



End-of-Summer Picnic
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Meetings every Monday at 6:00 PM in the Town House, Morris, NY

Last Meeting – August 24, 2009

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 27 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and **Vicky Pegg**. There was no winner in the Jack of Hearts drawing; **Hanna Schwarzhans** drew the Nine of Spades. **Norm Tiffany** gave the Rotary Moment. With several upcoming activities on the schedule, no more Moments will be presented until October.

Guests — Former member Rev. Mark Norlund was a visitor ...and new exchange student Jaro



YEP Report

Newest G-MU Raider

Jaroslav "Jaro" Dlouhy has settled into his new home in the Butternut Valley. The 17-year-old presented greetings to President Gary from Rotarians in Poprad, a community of about 50,000 residents at the foot of the High Tatras mountains in Slovakia.

Jaro will be attending Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School. Initially, he is staying with the Beth and Joe Gonzales family. He lists his interests as sports (particularly soccer), reading, and playing keyboard instruments.

Dlouhy was accompanied by Mary, Hannah, and Cassie Schwarzhans.

Make-Ups — None this week.

Announcements — Some of **Matt Meyers'** relatives were involved in a car accident; condition reports were given. --- **Harry Graves** provided an update on the club's end-of-summer picnic next Monday. Several friends of the club have been invited to attend. --- **Lois Miller-Ballard** confirmed that the Firehouse has been reserved for the pork dinner on September 28. A task list has yet to be provided. --- Detailed plans of the September 14th Fireside Chat are still being developed. **Sharon Bosco** will announce them next week.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — None.

Happiness — **Sharon Bosco** finished her "sheep farm" today. --- In addition to getting a new car, **Gerry Bourgeois** told of five great days at family gathering in Delaware. --- **Bill Burdick** and **Teresa** had a fabulous time in touristy Ogunquit, ME. --- **Jeff Conroe**: just happy. --- **Mike D'Amico** welcomed Jaro to our club and community. --- **Gary Johnson** also greeted exchange student Jaro. --- **Joanne Long** got a new computer, thanks to a lightning strike last week. --- **Lois Miller-Ballard** says several Girl Scouts had a good two-night camp-out. The parents only watched. --- **Patrick Pegg** and **Vicky** had a house-warming party given to them by **Juanita** and **Linda**. --- **Hannah Schwarzhans**, like most college students, is elated that classes are starting soon. --- **Margaret Schwarzhans** enjoyed having a teenage son (Jaro) for the weekend. --- **Mary Schwarzhans** will be home for only another week; her year at SUNY Purchase starts on September 1. She'll be living off-campus this year in a "cabin" in South Salem. --- **Neil Townsend**: just happy. --- **Royce Webster**: also just happy.

Next Meeting – September 14, 2009

Fireside Chat. Eat dinner at the Town House as usual, then move to the Bosco residence for a discussion of the traditions and fundamentals of Rotary.

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: No Meeting On September 7. Enjoy The Labor Day Holiday.

Program — MRC members were supposed to get a look at some of the ideas being proposed for the club's new website. However, an attempt to get a live internet signal into the Town House failed and the preview had to be postponed. But as usual things seem to happen for the best ...and a program suddenly materialized. Former member Mark Norlund was an unexpected visitor.

Rev. Mark was a Morris resident from 1986 to 2001 while serving the Morris Baptist Church. He was a member of the club for part of that time and even hosted an exchange student (JB from the Philippines) when son Mike was in high school. From Morris, the family accepted a call for a position in Rockland County ...and has since moved to a new parish in the hamlet of Petersburg, NY between Troy and the Vermont border.

A very proud father recounted how he and Mona have recently enjoying travel opportunities afforded while their daughters studied abroad. He recounted excursions to Ireland and Great Britain when Megan was at Oxford University ...and to Greece and Italy where Melissa is still completing her Masters in Earthquake Engineering at two schools along the Mediterranean. The trips provided international experiences, both religious and secular, for the Norlunds.

All members of the Norlund family are doing well. As stated earlier, Mark is pastor of the Petersburg Baptist Church. To summarize the current activities of the others:



+ Wife **Mona** has a position at a preschool associated with the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center;

+ Daughter **Meagan** graduated from the University of Buffalo, attended Oxford University, and now works for international publishers Jones & Bartlett and is currently located in Massachusetts;

+ Daughter **Melissa** got her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Buffalo and is currently on scholarship to do graduate research in Greece (University of Patras) and Italy (University of Pavia);

+ Son **Michael** took courses while downstate and has spent the last two years working for Scarano Boat Builders in the Port of Albany.

Rev. Norlund was in the area to visit a former parishioner residing in a local nursing home, enjoy a round of golf at Riverbend, and to look up several Morris friends. His presence brightened our Rotary meeting. He returned to the family's Petersburg home later in the evening.

Rotary Planning Calendar

September 07, 2009 — No Meeting – Labor Day

September 14, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Fireside Chat at Bosco's Home, preceded by Juanita's dinner as usual at the Town House.

September 21, 2009 — Special Morris Rotary Event
New Teacher Dinner in Gilbertsville for MCS and G-MU.
Note a [new location](#) at the Presbyterian Church.

September 28, 2009 — Special Morris Rotary Event
Pork Dinner For Scouting at the Morris Firehouse.

September 29, 2009 — Special Committee Project
Youth Exchange Local Interviews

October 05, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker – Roger Ashworth
Topic – Hiking the Complete Finger Lakes Trail

October 12, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Club Assembly and Board of Directors Meeting

October 19, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker – Cornell Cooperative Extension
Topic – Preparing the Garden for Winter

October 26, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker – Tom Ives of Cazenovia Tractor Company
Topic – End-of-the-Season Garden Tractor Tips

October 31, 2009 — Special Morris Rotary Event
Annual Halloween Party at Morris Central School

November 02, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker – SUCO Astronomy Department
Topic – Stargazing From Your Own Backyard

November 09, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker & Topic – TBA

November 16, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speakers – Jeff Genung & Big Chuck D'Imperio
Topic – Traditional Media and the Emerging Internet

November 23, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Club Assembly and Board of Directors Meeting

November 30, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker & Topic – TBA

December 07, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Club Work Session for Upcoming Projects

December 14, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Christmas Caroling at Chase Memorial Nursing Home

December 19, 2009 — Special Morris Rotary Event
Assemble and Deliver Holiday Baskets

December 21, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Juanita's Special Christmas Dinner
Speaker & Topic – TBA

December 28, 2009 — No Meeting
Christmas Holiday Break