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Pork Dinner Today
To support Scout programs.

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

Last Meeting – September 21, 2009

A special meeting of the Morris Rotary Club was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Gilbertsville. The larger hall was chosen to accommodate the administrators and new faculty members of the Morris and Gilbertsville-Mount Upton central schools. The meeting was gavelled to order by President-elect **Bill Burdick**. There was a fine turn-out with 27 Rotarians and 19 guests. A lasagna dinner was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky Pegg. Dessert (the cake recipe that placed first at the Otsego County Fair this summer) was provided Maureen Kranbuhl. Again, there was no winner in the Jack of Hearts drawing. **Mike Virgil** drew the Eight of Hearts.

Guests — In addition to the school personnel, our guests included Oneonta Rotarians **Katrina Trusdell** and **Dick Breuninger**, YEP student Jaro Dlouhy, and Doris Bourgeois.

Make-Ups — The Milford club was visited by **Fred Johnson** and **Neil Townsend** last week (September 22). PDG Fred returned with that club's best wishes: *"Hello to MRC" from Milford Rotarians Gil Sherman, Niles Eggleston and Vera Sosnowski.*

Announcements — **John Matteson** reports that Dr. Payton is okay; the ambulance just parked in front of his house while they stopped for ice cream. --- All members are needed to work at Monday's pork roast.

Special Thanks

A big "thank you" goes to several Rotarians for extra effort to make the New Teacher dinner a success. **Dick Keene** and Shirley helped secure the facility; **Juanita Brown** and **Joanne Long** worked out the menu, serving plan, and seating; **Maureen Kranbuhl** made dessert; **Harry Graves** took care of the printed programs and placemats; and **Sharon Bosco** arranged all floral centerpieces. And most importantly, thanks to all members for attending to make the teachers feel welcome.

Happiness — **Gerry Bourgeois** has finished painting his house again. --- **Mary Breuninger** attended another orientation for inbound YEP students and says "the kids are great." --- **Bill Burdick** showed up to run the meeting despite feeling a bit under-the-weather for the past few days. --- **Glenn Hamilton** thanked Mike for taking all those 4:30 AM school closing phone calls. --- **Carl Harris**, after a busy summer season at Brooks Barbecue, is glad to see the weather changing. --- **Ron Hay** welcomed the new teachers. --- **Fred Johnson** reports a good time at Charter Night for the new Conklin club. --- **Dick Keene** says his wife Shirley is home after caring for their ailing daughter in Pennsylvania; everything's getting better. --- As a former teacher, **Joanne Long** took extra pleasure in chatting with the new staff members. She offered to share her research on local history. --- **John Matteson** and friends went through a box of old slide photos recently. Great fun! --- **Joan Miller** is just happy. --- **Lois Miller-Ballard** enjoyed her vacation on Cape Cod. She announced that she's going to a grandmother for the third time. --- **Jim Pasternak** took in two MCS soccer games over the weekend. --- **Patrick Pegg**: happy. --- **Carrie Lynn Phillips** extended best wishes to new superintendent Sheldon and to the new teachers. --- **Matt Sheldon** thanked Mike for making it a very smooth transition into his new job as MCS superintendent. --- **Neil Townsend** "made it again". --- **Mike Virgil** is loving retirement. --- **Royce Webster** and Marguerite were in Marathon recently and decided to continue on to Ithaca to visit former exchange student Alan Pavinski.

YEP Report — Co-chairmen **Mike D'Amico** and **Marguerite Schwarzhans** report that their combined recruiting efforts have paid off. Three (3) applications have been received, representing MCS, GMU, and a student who attends a Christian school. Local interviews for exchange candidates will be held on Tuesday evening, September 29 at MCS.

All of last year's applicants withdrew and the club is without an outbound student this year.

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: Make Arrangements To Attend The Foundation Dinner.



Program — With a new superintendent, a new high school principal, and more than a dozen new teachers, the annual New Teacher dinner was a gala affair. It was held in the community room in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church in Gilbertsville.

New MCS superintendent **Matthew Sheldon** was introduced by his predecessor **Mike Virgil**. Glenn Hamilton, in his second year at GMU, familiarized club members with high school principal **Annette Hammond** who comes to the district from Sidney. The teachers were introduced from the tables by Rotarians who drew many laughs by digging up interesting tidbits about the new faculty members.

When discussing their districts, Glenn Hamilton spoke on the building projects at Gilbertsville-Mount Upton. Some of the many renovations include additions to the music, elementary classroom, and technology areas. Outdoors, the district will be getting a six-lane track.

Matt Sheldon, who was an exchange student to Sweden under the Rotary program when he was a teen growing up in Otego, commented on the academic enhancements at Morris Central. Most rooms are now equipped with new Smartboards to expand the district's ability to display computer and internet information. The district is getting an enrichment program for students with special talents. Also, there will be several initiatives in mathematics in the year ahead. He spoke with pride that MCS is a School of Distinction for the high achievements of its student-athletes, one of only 13 such districts in NYS.

New Faces In Butternut Valley Schools

New Superintendent At MCS

Matthew Sheldon served as a Special Education teacher at Steuben-Allegany BOCES in Hornell from 1985-2000. He then held various administrative positions in the Hornell City Schools before coming to Morris. He earned his Permanent certification in School Administration; Supervision and School District Administration in 2000 from St. Bonaventure University.

New High School Principal at GMU

Annette Hammond has 11 years as an administrator, including the past five as Sidney High School's principal. She studied for her Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration and Supervision at SUNY New Paltz.

New Teachers at GMU

Ken Held	7-12 Technology Teacher
Brekke Holub	MS/HS Science Teacher
Cassandra Lewis	Second Grade Teacher

New Teachers at MCS

Lisa Berryment	Secondary English Teacher
Edith Burke	Enrichment Teacher
Patrick Harmer	Secondary Social Studies Teacher
Joshua Hough	Secondary Math Teacher
Antonio Liz	Permanent Substitute
Lauren Marchione	Permanent Substitute
Stephanie Montreuil	Elementary Remedial Math Teacher
Stephen Moskal	Secondary Remedial Math Teacher
Michele Pepe	Fourth Grade Teacher
Amy Sacca	Secondary Math Teacher