

YEP Report

Muk Is Studying In England

Thank goodness for the holidays. If nothing else, it's a time when many of us make a special effort to contact people who are important in our lives. Rotarian **Mike Virgil** and Barb have been corresponding with our former exchange student from Thailand. Muk Thamairpong is currently in England and the Virgils shared parts of recent e-mails from their popular "third daughter".

Nice to hear from you again. I'm doing good here, quite busy because I have to do all assignments before I will go back to Thailand after New Year. I will back home for 1 week for my graduation ceremony in Thailand.

I will celebrate Christmas in London with my friends this year; I hope it's going to be fun!!

Life to study in UK is so hard, I stay by myself!! But the good thing is, I've got around 10 Thai people living in my University. I have lots of fun with them!!

My life in UK was exciting at the beginning for the first few weeks but after that it was so hard because I had to study a professional class. But that's good because I met all international students there!!! I loved and enjoyed that time very much.

I'm studying in Business school. Major in Advertising and PR Management. Lots of Marketing strategic to focus on!! Don't know why? It's very helpful for my parents business.

Wow. I miss NYC, I hope I have the chance to visit again. I love NYC!! I miss NY Pizzzza!!! and Snow (Maybe snow). Here it's cold but we don't have snow yet!

Oh, my story about the American accent. My first presentation in class, the first thing that teacher asked me is "Did you study in USA before???? Because your accent is totally American accent!"

Well, I studied in USA for a year and continued my 4 years study in Thailand which most of the lecturers graduated from USA. So that's why! I came to UK for 4 months ago and I can't change or do a British accent! All of my Thai friends got American accents and get the same questions as me.

My mom is on the Rotary's trip to the north of Thailand to donate the blankets and foods at the north. She's really enjoying the trip now. She went to the Philippines for the Rotary convention and meetings there. Really enjoyed with her friends in Rotary club.

Feel free to contact Muk yourself. She would enjoy the mail. Her e-mail address is mukio_ben@hotmail.com.

How Others View District 7170

When the GSE team went to England, they took along a short, custom-made video about District 7170. You can now see that production. It's been posted on the district's website. Check it out at www.rotarydistrict7170.org.

District Leaders

Most of us know that there are 40+ clubs across the Southern Tier that compose Rotary District 7170. And we know there's a governor who promotes activities that benefit all the clubs. However, there other district officers serving in the current year, many unrecognized:

District Governor - Selean "Sam" Koury (Oneonta)

District Governor-elect - Orville Wright (Owego)

District Secretary - Catrina Truesdell (Oneonta)

District Treasurer - Richard Griffis (Vestal)

District Trainer - James "Jim" High (Cooperstown)

In addition, there are several **Assistant Governors** who handle issues with the individual clubs. **Catrina Truesdell** interfaces with a half-dozen clubs in Otsego County.

Board of Directors

Minutes of November 30 Meeting

Present Mike Virgil, Gary Johnson, John Matteson, Bill Burdick, Nancy Fusco, Carrie Lynn Phillips, Theresa De-Laurentiis, Fred Johnson, Matt Myers, Sharon Bosco

Decisions

A motion was made and accepted to donate up to \$25.00 for the Morris Central School Spelling Bee in response to a request from Paulette Cotter, MCS teacher. Motion approved.

A motion was made to accept Matt Sheldon, MCS Superintendent, and Lyle Smith, bank branch manager, as new members. It was decided that final approval would take place after club review. Individual sponsors will receive comments pertaining to perspective new members at the next meeting.

It was decided to make the Pride of Workmanship Program a vehicle for commendation of individuals who require "special recognition". This would be done on an as needed basis, with the committee making the decision. This is in lieu of a routine recognition program, which requires greater time constraints.

Discussions

Kate Myers will have an opportunity to give her exchange talk in January.

Matt Myers will make up signs for the Linn Building.

Theresa reported on the sign project. She is in the process of obtaining permission from the utility company to place signs on the poles. The signs will be coordinated with the flags that the village puts up. The village wants us to donate the signs and they will include us in their certificate of insurance.

Fred will review our Paul Harris Fellow program with regard to club sponsorship of individuals.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Bosco, Acting Secretary*



Happy Holidays
To All Our Friends

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



2009-2010 Rotary Theme

Last Meeting – December 14, 2009

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky Pegg. Attendance was lighter than usual. After

the meal and a very short business meeting, the members car-pooled to Chase Memorial Nursing Home in New Berlin to sing Christmas carols to our friends who reside there. About 20 members took part in the annual serenade.

Family of Rotary

Time Is Valuable; Share Your Minutes

The following item was forwarded by Rotarian Mike. It contains comments provided by Rev. Sara Baron, pastor of the Morris United Methodist Church.

Harriet Ryther has been placed in hospice care, her lungs are not getting her body enough oxygen. She's mobile and alert, and a little bit bored with being at home. She expressed a wish for more visitors. I'd encourage those of you who know and love her to spend some time in her delightful presence - it will be a gift to her and to you.

Holiday Rotary Planning

This Week – December 21, 2009

No speaker. Enjoy Juanita's Christmas feast with your spouse and our holiday visitors.

Next Week – December 28, 2009

No meeting. Enjoy friends and family during the busy holiday season.

Next Meeting – January 04, 2010

Unadilla resident Jacob Barnhart is a student at SUNY Plattsburgh. He and a team of other students were doing environmental research earlier this fall when they came across fossils of seal. It was not the first such find in NYS. But it was a more complete fossil than all previous discoveries. And it caught the attention of New York's leading scientists. Jacob will share the details of the find.

Active Members

Bosco, Sharon *
Bourgeois, Gerard *
Breuninger, Mary *
Brown, Juanita *
Burdick, William
Conroe, Jeffrey +
D'Amico, Michael +
DeLaurentiis, Teresa
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
Sheldon, Matthew
Smith, Lyle
Tiffany, Norman *
Townsend, Neil *
Virgil, Michael *
Webster, Royce *

New Members

Inductees 35 & 36

In order for any Rotary club to remain healthy, energetic new members must be found to replace those who leave the club. Butternut Valley residents have been very willing to support the club and its activities.

MCS Superintendent of Schools **Matthew Sheldon** and **Lyle Smith** of NBT Bank were inducted this month by veteran member **Jim Pasternak**. The club's membership now stands at 36 active members.

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: No Meeting On December 28, 2009. Enjoy The Holiday Vacation.