



Rotarians help support Morris-area Scout programs

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



WORK CONTINUES on the Linn Tractor building. **Matt Meyers** and his crew have set the windows and enclosed the structure. Lighting has to be installed and some cosmetic work completed to assist people visiting to view the antique tractor. When all work is finished, the Linn Tractor will be moved back into its refurbished quarters and a public dedication will be scheduled.

Last Meeting – September 28, 2009

Instead of a regular meeting, the Morris Rotary Club held a special project to raise funds for the Morris-area Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. Most members worked at a pork roast in Guy Rathbun Park and at the Morris firehouse. The Scouts had sold tickets to family and friends in advance. The weather held off and the public turned out. There was a good mix of take-outs and dine-ins. It'll be some time before the remaining bills are received but it looks like all groups made a fine profit.

Make-Ups — PDG Fred rode in the Bainbridge River Race on Saturday, September 26.

YEP Interviews — Co-chairmen **Margaret Schwarzhans** and **Mike D'Amico** have finished their recruiting for next year's outbound exchange students. Local interviews were held on Tuesday, September 29 to select candidates who will continue to the district-level screening.

Rotarian Margaret filed her committee's report. *There were two students interviewed tonight. Of those, only one (Jennifer Meyers) has qualified to go on to the district interviews in Oneonta on November 22.*

Neighbors — For those of you who travel in the Cortland area and might want to visit friends in another club, the Cortland Rotary Breakfast Club has a new meeting place. The group is now at Linani's Restaurant, 55 Main Street in Homer. The start time is still at 7 AM.

This Week – October 05, 2009

Life-long Bainbridge-area resident Roger Ashworth has hiked the length of New York's Finger Lakes Trail. He'll share some of his most memorable experiences and offer suggestions for viewing those great autumn colors.

Next Week – October 12, 2009

Edith Burke, the new Enrichment Teacher at Morris Central School, has proposed some exciting programs for the district's exceptional students. Her pupils have launched a project that will involve individuals in the community. She'll explain how Rotary can help.

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 *
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: You Can Follow The District's GSE Team In England On The Web.

Group Study Exchange

The District 7170 Team Is On The Road In Merry Old England

The district's Group Study Exchange (GSE) team is currently in Northeastern England touring District 1030. It's slightly larger than District 7170 with 69 clubs and over 2,100 members. The local group just passed the mid-point of it's month-long stay.

According to the Rotary International website, *the Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.*

Dryden Rotarian **Terry Donlick** of Freeville is the leader of the current outbound group. Her team members include Amy Parker (a LPN living in Cincinnatus but sponsored by the Cortland club), Mrs. Vickey Beaver of Dryden, owner of a family electronics business Jeremy Matviak of Sidney, and Oneonta's Tim Hayes. The group left Syracuse on September 19; they'll return on October 17.

You can follow the team's travels via their blog. Their postings range from serious discussions to humor. All writings give the "American point of view" of Mother England. Very good photographs, too. A recent posting follows at the end of this article. If you're not familiar with blogs, just read and enjoy! The address is: www.gse7170uk.blogspot.com.



Tim – Jeremy – Terry – Amy – Vickey

When the GSE team returns home, Rotarian Terry and other members will be available to make presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups across the Southern Tier. And they'll play an important role in entertaining a similar GSE team from that area of England. The Brits will visit us in the Spring, around the time of DG **Sam Koury's** district conference in Owego in May.

10 Things I've Learned So Far

I thought I'd take a few minutes to review some of the things I've learned, both serious and not-so-serious.

- 1) *The National Health Service is faaaar from uncomplicated.*
- 2) *People in England do have access to private health insurance.*
- 3) *Computer keyboards are different here. The " is on the 2 button, while the @ symbol is by the enter key. Despite all the typing I've done in the last 10 days, I still have not managed to adjust to this simple change, and I'm constantly going back to correct myself.*
- 4) *Curry ROCKS!*
- 5) *Staffordshire Bull Terriers are wonderful to walk uphill. Downhill, not so much.*
- 6) *As weird as it may seem to Americans, black pudding is muchmuchmuch better than scrapple.*
- 7) *Soccer fans are more entertaining than the game they are watching.*
- 8) *The people of Hartlepool once hanged a monkey because they thought it was a spy for the French. You can't make this stuff up, people.*
- 9) *A standard test match in cricket lasts 5 days. 5! Freakin' Days!*
- 10) *Last but not least, I had really high expectations before coming here, and they have been exceeded at every turn. You all know how much I was looking forward to this trip, and it's been better than I ever could have imagined.*

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Wanted: Your Pictures

From a news release posted on the Rotary webste:

On 10 October, The Rotarian is asking Rotary clubs worldwide to take photos of Rotarians in action, to be included in a special "Rotary Day in Photos" feature that will showcase all aspects of Rotary life.

You can e-mail up to three of your club's best high-resolution photos to rotarian@rotary.org or share them with our [Rotary Day in Photos Flickr group](#).

So get your club members together, and get creative.

The Rotarian is also interested in photos of or by Interactors, Rotaractors, alumni, and other members of the family of Rotary.

All photos must be taken on 10 October and submitted by 17 October.

Be sure to specify who's in the photo, what they're doing, where they are, what time the photo was taken, and who took it.