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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



2009-2010 Rotary Theme

## Last Meeting – March 8, 2010

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 18 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky Pegg. **Joanne Long** drew the Ace of Clubs in the Ace of Spades contest.

**Guests** — Visiting Rotarians included **Dick Breuninger** (Oneonta) and one of our own, **Joanne Long**, who was visiting from her winter vacation in Florida. She'll join us again permanently in May.

**Make-Ups** — None this week.

## District 7170 —

# Future Governor

The process to choose the next District Governor has started. Current DG **Sam Koury** made the announcement in a recent e-mail.

*The District nominating committee on March 6th, 2010 interviewed and selected **Dale Flinn** and his wife Gayle from the Rotary Club of Ithaca to serve as DGND for the Rotary year 2012-2013.*

*Dale currently serves DG Sam Koury as an Assistant Governor. He has been active in the District attending many District 7170 Conferences, District Assemblies, and Rotary Foundation and Membership Seminars over the years, as well as Rotary International Conventions.*

*In addition, Dale currently serves on the District GSE Committee and was selected by the District as a GSE Team leader twice. Dale also serves on Faculty for the Rotary Leadership Institute.*

*He meets the requirements of candidacy to serve District 7170 as District Governor.*

*If there are any objections or challenges to Dale being the DG 2012-2013, please notify DG Sam by March 31st, 2010.*

**Announcements** — President Gary has appointed a special search committee to find a new cook to prepare the club's meals. Following her most recent illness, **Juanita Brown** has decided to retire. Rotarians Teresa, Royce, and Juanita will join President Gary on the committee. --- President-elect Bill will be going to this year's PETS training session in Syracuse on March 12 & 13. --- Final attendees for the Rotary Leadership Institute in Owego on March 20 are still being decided. --- Rotarian Norm will represent the club at the annual MCS Sports Banquet this spring. Details still have to be announced. --- President Gary read a thank you note from Rebecca Webster who won a dictionary from the club for winning the annual MCS Spelling Bee. --- One of the area's most prominent Rotarians is reported to be in failing health. New Berlin's **Bill Brunschmidt** is battling liver cancer. He has moved in with daughter Penny Harrington.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** — None.

**Happiness** — **Gerry Bourgeois** says Doris is feeling better after experiencing respiratory problems. --- Noting today's program on the Boy Scouts, **Mary Breuninger** says a genealogy trace revealed she is a distant relative of program founder Baden Powell --- Positively, **Juanita Brown** reports that her infant great granddaughter is growing stronger all the time. On the down-side, Juanita will be giving up the cooking chores. --- **Mike Chase** paid a Happy Dollar for Royce's story. --- **Jeff Conroe** told of good deeds being performed by two club members. First, Jeff came upon an auto accident recently but Rotarian Maureen had already assisted by calling rescue personnel. Second, he told of Rotarian Royce chasing down one of Lukie Miller's run-away horses. --- **Fred Johnson** says grandsons Owen and Elliott finished a recent road race in Syracuse. --- **Mike Virgil** called attention to Royce's appearing in a television clip about the Coffee Shop. There was also a remark made about Marguerite finding Royce's stash of Twinkies. --- **Royce Webster** expressed the club's concerns when he welcomed Juanita back our club.

## 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: Take Advantage of Rotary's Many Training Opportunities.**

**This Week – March 15, 2010**

Someone has to create projects that make life interesting. Dick Germond is suggesting a “travel golf league” for this summer. He'll give us the details.

**Next Week – March 22, 2010**

**Rev. Ann Blair** returns to Morris Rotary. This time, she's going to take us on a trip. She'll share with us the wonders of China.

**Neighbors** — Members of the three Tri-Town Rotary clubs took to the airwaves last week. The event was the annual Rotary Radio Day on WCDO on Wednesday, March 10. It was a major fund-raiser for the Sidney, Unadilla, and Bainbridge clubs. All day long Rotarians told the public about Rotary's many local projects.

## A Special Invitation

When **District Governor Sam Koury** was here a couple weeks ago he told us about a reception to welcome the incoming Group Study Exchange team from England. Now, he's announcing the details.

*On Saturday, April 17th, Oneonta Rotary will host a welcome reception to greet the GSE Team from England. The event will take place at the Oneonta Elks Club beginning at 6 PM. The event is to let all of the clubs get to meet with wonderful team. Our district is so large that we will not be able to cover all clubs in the area. There will be appetizers and a cash bar. All are invited, host families, Rotarians and guests. Please RSVP by April 10th if you or your club can attend.*

**Program —**

## The Boy Scouts Of America – 100 Years Old

The concept of scouting was started in England by Baden Powell. Unadilla Episcopal minister Yale Lyon liked the enthusiasm he had seen among British youth so he organized a similar troop of five boys in Unadilla in April, 1910. That early start has earned Unadilla the honor of being known as Troop 1. Scoutmaster Brain Danforth says the troop has the nation's oldest continuous charter.

Danforth, wearing a replica of the military-style uniforms of early scouting, related the history of the troop and displayed several museum items, including an early copy of the handbook which has guided scouts for decades.

From the start, there was an emphasis on outdoor adventures. Today, there are wide-ranging activities and boys can work toward any of 121 merit badges.

Leader Danforth says the troop is gearing up for several century events this spring, including a large encampment. Some 50 troops and packs are expected to descend on Unadilla's Community Field on the weekend of May 14-16 for a regional event. Saturday activities include a centennial parade and various displays. Local leaders say the scouts troops from both Morris and Gilbertsville will be participating.

