



Any Takers?
The Jaro Challenge

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

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Last Meeting – March 15, 2010

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 19 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Carrie Lynn Phillips** and Vicky Pegg. **Gerry Bourgeois** drew the Ace of Diamonds in the Ace of Spades contest.

Guests — Visitors included future exchange student Jennifer Meyers and Sophia Garry who accompanied her grandmother.

Make-Ups — **Neil Townsend** sent along four February make-ups cards from the Hudson, FL Rotary Club.

Announcements — A budget committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday at 10 AM at Wilber Bank. President Gary has called together President-elect Bill and newly-elected Treasurer Mike to meet with committee members to start work on the 2010-2011 budget. --- Organizer Lois says reservations are slowly coming in for the Winter Social at the Holiday Inn in Oneonta. The event will be on March 26 at a cost of \$38.25 per person. --- President-elect Bill says he "learned a lot,

actually" at the PETS seminar in Syracuse. --- The Pride of Workmanship committee "will get started soon", according to Felice. --- The Scout Committee will meet briefly following tonight's meeting. --- The club has received an invitation to the annual Blue & Gold Banquet to honor the achievements of Morris Cub Scouts. Several members will be attending.

Mailbag — Two notes were received this week. From Susan Harrington, Unit Manager of the Morris Girl Scouts, *On behalf of the Girl Scouts, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the Girl Scout troops in Morris. These funds help the Troop Leaders to provide an educational and rewarding program for the 23 registered girls in Morris. We are appreciative of your commitment to the Morris youth who are involved in the Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs.* And from Penny Harrington (daughter of NB Rotarian **Bill Brunschmid**) and family, *The flowers are superb! They were so lovely; Mom was very touched. She loves flowers and they were right there where both Mom and Dad can see them. Dad was a Paul Harris Fellow for Rotary and had perfect attendance for 40+ years. Your flowers are a great tribute for him and another place where Service Above Self is clearly demonstrated. Thank you for your thoughts.*

Birthdays & Anniversaries — None.

Happiness — Showing his deep tan, Coach **Mike D'Amico** came to Rotary after today's first track practice. --- Speaker **Dick Germond** is happy to be joining us this evening. --- **Carl Harris**: "The snow is gone!" --- **Gary Johnson** had a dollar to support his Final Four selections (Kentucky, Kansas, Syracuse, and Villanova). --- **Dick Keene** thanked Mike and Gerry for their help with the fruit sales. --- It was a night of good news. **Lois Miller-Ballard** reported the birth of a granddaughter to her son in Pennsylvania. --- **Patrick Pegg** drew a surprised gasp when he announced that he and Vicky are expecting a baby in September. --- **Bill Pickens**: Happy! --- **Matt Sheldon** applauded the talent on display at Saturday's MCS concert. --- **Lyle Smith**: Happy! --- **Royce Webster**: Happy!

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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Fruit Sale Summary

Chairman **Dick Keene** has filed his final report for the club's annual fruit sale. The project had been conducted for decades offering only citrus fruit but apples were added this year; they proved to be quite popular.

The numbers:

- 169 cases of California Oranges
- 98 cases of Florida Grapefruit
- 12 cases of Idared Apples
- 23 cases of Macintosh Apples

Already Collected	\$7,428.50
Outstanding	\$ 174.00
Fruit Invoice	\$5,534.75
Profit	\$2,067.75

Thanks to **Gerry Bourgeois** and **Mike Virgil** for volunteering hours at the Town House. And to all Rotarians for selling and delivering fruit.

Next In Rotary Service: You're Invited To The Winter Social At The Holiday Inn On Friday.

RYLA — The RYLA Committee met Wednesday evening to interview students from MCS and G-MU who had applied for this summer's Rotary Youth Leadership (RYLA) seminar. The 28th annual week-long session will be held at Hartwick College in Oneonta from June 27 thru July 2.

