a young hiker who got lost in a national park there. He'll keep us updated on the progress. --- **Joanne Long** is going with friend to Coopers-town's Otesaga Hotel for lunch. --- **John Matteson** paid his anniversary dollar. --- **Matthew Meyers** just happy. --- **Joan Miller** went antique shopping last weekend in Bouckville. --- **Jim Pasternak** opted to come to Rotary this evening rather than go to see "Julie and Julia" with other family members. --- **Norm Tiffany** told his weekly story. --- **Mike Virgil** is still happy with his retirement. And, he paid an anniversary dollar. --- **Royce Webster** suggested a fund-raising idea he got from the South New Berlin firemen. He also told of shopping in Bouckville with President Gary.

This Week – August 24, 2009

Harry Graves will present the new website his committee has been developing for the club. He'll be gathering member input before a final version is created and posted for the public to use.

Next Week – August 31, 2009

Morris Rotarians, along with family members and guests, will end the summer with an old-fashioned picnic in the pavilion at Guy Rathbun Park. Bring table service and a dish to pass. The fee will be \$3 per Rotarian to cover the cost of beverages and rolls. There will be no charge for family members and other guests.

Rotary International

Using Today's Technology

Rotary International is urging all Rotarians, at both the club and district levels, to take an important step into the future. All RI forms are available for download and day-to-day district functions can be performed via the internet. The worldwide body recently launched a special "learning center" on its website. It's designed to be a valuable resource for members and the general public doing research on the history and accomplishments of the organization.

Rotary International provides training opportunities for all Rotarians. The Rotary E-Learning Center is your online resource for the independent study of Rotary, particularly for new members and club officers. Rotary International also produces training resources for a variety of training seminars held throughout the year for district leaders and for club leaders and members.

The new feature is easy to use and simple to navigate. You can try it yourself at www.rotary.org.



Program

The Hotels At Chenango Lake

Today, Chenango Lake outside of Norwich is a quiet body of water surrounded by private cottages. As part of the City of Norwich water system, there are some restrictions to maintain the water quality but mostly it's like so many other lakes in Central New York with "cottages" increasing becoming year-round homes. There are no commercial facilities on the rural lake.

What many residents don't know is that the lake has a glorious past. Hotels once made it a popular nightspot for the locals. And, back in the days when Norwich had scheduled passenger rail service, it was a destination for summer vacationers for the New York metro area.



Christine Gibson is a Fayetteville resident who spends every summer at Chenango Lake with her husband Ed. The Gibsons have a long association with the area; Ed's uncle Stan was a fabled NHS history teacher who had a fondness for all of rural New York, especially Chenango Lake. "Uncle Stan" had a large collection of pictures and clippings. From there, Mrs.

Gibson combed other historical records and private archives to write two books about Chenango Lake. The first text, on the lake's hotels, is in its second printing. Another book on the lake's historic cottages goes to the printer later this summer. Both will be available at the Chenango County Museum in Norwich.

Mrs. Gibson, along with the museum's Diane Hamblin, gave a brief history and shared pictures of the hotels that were popular back around 1900. The first was the Chenango Lake House, followed by the Hotel Loomis (which became the Colonel's Inn when Mr. Loomis passed away), the Lakeview Hotel, and the Woodside Inn. All have structures have passed from the scene today but many of the area's seniors can recall attending frequent dances, group events, and church picnics at "the lake". Mrs. Gibson's book captures the history and many interesting personal stories of the by-gone era.

