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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 – March 1, 2010

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 21 Rotarians and guests was prepared by Vicky Pegg. (**Juanita Brown** is feeling under the weather.) **Gary Johnson** drew the Four of Hearts in the Ace of Spades contest.

Guests — None this week.

Make-Ups — None this week.

Announcements — Things are looking to be on-track for this week's delivery of citrus fruit. Chairman **Dick Keene** says the distributor commented that we had exactly the same order of oranges and grapefruit as last year. With the addition of apples, it looks to be a good year. The truck will arrive on Wednesday. --- The club's meeting room in the Town House has a bright, spring-time look. **Carrie Lynn Phillips**



The delivery truck arrived right on time. There were plenty of Rotarians to move the fruit into the Town House. And customers started making their pick-ups before noon. All cases of fruit were out of the Town House when workers left the Town House on Thursday.

was thanked by President Gary for hanging new curtains. --- **Lois Miller-Ballard** says the winter social will be held at the Holiday Inn in Oneonta on Friday, March 26. The price will be \$38.25 per person and will include an open bar for one hour.

Birthdays — **Gary Johnson**.

Happiness — **Mary Breuninger** announced that the district's YEP committee has been given an award by the North American Youth Exchange Network. --- **Teresa DeLaurentiis** and Bill had a great time in South Carolina last week. --- **Harry Graves** noted that March first is celebrated as a national holiday in Bulgaria, Wales, and Iceland. They honor the patron saint in Wales ...but it's Beer Day in Iceland. --- **Carl Harris** commented on this week's big storm and was thankful that we had no wrecks. --- **Fred Johnson** put on his PDG hat and plugged the Inter-District Meeting in Binghamton on April 7. --- **Gary Johnson** is enjoying continued success by the SU Orange. --- **Dick Keene** thanked everyone for their fruit sale efforts. --- **Lois Miller-Ballard** cheered SU's #1 ranking. --- **Mike Packard** noted that the last time he had attended a Morris Rotary meeting was 20 years ago when he was introducing a new program at MCS. --- **Bill Pickens** commended the Morris boys' basketball team on their accomplishments. --- **Matt Sheldon** is happy, again! --- **Royce Webster** complained that his team lost at cards last week because President Gary was more interested in the SU game than the cards in his hand.

This Week – March 8, 2010

The Boy Scouts of America are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. Troop 1 is located in nearby Unadilla. Troop leader Brian Danforth will join us to share a bit of scouting history and to tell us about plans to mark the big birthday.

Next Week – March 15, 2010

Golf season will be here soon. Most golf clubs are supported by league play. Dick Germond is organizing a "touring league" to test courses across the Southern Tier.

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 *
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

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: Morris Rotary's Winter Social Will Held On Friday, March 26.

District 7170 — The District 7170 YEP committee has been in the local papers this past week. The occasion was announced by YEP chairman **Tom Overbaugh**. *I am proud to inform you that at the NAYEN Conference held in Chicago this past week-end D7170 was awarded the Dr Abe Kuttothara Outstanding District Award. This award is given to only one district each year within the North American Youth Exchange Network which includes all of the USA, Mexico and Canada.* Locals **Dick** and **Mary Breuninger** have been members of the district YEP committee for three decades.

YEP Report — District 7170 sent a student to Chile this year. Coordinator **Sandy Dain** says everyone is safe. *I have been in contact with Olivia Powell's mother. Olivia is fine. She is in the village of La Ligua which is 10 hours north of Concepcion. They felt the earthquake and some things fell off the wall. She and her host family got up and run outside. They waited and when no more happened they did go back inside but did not sleep. They don't have any power or water. So no internet but she did get a phone call to her mother yesterday morning. I will let the group know if I hear anything more.*

Kicking Out Polio

In the lead-up to the FIFA World Cup in South Africa this summer, Rotary clubs across Africa are gearing up for the final push to kick polio out of the continent.

In Cape Town, a Pan-African "Kick Polio Out of Africa" awareness campaign was launched on February 23rd with the symbolic kicking of a ball signed by Emeritus Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who himself had polio as a child, and has joined Rotary's campaign as polio goodwill ambassador.



From Cape Town, one of the host cities to the 2010 World Cup, the ball will travel through 22 polio-affected countries to Cairo en route to the Rotary International Convention in Montréal, Canada in June. The journey is being underwritten by DHL Express.

Program

Riding The Susquehanna & The Unadilla

It may be a few weeks before the rivers are completely clear of ice but the serious canoeists are already training. MCS technology teacher Mike Packard has been on his rowing machine all winter to stay in condition for the season ahead.

Packard has raced in most of the nation's premier long-distance events including the 70 miler at the General Clinton canoe regatta over Memorial Day weekend. The hot-bed of canoe racing seems to be the Northeastern states, Michigan, and Canada.

He brought both his canoe and his training machine to show Morris Rotarians and Cub Scouts. (The scouts were invited to see the presentation since it aligned with their emphasis on outdoor activities. They later went upstairs for dessert.) Packard emphasized the strong materials used in today's equipment and the audience was amazed at how light the canoe and paddles were. He displayed several paddles that had been manufactured by Al Camp of Otego or Bob Zaverl of Mount Upton, both respected names in competitive canoeing.

