



Feast Tonight
Thanks, Juanita!

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2009-2010 Rotary Theme

Last Meeting – November 09, 2009

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 28 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky White. Tom Pasternak drew the first card in the club's new search of the Ace of Spades. He pulled the Queen of Diamonds.

Guests — The club's Bring-A-Guest-To-Rotary Night produced guests Mike Chase (trophy shop owner), Tom Pasternak (tree removal service), Lyle Smith (NBT banker), and Matthew Sheldon (new MCS superintendent of schools). Doris Bourgeois and May Miller came along to support speaker Bob Miller.

Make-Ups — None this week.

Announcements — President Gary called on Royce and Jim to assemble their Holiday Baskets committee to start organizing the major December project. --- The Linn Tractor has been moved into the renovated building. Hank says the lights still have to be added. Members

Family Of Rotary

Health Matters

The club continues to see members of its family experiencing hospital stays. **Felice Marlier** fell and suffered what initially appeared to be an extreme bruise. Further tests determined that she had fractured two ribs and her pelvis. Felice has been moved into the Fox Nursing Home for an estimated 8 weeks of rehabilitation. She's in Room 130. Cards can be sent to 1 Norton Avenue, Oneonta, NY 13820. Her phone is 607-431-5303. --- Gert Frankel passed out last Monday and was taken to Fox Hospital in Oneonta. She returned home again on Wednesday. She says it was a heart irregularity. No surgery nor special medication were required. And it won't delay the Frankels' post-Thanksgiving departure to Florida. --- Not all members are suffering. We received a cheerful message from **Mike D'Amico**. *Regards to all from Palm Springs.*

Joan and Carrie Lynn have agreed to review photos and other Linn Tractor memorabilia to complete the building's display. Organizers hope to hold a public dedication and open house to coincide with February's SuperBowl Sunday chicken barbecue.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — No one admitted growing older.

Happiness — **Sharon Bosco** just happy. --- **Gerry Bourgeois** honored his long-time friends Bob and May Miller and assured everyone that their remarks would be interesting. --- **Bill Burdick** thanked all the guests for showing up and complimented Juanita for another outstanding dinner. --- **Teresa DeLaurentiis** apologized for leaving early but she and Bill have to head back to the office to work on a major project.. --- **Dick Keene** and family were in the Skaneateles HS audience to watch their grandkids in a Willie Wonka play. --- **John Matteson** gave President Gary major grief for insulting all of the lady Rotarians. (Gary gave the impression that none of the ladies knew the Four Way Test, a costly choice of words.) --- **Bob Miller** praised the food that was on the evening's menu. --- **Joan Miller** likes our warm weather. --- **Roger Miller** thanked Matt and the rest of the construction crew for their efforts on the Linn Tractor building. --- **Jim Pasternak** is enjoying the presence of son Tom at tonight's meeting. --- **Bill Pickens** is glad that Gary's here tonight to keep the meeting lively. --- **Hank Rehrmann** told of going to a tiny church in Lafayette to watch his son's musical performance. It was a good show but the parent's attendance did draw an interesting response from the performer. --- **Mike Virgil** also thought that Gary ought to pay dearly for insulting the ladies.

Follow-up — In addition to a television piece on Utica station WKTV and articles in *The Daily Star* and *The Gazette*, the club's Linn Tractor project has hit the internet. A picture appears on the club's website. In addition, Big Chuck D'Imperio often mentions historic items on his morning radio program. An account has been added to the WDOS radio website. Check it out at www.wdosam.com.

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 *
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: Enjoy Juanita's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.



Program — Bob and May Miller have had an interesting journey from running their family farm to their late-in-life start-up of a bio-mass fuel business. They created Enviro Energy a year ago on Route 7 in Wells Bridge. The unique feature of their venture is that they use grasses and weeds - not wood - in their pellets.

The grass-based fuel offers higher BTUs and lower smoke emissions than fossil fuels. Enviro Energy fuel pellets are packaged in 40 pound bags with 50 bags on a pallet. A pallet takes up about half the space required for a cord of stacked firewood. Most sales are handled right at the plant with only a handful of local stores acting as dealers.

Enviro Energy produces both grass pellets and a fuel with a grass-wood mix. The Millers have refined their processes so they're now producing a high-quality pellet. Even though they admit some quality glitches last year, they sold out their complete 2008 production. Enviro Energy tries to keep production to a manageable single shift. As a result, they turned away trailer-loads of raw material this year.

Interest about the process has come from all parts of the country and from around the world. Mr. Miller told of a call he had received that very afternoon from a man in Brazil with questions about bio-mass fuels.

Details about Enviro Energy LLC can be found on the web at www.enviroenergyny.com. The site contains numerous articles written about their operation. It also has an easy-to-read Question and Answer section. The company can also be reached by phone at 607-988-9013.

This Week – November 16, 2009

We're in for a special treat this week when the program will be a panel discussion. WDOS radio morning man "Big Chuck" D'Imperio will be back again. He'll be joined by Jeff Genung, editor of the Norwich *Evening Sun*. They'll reflect on how their respective branches of the traditional media are evolving to incorporate the internet into their business plans.

Next Week – November 23, 2009

Most of us have dined at the Old Mill Restaurant down on the Unadilla River. Town of Guilford Historian Tom Gray has researched the history of Rockwell's Mills and its mill. The historic mill has undergone several transformations, all of which impacted the surrounding community. Fascinating findings! Mr. Gray is hoping to have the hamlet listed as a historic landmark.

Catching Up —

(The following story was pulled from last week's newsletter to allow coverage of the club's Moving Day for the Linn Tractor .)

Veteran Sidney High School science teacher Richard Townsend provided several suggestions to help Rotarians and their families enjoy the autumn sky. Now that it gets dark in the early evening he recommends finding a location away from light sources, arming yourself with a good star map and a dependable telescope, and enjoying the heavenly show. The moon is easily viewed with even a low-power telescope while planets and star clusters may require better equipment. He pointed out the differences between refracting and various kinds of reflecting telescopes. He brought along a model that is frequently used by amateur star-gazers.

The internet provides several sites to assist the backyard astronomer. Good on-line maps can be downloaded from www.neave.com/planetarium. Other reliable sources are www.space-science.com and www.nasa.gov. You'll also find it helpful to pop a red bulb into your flashlight (or a handy miner's lamp) to let you read the star charts without having to allow extra time for your eyes to adjust to the changing light conditions.



Townsend teaches Earth Science and Meteorology in the Sidney school district. He also operates the school's outdoor observatory. That facility is opened to the community for public viewing several times each year. The next open house is being considered for December. Announcements will appear in *The Tri-Town News* and on Sidney radio station WCDO.