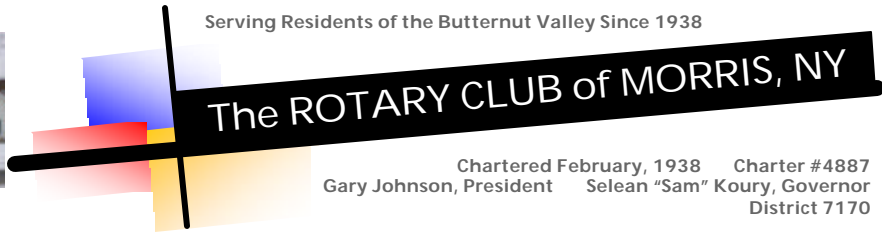




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Meetings every Monday at 6:00 PM in the Town House, Morris, NY

**Last Meeting – January 18, 2010**

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 25 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky Pegg. Again, there was no winner in the Ace of Spades drawing. President Gary pulled the Three of Diamonds for **Gerry Bourgeois**.

**Guests** — **Dick Breuninger** was the only visiting Rotarian. Former exchange student Hannah Schwarzhans and Kate Meyers's parents (John and Teresa) came to watch her YEP presentation.

**Make-Ups** — None this week.

**Announcements** — **Dick Keene** distributed fliers promoting the annual citrus fruit sale. California Navel Oranges will cost \$26 per box. Florida Grapefruit are \$24 per box. New this year are apples, both McIntosh and Ida Reds at \$26 per box. Orders will be accepted until February 15; delivery is set for Wednesday, March 3. --- Sunday, February 7 will be the annual SuperBowl chicken barbecue at the Morris Firehouse. **Bill Pickens** says all the facilities have been secured and the supplies inventoried. Posters are up and other publicity ordered. The event is already being promoted on the signs of various area fire departments, notably Morris and West Laurens.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** — None.

**Happiness** — **Gerry Bourgeois** gladly paid for getting an extra serving of Juanita's ice cream dessert. --- **Juanita Brown** thanked the club for the fruit basket that was sent to her following her recent gall bladder surgery. --- **Carl Harris** says the ultrasound results are in. It's a boy! ---- **Fred Johnson**, despite the ice and snow, hiked to the top of Bald Mountain with the grandkids. He also noted assurance from Congressman Michael Arcuri that pollution of the area's ground water will not be allowed in the natural gas fracking process. --- **Gary Johnson** had a happy dollar to show his confidence that SU would win tonight's game. --- **Lois Miller-Ballard**: just happy. --- **Matt Sheldon** is also happy. --- **Mike Virgil** got great satisfaction from his round of golf on the tough St. Andrews course in Scotland. The only down-side was that it was on a golf simulator in Endicott. --- **Royce Webster**, who is reportedly ready to leave for Florida, likes seeing our temperatures rise to above freezing.

**Program** — MCS grad Kate Meyers spent this past academic year living and attending school in Gent, Belgium. It was a year of personal growth – learning a new language, meeting new friends from around the world, experiencing three host families, and taking in the heritage and rich culture of Europe.

**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 \*
- Schwarzhans, Fred
- Schwarzhans, Marg
- Sheldon, Matthew
- Smith, Lyle
- 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 Affair** — The entire John Meyers family has benefited from Rotary's Youth Exchange Program. First, JP went to Hungary in 2005-06. Kate spent last year in Belgium. Their trips gave parents John and Teresa the opportunity to see Europe in a very personal way.

Their latest family picture was taken in front of a display of our club's long participation in the youth exchange program. The map was created by former YEP Chairman (now Honorary member) **Walter Danielson** for a district conference presentation.

**Next In Rotary Service: Publicize Our Chicken Barbecue. Take Citrus Fruit Orders.**

Kate shared pictures of her experience with Morris Rotarians who had endorsed her trip. In addition to taking the audience to historic Gent and introducing her families (occupations ranged from book binder, to teacher and professor, to hospital administrator), she gave us quick tours of other neighboring European countries. She visited Italy, London, and Paris during her year abroad.

Her observations of Belgium: a country speaking Flemish in the north and French in the south - everyone rides bikes for daily errands - school is a serious academic experience with students choosing a line of study at an early age - clubs are only offered through the community and at a cost to the individual - great cooking using fresh ingredients - mayonnaise on French fries - most meals include potatoes; never peanut butter.

