



Caroling At Chase
Next Monday

Serving Residents of the Butternut Valley Since 1938

The ROTARY CLUB of MORRIS, NY

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District 7170



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

Last Meeting – November 30, 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 Pegg**. In the Jack of Hearts drawing, **Mike Virgil** drew the Ace of Hearts.

Guests — Visitors included **DG Sam Koury**, our exchange student Jaro Dlouhy, and future members Matt Sheldon and Lyle Smith.

Make-Ups — None this week.

Announcements — Next week's meeting will be devoted to club projects. The main job will be formulation of the delivery lists for the upcoming Christmas Basket distribution. President Gary announced that he has received contributions from former member Bob Lander and Jayne Frye to support the project. --- PDG Fred has now received six member checks for the Rotary Foundation. Individual member donations up to \$100 will be matched by an anonymous donor. The deadline to qualify for the matching funds is December 24. --- The tree for the front of Morris Central School will be delivered by Saturday. The wreath for the Gate House will come on Tuesday. --- Carrie Lynn reports that Felice is

still responding to physical therapy at the Fox Hospital extended care facility.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — None.

Happiness — **Sharon Bosco** says she took advantage of Cyber Monday and did a portion of her shopping over the internet. --- **Gerry Bourgeois** reports that he's two years ahead on his wood cutting. --- **Mary Breuninger** and **Dick** enjoyed a visit from former exchange student **Doni** over Thanksgiving. --- **Mike D'Amico** asked for prayers for a friend who's in Bassett Hospital battling the H1N1 flu. --- **Carl Harris** is going to soon play the role of Proud Papa. --- **Fred Johnson** has tickets for the next performance by the Catskill Choral Society. --- **Gary Johnson** is thankful to be getting through another Rotary meeting. --- **Sam Koury** is happy to be here. --- **Jim Pasternak** has delivered blank boxes to the Girl Scouts to be decorated to become our fruit baskets. --- **Patrick Pegg** is thankful for new machines, a refrigerator at home and a construction fork lift at work. --- **Bill Pickens** is just happy. --- **Hank Rehrmann** spent Thanksgiving with the whole family. --- **Matt Sheldon** put on his "fan" shirt and cheered for Hornell in their championship football game. --- **Mike Virgil** explained football to Jaro, not be confused with soccer. --- **Royce Webster** and **Marguerite** had 48 folks at their house for Thanksgiving. He also noted President Gary's fondness for home-made chocolate pie.

Program — Being a Club Assembly, several items were discussed. Boy Scout leader **John Nitto** appealed to the club for greater financial support. Rotarian **Harry** asked members to forward news and reports to him in "soft copy" so they can be used in the newsletter. He also proposed that the club create a "Rotary Hero" program as a mechanism for rewarding good deeds with only minor club expense. A written proposal will be presented to the Directors.

This Week – December 07, 2009

Work session for the club's committees to meet.

Next Week – December 14, 2009

Christmas caroling at Chase Memorial Home.

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 *
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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Family Of Rotary

Remembering

Folks throughout the Otsego County Rotary community are mourning the death of a devoted Unadilla Rotarian. President **Brad Brooks** e-mailed the word to area residents. *I regret to inform you of the passing of a dear friend, **Bill Bauer**. Bill was a tireless member of the Unadilla area community activities and will be dearly missed by everyone. Unadilla Rotary, Unadilla Historical Association, Unadilla Chamber of Commerce, Troop 1 Unadilla Boy Scouts, and American Philatelic Association, and others will all feel the loss of Bill.*

William H. Bauer, 75, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, at his home.

Next In Rotary Service: Rotarians Will Deliver Holiday Baskets On Saturday, December 19.

Follow-Up — After last Monday's appeal for funds by Boy Scout leader John Nitto, President Gary immediately formed a special committee of **Mike D'Amico, Bill Pickens,** and **Lyle Smith** to deal with such matters. The club's Scout liaison Mike then made several inquiries and filed this report: *I met with the Cub Scout leaders Monday night after the Rotary Meeting. They are looking for volunteers to help support and judge the Pinewood Derby. The Derby will be held on January 14 at the Morris Central School cafeteria.*

In addition, I have been in contact with the Boy Scout Council regarding Danny Nitto's Eagle Scout project. I was informed that he needs to do the best he can and if he does not meet his goal but demonstrates that he has done everything possible to reach his goal the project will be accepted as is. In addition, it was explained to me that he can modify his project with the troop committee approval.

Finally, I met with Treasurer Nancy. She informed me that the club has never paid for the charter renewal directly but has made a general contribution to the troop. It is our intent to provide two separate checks after each fund-raiser but this year we combined the checks because the amount from the chicken dinner was so small.

This year we gave the Cub Scouts \$200 to support the trout derby and we gave the Boy Scouts \$443.10 and the Cub Scouts 443.10. The Girl Scouts got \$743.10 because of a separate \$300 contribution that was earmarked for them only.

YEP Report



Coming Home — What would Thanksgiving be without the comfort of family? Dick and **Mary Breuninger** opened their home to Doni for the November holiday. Diedon Statovci returned to Oneonta while DePauw University closed down for vacation. The former exchange student from Kosovo had stayed with the Breuningers during his YEP year in Oneonta during 2006-07 and he was a frequent MRC visitor. He's now in his junior year at the Greencastle, IN educational facility, studying economics and computers. And his Breuninger parents proudly point out that he's an honor student!.

Rotary Planning Calendar

- December 07, 2009** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Work Session For Holiday Basket Planning
- December 14, 2009** — Morris Rotary Community Service
Christmas Caroling at Chase Memorial Nursing Home
- December 19, 2009** — Morris Rotary Work Event
Assemble And Deliver Holiday Baskets
- December 21, 2009** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Spouses Night; Juanita's Christmas Dinner
- December 28, 2009** — No Meeting
Christmas Holiday Break & Public School Vacation
- January 04, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker – SUNY Student Jacob Barnhart
Topic – Discovery of Rare Seal Fossils In Northern NYS
- January 11, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Club Assembly & Directors' Meeting
- January 18, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker – YEP Student Kate Meyers
Topic – Report on Her Year In Belgium
- January 25, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker – MCS Teacher Philip Sheridan
Topic – Classroom Technology at Morris Central School
- February 01, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speakers – Lucinda Jarvis and Lori Lehenbauer
Topic – Otsego County's New Voting Machines
- February 07, 2010** — Special Morris Rotary Event
Superbowl Sunday Chicken Barbecue
- February 08, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Club Assembly & Directors' Meeting
- February 15, 2010** — No Meeting
Presidents' Day Federal Holiday & Winter School Break
- February 22, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker – Librarian Sarah Wiggins
Topic – Kindles, E-Readers, and Your Public Library
- March 01, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker – MCS Technology Teacher Mike Packard
Topic – Preparing For A Spring Canoe Trip
- March 03, 2010** — Special Morris Rotary Work Event
Delivery of Citrus Fruit For Annual Sale
- March 08, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Club Assembly & Directors' Meeting
- March 10, 2010** — Morris Rotary Committee Event
Interviews of Outbound RYLA Candidates
- March 15, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker & Topic – TBA
- March 22, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker – Former Member Rev. Ann Blair
Topic – Report On Her Trip To China