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The ROTARY CLUB of MORRIS, NY

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Gary Johnson, President Selean "Sam" Koury, Governor
District 7170



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

Last Meeting – February 8, 2010

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 16 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky Pegg. **Patrick Pegg** drew the Three of Spades in the Ace of Spades contest.

Guests — Visiting Rotarians included **DG Sam Koury** (Oneonta) and neighbor **Van Robinson** (Edmeston). We also welcomed Beth Keene who accompanied Rotarian Dick.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — **Harry Graves** doesn't celebrate birthdays so we sang anyway.



Program — "Good training starts with mentoring by the existing club members," says **PDG Dave Reynolds**. "And you can do that right here at the club level." Reynolds, the district's training coordinator, had been asked to outline the training opportunities being offered by District 7170.

The next session on the District calendar is the annual PETS (President-elect Training Seminar) scheduled for March 12-13. It's a multi-district session being held at the Doubletree Hotel in Syracuse. It will focus on topics designed to help new presidents organize the year ahead.

A week later on March 20, the district will host the Rotary Leadership Institute at the Treadway Inn in Owego. There are several topics to be covered in three sessions being offered. Club members who have taken Part 1 praised its value and have expressed an interest in returning the next year for Part 2. It's open to all members. Further details are available on a special RLI website at <http://rlinea.org>

Reynolds also noted many new programs that are available to members via the internet. Go to the Rotary International website at <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Training>

Announcements — **Dick Keene** says any additional fruit orders will have to be phoned to him by February 15. --- Sunday's SuperBowl chicken barbecue is expected to net about \$1,000 for the club, according to Chairman Mike. Juanita says the Morris Family Market took back several bags of dinner rolls that were sent above our order. --- DG Sam announced the GSE team from England will be arriving on April 12. He hopes to hold an Open House in Oneonta to welcome the group. Their occupations include a couple lawyers and a librarian.

Happiness — **Gerry Bourgeois'** granddaughter Beth scored 15 points in her college basketball game. --- **Teresa DeLaurentiis** reports that member Bill is home "really under the weather". --- **Fred Johnson** lauded The Wild Center in Tupper Lake. This comes after President Gary's praise of the same facility. --- **Gary Johnson** is "glad we made money" on the chicken barbecue. --- **Beth Keene** is glad to be with us again. She's "resting" after caring for her 2 ½ year old nephew. --- **Dick Keene** gave an update on his quest to drive all county roads in Otsego, Chenango, and Madison counties. Otsego and Madison are familiar to him; he's now working on Chenango County. --- **DG Sam Koury** had the opportunity to chat during the meal with speaker PDG Dave. --- **Patrick Pegg** is happy, as usual. --- **Carrie Lynn Phillips** enjoyed the fellowship of Sunday's fund-raiser. --- **Bill Pickens** thanked everyone for working so hard. --- Edmeston Rotarian **Van Robinson** is happy to join us again. (Two meetings in a row; induction next?) --- **Mike Virgil** was invigorated by the whole barbecue experience.

This Week – February 22, 2010

Club Assembly. Topics for discussion include the possibility of a dedication and Open House for the Linn Tractor building ...and review of club activities for the remainder of President Gary's term.

Next Week – March 01, 2010

MCS teacher Mike Packard has been here before. He's enthusiastic about life. This time, he'll tell us about a favorite hobby – canoeing.

Active Members

Bosco, Sharon *
Bourgeois, Gerard *
Breuninger, Mary *
Brown, Juanita *
Burdick, William
Chase, Michael
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 *
Rehmann, Henry *
Schwarzahns, Fred
Schwarzahns, 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

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: Rotary Training Isn't For Someone Else. Register Now and Attend.

Project Report

A \$1,000 Effort

The figures for the SuperBowl Sunday chicken barbecue have been reported by **Mike Virgil**. It appears to be an event record. Everyone's efforts paid off.