**Remembering Everyone's Friend** — Word spread around the Rotary world this week of the sudden death of Cortland Rotarian **John S. MacNeill, Jr.** A civil engineer in Homer, he was a legend among District 7170 exchange students. The first e-mail came from the district's current YEP Chairman **Tom Overbaugh**.

*It is with great sadness that I inform you Papa John passed away last evening, Tuesday, January 18th, at 7:30 of a massive heart attack.*

*Many D7170 members, who knew John over the years, know that Rotary Youth Exchange was a very large part of John's life. John served as District chair and as what we now call a Country Contact. John was known by the students as "Papa John" and there was good reason. He did feel that he was their father while they were here under his supervision and care.*

*Many former exchange students and all of us will miss Papa John.*

**Rotarian Notes** — There are several Rotarians whose efforts should be noted. --- Thanks to **Lyle Smith** and **Patrick Pegg** for judging at the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. --- **Mike D'Amico** arranged for the Scout judges ...from his vacation in Mexico. He and Raina are enjoying their adventure south-of-the-border. --- Thanks to **Matt Sheldon** for allowing YEP Kate to use a projector for her program. --- **Jim Pasternak** and Kay have departed for winter quarters. --- And **Joanne Long** sends her greeting from the Florida sunshine. *I love getting the newsletter, it is a connection I enjoy while away. You do such a nice job with getting the news out!*

*The weather has been cold here as you probably know. George has not been able to do the amount of fishing that he would like to do. The few times he has been out in the past few weeks, there is not much biting.*

*I remain busy with church, mentoring, and have put on some coffee hours and a dinner for our mobile home park. In this cold weather, I have done a lot of reading, which I love to do, but often opt for getting outside if it is nice.*

*I send greetings to the Rotary members. Stay warm, and I will see you all in the spring.*

### **This Week – January 25, 2010**

After eating at the Town House as usual, we'll go back to school. Phil Sheridan, the MCS technology specialist, has invited Rotarians and their guests into his classroom to see how Morris Central is using modern devices in the classroom. Spouses and guests are invited to attend.

### **Next Week – February 01, 2010**

It'll be another technology program. This time, in the voting booth. The Otsego Election Commissioners will be here to introduce the county's new voting machines.

### **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors met briefly following the meeting of January 11, 2010 to consider current matters.

**Present:** *President Gary Johnson, P-E Bill Burdick, VP Carrie Lynn Phillips, Past President Jeff Conroe, Director Teresa DeLaurentiis and Guest Harry Graves.*

**Newsletter** — *After realizing the BOD had misplaced a paper from Harry Graves concerning problems and concerns of the newsletter, we asked him to sit in on the meeting to apprise us of this situation.*

*Harry no longer has the copying capabilities he has had in the past and is concerned that not all MRC members were receiving the newsletter if they didn't have computer access. It was voted to accept CarrieLynn's offer to make color copies (approximately 10 ) each week and distribute them at our weekly meeting. Copies left after each meeting will be used to mail to our snowbirds and others without computers. CarrieLynn will submit receipts for color printer cartridges to the treasurer for reimbursement .She feels that there would not be more than two needed per year for the newsletter. The BOD also would like the newsletter printing and mailing a line item in the upcoming yearly budget. Harry will continue to create and email the newsletter to all members who have computers. Please remember to get news items of MRC concern to him. Pictures of Rotary interest are welcomed by Harry as well.*

**Banner Committee** — *Teresa DeLaurentiis reported that she is hoping to have the completed banners up by Memorial Day. At this point, she and the Village of Morris are working on getting approval from NYSEG to use their poles for banner placement. We would definitely like them proudly displayed for the new Linn Tractor building dedication on Father's Day. Plans for the dedication celebration are forthcoming.*

**Technology** — *Harry, Teresa and Bill Burdick will be the committee to work with the Village of Morris to get internet access upstairs to our meeting room. When that is complete we can have a computer (donated by Harry or Bill and Teresa) and the copier already donated by Bill and Teresa installed and ready to use.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
CarrieLynn Phillips – Acting Secretary*