

Enjoy The Bounty

Harvest Suppers

Wednesday, Oct 21
Zion Episcopal Church
Roast Pork Feast

Saturday, Oct 24
United Methodist Church
Turkey & Trimmings

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

Last Meeting – October 12, 2009

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 16 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky Pegg. Thanks to **Mike Virgil** for taking the newsletter notes and to PDG Fred for transmitting them to the editor.

Guests — Speaker Edith Burke was the only guest on a night of very light attendance.

Make-Ups — **Mike Virgil** attended a meeting of the Sherburne Rotary Club.

Announcements — **Mike Virgil** reviewed plans for the annual Halloween Party at MCS. He passed around a sign-up sheet listing the positions that have to be covered.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — None.

Happiness — **Mike D'Amico** noted his son's 40th birthday. He was also pleased that all four MCS soccer teams won. . --- **Carl Harris**: just happy. ---- **Ron Hay** was pleased to see a local

Program — We first met speaker Edith Burke at September's New Teacher dinner. She coordinates a new Enrichment Program at Morris Central School, a project that's being funded with federal stimulus dollars.



Ms. Burke outlined some of the developments at MCS to challenge the district's brightest students. She's focusing on local history and how it weaves into the histories of the nation and the world. She's asking Rotarians to volunteer to participate in the project by talking about what they know and currently do.

She would also like recommendations of other community citizens who might be valuable resources about the history of the Butternut Valley. Ms. Burke can be reached through the school switchboard (607-263-6100) or via e-mail at eburke@morriscs.org

news article featuring Webster Paving and the Morris Tent Company. --- **Fred Johnson** told of a friend who owned excessive numbers of aging construction equipment. The result: he created a museum. --- **Jim Pasternak** and Kay visited a niece in New Jersey.. --- **Bill Pickens** is happy again. --- **Mike Virgil** visited his sister on Long Island. He also stopped by a meeting of the Sherburne Rotary Club. --- **Royce Webster** rounded out the group of members who were "just happy".

GSE — They're back on the ground in NYS. The District 7170 Group Study Exchange (GSE) team has been in England for the past month; they returned home this weekend.

As we reported earlier, the team composed of Dryden Rotarian **Terry Donolick**, Cincinnati resident Amy Parker, Mrs. Vickey Beaver of Dryden, Jeremy Matviak of Sidney, and Oneonta's Tim Hayes, have been reporting their travels on the GSE website. Their most recent posting was put up Saturday. **The Longest Day of My Life**. *Literally. It's been a 29-hour day. Anyone who ever complained that there aren't enough hours in the day has clearly not spent enough time traveling westward through five time zones. But we all arrived back in Syracuse safely, thank goodness. We tried our best to say our goodbyes on the plane because we all knew we'd be making a mad dash for our loved ones as soon as we got our feet back on solid ground. The flights mostly went off without a hitch, with the exception of a problem with the jetbridge in Detroit that resulted in us getting off the plane a half an hour late and making it to our next gate with only a few minutes to spare. Much of those few minutes were spent in a quest to find peanut butter cups. This is not the end! I know I have more things I want to post over the next few days, so stay tuned.*
Amy

This Week – October 19, 2009

We start two weeks of programs to suggest steps that can be taken to prepare "summer things" for the coming winter. This week, gardens and plants are in the spotlight. Annette MacLeod, a Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener, will be here.

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 *
Schwarzahns, Fred
Schwarzahns, 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: Do Your Part To Spread The News Of Morris Rotary's Good Work.

Behind The Scenes

District 7170 YEP Committee Holds Passport Fair

Morris Rotarians hear references to district-level youth exchange meetings but seldom have we taken time to explain the details of those get-togethers. This past weekend, the YEP committee held its annual "passport fair" in Owego. It's the district's time to assemble students who want to be outbound candidates ...and their parents ...to explain each year's choices of countries.

District officials created the fair a half-dozen years ago so all candidates could get the same information about the variety of countries being offered. Although Rotary clubs are found in nearly 200 countries and geographic areas, participation in the Youth Exchange Program is voluntary. Not all district or clubs are involved. District 7170 negotiates exchange agreements with other districts on a yearly basis. Therefore, new country exchanges are being added all the time while other nations move on to create agreements with different parts of the Rotary world.



One district official commented, "There was a time when most students wanted to go to Germany, France or Spain because they had

*Sunday's event was presented at the Treadway Inn & Conference Center in Owego. MCS candidate Jennifer Meyers was one of the students listening to a discussion led by Oxford's **Sandy Dain**.*

YEP Report

How The Neighbors Do It

The inbound exchange students in the Albany area had one of their district-wide gatherings this weekend, hosted by the Cobleskill Rotary Club. Several activities were planned with a decidedly Schoharie County flavor.

Veteran YEP official **Blair Hartman**, who is also a past governor of District 7190, outlined the plan for activities while he was organizing transportation for the students. *I have thirteen students coming for the weekend. ... Friday, we will leave from the high school east-side parking lot and go to the Blenheim-Gilboa Power Project and Lansing Manor. Lunch in Middleburgh, and then hiking up Vroman's nose returning to the high school around 4 PM. ... On Saturday, I need transportation at 9 AM again from the high school parking lot to Howe Caverns and then to the Pumpkin Patch (box lunch there) and, after picking a pumpkin, back to my house.*

There is a history of cooperation between districts 7170 and 7190. The Capital Region students often join our students on various bus trips.

been exposed to the language in school. Now with the passport fair, the teens are being attracted to a wider assortment of countries." As a result, applicants are now selecting far more exotic places ...and the district is able to place more students in their preferred destinations.

Keeping with the theme of the fair, the 2009 offerings are divided in "continents" at Sunday's event. All visitors moved from continent to continent until they have received information on all countries. The district's "area administrators" briefly explained some of the cultural differences to be expected ...while the parents were more focused on matters like travel costs, visa requirements, and other necessary preparations.

The candidates applying this year can choose from 16 nations: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Slovakia-Czech Republic, Taiwan, and Thailand..

Program details can be found on the "Youth Exchange" link of the district website www.rotarydistrict7170.org.

International Service

A Worthy African Project

At the International Convention in Birmingham, England last June, I met a Rotarian who is a schoolmaster in Uganda. A very unassuming gentleman, he explained to me the great needs that he has for his school in Entebbe, Uganda. His school which serves 901 children ages K-14 was originally built for English children before the government became autonomous. The school is in very poor shape without a working well and latrines. He needs school books, computers, sewing machines, brick making machines, knitting machines - the last three in order to teach the children life skills.

Several of the area schools will be donating the books and will be entering into a "pen pal" exchange between students and teachers. The district will be donating \$15,000, Binghamton Noon Club has agreed to give \$1,000 and the club in Entebbe will give \$100. We are looking for \$5,000 more in order to ship the computers.

This is an excellent international project for a club. We are asking your financial help and although none of club can afford \$5,000 any amount you can give would be greatly appreciated. I understand that each club is involved in many worthy projects, but this is another wonderful way to help the children of Entebbe become self sufficient and remain healthy through our help. Please know that Marie Lusins works very hard to guarantee stewardship of our funds, and will do everything to make this project successful.

If your club is interested in pursuing this, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration. Lana Rouff, PDG