



Smartboards
In MCS Classrooms

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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 – January 25, 2010

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 20 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky Pegg. **Gary Johnson** drew the 10 of Spades in the Ace of Spades drawing.

Planning Calendar

February 01, 2010 — Regular Rotary Meeting
Speaker – Cindy Jarvis and Lori Lehenbauer
Topic – Otsego's New Voting Machines

February 07, 2010 — Special Rotary Event
Superbowl Sunday Chicken Barbecue

February 08, 2010 — Regular Rotary Meeting
Speaker – **PDG Dave Reynolds**
Topic – Training Opportunities For Rotarians
Directors' Meeting

February 15, 2010 — No Meeting
Presidents' Day & Winter Break

February 22, 2010 — Regular Rotary Meeting
Club Assembly (Note — Rescheduled Date)

March 01, 2010 — Regular Rotary Meeting
Speaker – MCS Teacher Mike Packard
Topic – Preparing For A Spring Canoe Trip

March 03, 2010 — Special Rotary Event
Delivery of Citrus Fruit For Annual Sale

March 08, 2010 — Regular Rotary Meeting
Speaker & Topic – TBA
Directors' Meeting

March 10, 2010 — Rotary Committee Event
Interviews of Outbound RYLA Candidates

March 15, 2010 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker & Topic – TBA

March 22, 2010 — Regular Rotary Meeting
Speaker – Former Member Rev. Ann Blair
Topic – Report On Her Trip To China

March 29, 2010 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting
Speaker – SUCO's Jim Greenberg
Topic – The Kindle & Other Wireless Readers

Guests — Prospective member Mike Chase was joined by MCS Principal Leone Schermerhorn and Millie McKie, aunt of Rotarian Harry.

Make-Ups — Rotarian PDG Fred visited the Oneonta club on January 14 and Bainbridge on January 21.

Announcements — Next week's Morris Rotary meal will be served in the club meeting room as usual. The program will be presented downstairs in the Morris village office where the Otsego County Election Commissioners will demonstrate the new voting machines. ---

Royce Webster has set aside the cooker and utensils in preparation for the SuperBowl Sunday chicken barbecue. All supplies have been ordered. Publicity has been arranged.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — CarrieLynn Phillips has reached retirement age.

Happiness — **Juanita Brown** welcomed home her second grandson. He has finished his basic training. --- **Mike Chase** has finished creating trophies for a big wrestling tournament ...but he still has a couple more large orders to tackle later this week. --- **Gary Johnson** paid a dollar to show his confidence that Syracuse will win tonight's game with Georgetown. --- **Carl Harris** has started his new job at Royce International and will no longer be facing the daily commute to Oneonta. --- **Patrick Pegg** took his father-in-law to dinner in Solsville. --- **Carrie Lynn Phillips** paid a dollar for her thirty-third birthday. --- **Matt Sheldon** is happy. --- **Royce Webster** is off to Florida for three weeks.

This Week – February 1, 2010

Otsego County Election Commissioners Cindy Jarvis and Lori Lehenbauer will demonstrate the new scanning voting machines that will go into use this year.

This Sunday – February 7, 2010

SuperBowl Sunday chicken barbecue at the Morris Firehouse. Serving starts at 11 AM. The efforts of all members are needed to make this a successful fund-raiser. Be sure to register for a workshift ...and please be there early.

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 *
Schwarzans, Fred
Schwarzans, 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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Next In Rotary Service: Citrus Fruit Publicity Is Out. Be Available To Take Orders.

Next Week – February 08, 2010

Past District Governor **Dave Reynolds** will be here to outline the various Rotary training opportunities scheduled by District 7170 for this spring. Note: The Club Assembly has been rescheduled to later in February.

New Rotary Theme — In announcing the 2010-11 RI theme, President-elect **Ray Klinginsmith** said he arrived at the theme after reviewing RI themes of years past. He noticed that only a few spoke to non-Rotarians.

The theme, “Building Communities -- Bridging Continents” was announced during the opening plenary session of the 2010 International Assembly .



Posting Of Proposed Member

The name of Michael Chase has been proposed for membership, sponsored by John Matteson. His application has been approved by the Board of Directors in accordance to the club's By-Laws. If any member objects to his application, President Gary Johnson must be notified in writing by January 31, 2010.

Thoughts To Ponder — If we take time to absorb what is being said, club members offer very sincere thoughts.

Mary Breuninger, as usual, was thinking of others. After spending an afternoon watching the East-West Shrine football game, ...*I did see Patrick Simonds from Sidney briefly on the field today and one spectacular catch. He was one of “my” students at Sidney Elementary!*

On another topic, she offered ...*The newsletter looks great. Thanks for putting in the Papa John info. I talked to Cortland Rotarians and he would have been 83 this week.*

Following last Monday's technology presentation, retired school superintendent **Mike Virgil** offered thoughts that had guided the MCS leadership. ...*This is the environment our kids will live in. We need to get up-to-speed and allow the kids to be competitive in their marketplace.*

I also tell college kids who are about to go into teaching that they are old ...and out-of-touch with their students ... before they even get a job. They (the future teachers) need to keep pace with their students' world, not the world that WE know.

Back To The Future, MCS-Style

Program — The computers and technology being used by MCS students was the topic. After dinner, members and guests moved back into the classroom for a program by Leone Schermerhorn and teacher Philip Sheridan.

Principal Schermerhorn praised Sheridan for evaluating potential devices, personally installing equipment, and providing in-house training to encourage other MCS teachers to use current technology. She noted that SUNY Oneonta sends future teachers to Morris to observe the latest classroom techniques. The administrator also pointed out that computers and Smartboards are so versatile they can replace many items that would otherwise be required in a typical classroom. Despite its initial cost of over \$2,300 per room, she viewed technology as “a wise investment” which actually saves the district thousand of dollars.



Sheridan's presentation was definitely “hands-on”. After pointing out the features of the Smartboard with a quick Rotary quiz, he distributed to each Rotarian a device smaller than the standard TV remote control. The Rotary “students” then recorded their answers using this unit. The entries were tabulated by the Student Response System, enabling the teacher to evaluate his effectiveness before continuing.

The Smartboard, however, was the real star of the show. It's not your grandfather's blackboard! A teacher can do so many things to images created on a Smartboard - zoom in or out, use color, highlight, store, print, or post to a website. Attach a camera and the user can view the room, look into the eye-piece of a microscope, or magnify the tiniest object. All with touch-screen speed and ease.

The internet was not neglected. Information was quickly researched and retrieved via Google. Skype allowed the audience to talk to one of Sheridan's former students in the same manner his classes communicated with students at the Chatham Middle School in Massachusetts. And thanks to Google Earth, we took virtual trips up and down the Butternut Valley ...and into New York City.

Finally, Sheridan prepared the Rotarians for what might be on the horizon. The use of 3-D in the classroom was one of the features promoted at this fall's NYSATE Technology Conference. (For more info on the NYS Association for Computers and Technologies in Education, go to www.nyscate.org.)

One-room schoolhouses may still dot the Butternut Valley. They may be filled with fond memories ...but their best use in 2010 is probably as quaint summer cottages.

