



What's This Leaf?

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

Last Meeting – October 5, 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. **Royce Webster** drew the Queen of Hearts in the Jack of Hearts drawing.

YEP Report

From Brazil With Love

Morris Rotarians were charmed by Brazilian exchange student Thais Sayuri Endo during the last school year. But Thais had to return home after her Tour America trip with the other inbound students last July. Now that her "welcome home" festivities have been completed she says she's settling into a routine of daily life.



Dear Morris Rotary Club,

It's very nice to be back home, but unfortunately I couldn't enjoy my parents very much because my classes began.

It's very hot in here. It's not yet summer but I'm feeling like I'm going to melt. I can barely remember the winter in America.

Now I'm studying very hard to join University, actually I want to join Brasilia University which is a public university and is very good.

My older sister is going to America in the end of the year. She is going to work in Aspen in an "America work experience program". It's a university student program. I'm very jealous because she is going to be in America and I won't.

I really miss you all! My families, the Rotarians, my school friends, everybody! It's all so different! It seems like a dream.

Thanks for the opportunity, I can't imagine myself without all the experiences I had in this one great year! I wish I can come back very soon!

Thais Sayuri Endo

Guests — Visitors included speaker Roger Ashworth and his wife Dawn, our club's newest outbound exchange student candidate Jennifer Meyers, and frequent guest Sophia Geary.

Make-Ups — None

Announcements — **Nancy Fusco** said the pork roast netted \$1,184 to be shared with the Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs. That amount is likely to increase because Joan Stowell traditionally donates the cost of the meat. --- **Bill Pickens** reported that honorary member Bill Stowell had surgery recently. He and Joan will not leave their summer home on the Massachusetts coast until November. --- All club members are encouraged to attend the Rotary Foundation dinner at the McKinley in Endicott. The event will be at 6 PM on Thursday, October 15. The featured speaker for the evening will be Robert S. Scott, chair of the Rotary International PolioPlus committee.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — Dick and **Mary Breuninger** both have birthdays this month while Marguerite and **Royce Webster** will celebrate their anniversary.

Happiness — **Mary Breuninger** paid her birthday dollar. --- **Dick Breuninger** paid, too. --- **Mike D'Amico** introduced Jennifer Meyers who was selected by the YEP committee to go on to the district-level interviews in hopes of becoming an outbound exchange student. Mike also noted with joy that most of his leaves have fallen. --- **Teresa DeLaurentiis** said that a recent Bloomberg rating has placed MetLife as a very good investment. Its #3 ranking was way above all other financial companies. --- **Ron Hay** is happy to be at Rotary this evening. He has been hobbled recently by bruises from a fall. --- **Fred Johnson** is pleased that daughter Jennifer has joined the Milford Rotary Club. He also said that a local voice will be featured in the next performance of the Catskill Choral Society. Chris Shields will sing in the October 24th concert at Oneonta's First United Methodist Church. --- **Gary Johnson** managed to see six airports on his trip to Jackson Hole, WY. No mention of National Parks. --- **Patrick Pegg**

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 *
Schwarzans, Fred
Schwarzans, 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: Express Your Thanks To Our Snowbirds Before They Head South.

and Vicky entertained friends from Philadelphia this weekend. --- **Bill Pickens** claims that his happy dollar was all the money he had left after a weekend trip through the Finger Lakes with the Websters. --- **Hank Rehrmann** publicly praised Jim Pasternak's many hours of work to make the pork dinner (and many other projects) so successful. --- **Royce Webster** and Marguerite had a great trip in New York's wine country with Bill and Linda Pickens.

This Week – October 12, 2009

One of the new academic initiatives at Morris Central School this year is an enrichment program to challenge the district's brightest students. Edith Burke will explain how Rotarians and others in the community can help.

Next Week – October 19, 2009

We'll end the month of October with two programs to help you prepare your summer items for the coming winter. To start, Wanda Jagocki and Carolyn Staley of Cornell Cooperative Extension's Otsego County office will give us tips on "winterizing" gardens ...and they'll provide some handy ways to get you off to a "growing start" in 2010.

Rotary Mailbag

Thank you! Thank you!

The club received thank you cards from both schools following our dinner at the Gilbertsville Presbyterian Church to greet the new faculty members.

Superintendent Glenn Hamilton wrote *On behalf of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District I would like to thank the Morris Rotary for sponsoring the seventh annual New Teacher dinner. This continues to be a wonderful night to help make our new staff to feel at home and to connect them to the community. Please extend our thanks to the people who prepared the wonderful meal and to all the Rotarians who made our staff feel right home. Thanks.*

The card also contained expressions of gratitude from both of the school's principals. Annette Hammond, in her first year at the high school, said *Thank you so much for the "Royal Treatment". I am looking forward to my time at GMU and working with the community to support our students.* Elementary principal Karen Volpi (who sets a good example by being a marathon runner) added *Thank you again for the opportunity to join you and meet and greet with the Morris staff. We appreciate your support and the opportunities you provide for so many students.*

Another card came from the teachers at Morris Central School. It contained short comments from all the teachers who attended the event. Enrichment teacher Edith Burke's comments were representative of everyone's gratitude. *I would like to thank you for the wonderful dinner and your welcoming remarks. It is very kind of you to take the time from your busy schedules to make us all feel at home in the community. It is very much appreciated.*

Program — Roger Ashworth was an inspiration to his Bainbridge-Guilford students during his decades of teaching; he continues to be a positive example to everyone who enjoys life. Over his years as a father and grandfather, he has observed nature's wonders along the 562 miles of the Finger Lakes Trail. He's walked it end-to-end. Frequently, he is accompanied by a child or grandchild.



As a member of the Bullthistle Hiking Club, he works to promote hiking and the beauty of Chenango County. In addition, he picks up an ax or saw to clear away limbs that have fallen across the trail and cut away briars ...or paint to mark a visible path for others. Within the hiking community, they're called Trail Stewards; each volunteer cares for a small section of the statewide network. Roger's also a Trail Angel to help out-of-town hikers get back to their vehicles at the end of a hike. He's been donating time to both jobs for many years.

The Finger Lake Trail runs across southern New York, mostly on private land. Several spurs connect the FLT to other regions of the state, providing hikers with an extensive system of marked and maintained paths. The club has drafted guidelines to both protect the land-owners and to promote safety among hikers. You can get details on the FLT website at www.fingerlakestrail.org.

The group's biggest problem? According to Ashworth, it comes when rural land is bought and sold. Then, the group has to negotiate with the new owners to allow hikers to cross their land.

In addition to a short Powerpoint presentation, Ashworth set up a display of assorted hiking gear, some of which is optional. Other items are deemed necessary by serious hikers; he stressed the benefits of a sturdy pair of hiking boots and a trusty walking stick.

Rotary Planning Calendar

October 19, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker – Cornell's Wanda Jagocki and Carolyn Staley
Topic – Preparing the Garden for Winter

October 26, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker – Tom Ives of Cazenovia Tractor
Topic – Preparing Your Garden Tractor For Storage

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

November 02, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker – Sidney Science Teacher Rich Townsend
Topic – Simple Ways To Backyard Astronomy

November 09, 2009 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker – Gerry's Friend Bob Miller of Enviro Energy
Topic – Manufacturing Grass Pellets For Fuel