<i>Number of chicken served -</i>	<i>250</i>
<i>Total Income for dinners -</i>	<i>\$1709</i>
<i>Cost of chicken sides and supplies for prep -</i>	<i>\$566.54</i>
<i>Cost of charcoal and lighter fluid -</i>	<i>\$187.53</i>
<i>Advertising -</i>	<i>\$33.20</i>
<i>50-50 Revenue -</i>	<i>\$85.00</i>
<i>Total revenue from SuperBowl BBQ -</i>	<i>\$1006.73</i>

District 7170

Neighboring Rotary Clubs

Experience the fellowship of another Rotary club. You'll be welcomed at any of our nearby clubs ... and you'll get attendance credit.

Tuesday

<i>12 Noon</i>	<i>Norwich</i>	<i>Canasawacta Golf Club</i>
<i>12:15 PM</i>	<i>Cooperstown</i>	<i>The Otesaga Hotel</i>
<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>New Berlin</i>	<i>American Legion Hall</i>
<i>6:30 PM</i>	<i>Milford</i>	<i>Jackie's Restaurant</i>

Wednesday

<i>7:30 AM</i>	<i>Schenevus</i>	<i>The Worcester Inn</i>
<i>12:05 PM</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Sherwood Inn</i>
<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Unadilla</i>	<i>Community Center</i>
<i>6:15 PM</i>	<i>Franklin</i>	<i>United Methodist Church</i>
<i>6:30 PM</i>	<i>Edmeston</i>	<i>American Legion Hall</i>

Thursday

<i>12 Noon</i>	<i>Sherburne</i>	<i>Lewis' Restaurant</i>
<i>12 Noon</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>	<i>Colgate Inn</i>
<i>12:15 PM</i>	<i>Oneonta</i>	<i>Oneonta Elks Club</i>
<i>6:30 PM</i>	<i>Oxford</i>	<i>Clachan Coffee House</i>

Friday

<i>12:05 PM</i>	<i>Sidney</i>	<i>Lutheran Church</i>
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In addition, members receive attendance credit when participating in district events such as the Rotary Leadership Institute or the District Conference. Just notify the club secretary of the event attended and the date.

MRC Board of Directors Discussions & Actions

The Directors of the Morris Rotary Club met after the club meeting on February 8, 2010. The following report was submitted for distribution to the membership.

Present — Officers: G. Johnson, Pres.; C. Phillips, VP. Directors: M. Virgil, F. Johnson, T. DeLaurentiis. Guest H. Graves.

MRC received a letter from Leone Schermerhorn, Principal of Morris Central School. Ms. Schermerhorn requests a donation of \$50.00 toward prizes for the MCS Science Fair. The motion was made to make the requested donation by Carrie and seconded by Teresa. All members were in favor and motion was carried.

In Bill Burdick's absence, Teresa inquired if Bill's registration for the 2-day PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) conference is fully paid by the club. Senior members were in agreement that it is fully paid by MRC.

It has been suggested to add the PETS and RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) registration fees to the annual budget.

Harry Graves requests that each Chairperson of a committee send him all pertinent information and pictures of their completed function for the Newsletter.

Due to a slight decline in this year's Rotary Foundation donations, the board discussed possible ways to apprise members of what The Rotary Foundation and Rotary International is all about. We chose possibly having short in-services, or a Rotary Foundation type moment at meetings in the Fall. We have recently been made aware that some new members have no idea what it is about and we would like to clear that up.

The Board suggests holding a Finance Committee meeting with the incoming and outgoing club Presidents. There is a need to begin building a budget for the coming Rotary year. A tentative meeting has been scheduled for March 2010.

Carrie and Teresa will check with the Town House powers—that-be to see if we could make some type of arrangements to build a cabinet or something to store records, computer, copier, etc. in the meeting room for our use.

MRC will send a \$50.00 donation to the Morris Fire Dept. for the use of the station for our Chicken BBQ fundraiser.

*Respectfully submitted
Carrie Phillips, Acting Secretary*

February 23, 2010 is the 105th anniversary of the founding of Rotary.

Happy Birthday! Best Wishes For Continued Success!