Following the meeting, Chairman Mike Virgil announced the scholarship winners. *We interviewed tonight and the four selected candidates are: Khaya Palada and Chris Steckline from GMU and Cassie Schwarzans and Caty Wetherbee from Morris.* In all, six candidates submitted application and were considered.

Neighboring clubs also held their interviews last week. New Berlin Rotary selected Charlee Weidman and Emily Hutchinson, according to club president **Mark Virtell**.

Family of Rotary — Rotarian Fred will moderate a seminar on drilling for natural gas. The public session will be held at MCS on Tuesday, March 23 at 7 PM. A geologist, an attorney, and a representative of the Otsego County Soil and Water Conservation District will be speakers.

Future Program — Ron Nimblett of Air Methods Corp., provider of air medical transport services, will present a program in May. His firm started its medical emergency helicopter operations this last week from the nearby Sidney Municipal Airport.

This Week – March 22, 2010

We'll welcome home a special friend. **Rev. Ann Blair** has invited us to join her on a trip to China.

Next Week – March 29, 2010

This program will be of interest to all avid readers. SUNY Oneonta's Jim Greenberg will discuss the Kindle and other wireless reading devices.

From Our Community - Former Morris Mustang coach Tom Moriarty was inducted into the Section IV Hall of Fame earlier this month. He was recognized for a 38 year coaching career at several area schools

He coached the Mustangs' boys basketball team to a 54-9 record in a span from 1972-75. Under Moriarty, MCS won Tri-Valley League and Section IV titles in addition to being a NYS Regional runner-up in 1975.

He went on to coach the Unatego boys varsity, served as an assistant coach at Hartwick College in the 1980s, and moved to mentor the Oneonta High girls program in the 1990s before landing his current position as an assistant with the SUNY Oneonta Ladies' Red Dragon teams.

Moriarty has previously been recognized as Section IV Coach of the Year ('77), served as NYS Coach of the Year ('97 & '98), and three times honored as a Coach of the Year by the Oneonta and Binghamton newspapers.

YEP Report

Ping Pong Diplomacy

Our District's exchange students excelled in the Section IV Badminton and Table Tennis Festival at Horseheads High School last weekend. Fourteen schools participated.

When the winners received their medals, G-MU's Jaro Dlouhy placed Third in the Boys Singles competition. Another YEP student, Kasia Kawala from Poland, won the Girls Singles play for Owego Free Academy.

Coach Jim Johnson, a friend of Morris Rotary, accompanied the Gilbertsville team. "Jaro's good. I know he was going to place way up there," was Johnson's praise.

Thanks to Rotarian **Mike D'Amico** for the info tip.



Program — Speaker Dick Germond grew up in the Sidney area but spent most of his working years in Southern California. During that time, he and a group of golfing friends routinely played at many of the 180 golf courses in the Palm Springs-Coachella Valley area. Although a member of the Sidney Golf & Country Club, he has the urge to experience many of the fine courses across New York's Southern Tier. It's the main reason behind starting the new league, Out'n About Players Touring Golf League.

Dick and another golfing friend have organized the touring league for 18 Thursdays this summer. Rarely will the group return to a course. Play starts at the Conklin Players Club on May 13 and continues at various area courses each week until the league's End-of-Season Tournament & Awards Dinner on Friday, September 17th at the very scenic Canasawacta Country Club in Norwich.

The group will play at 15 golf courses in Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and Tioga counties, all at specially negotiated rates. It will be handicapped match play with 2-man teams. Early registration is encouraged since the number of teams will be limited to 18. Cash prizes will be paid to the top four finishers during regular season play and in the End-of-Season Tournament.

Golf Courses To Be Challenged

Afton Country Club	Afton
Links at Hiawatha Landing	Apalachin
Chenango Valley State Park	Chenango Forks
Conklin Players Club	Conklin
College Golf Course	Delhi
En-Joie Golf Club	Endicott
Endwell Greens	Endwell
Genegantslet Golf Club	Greene
Belden Hill Golf Club	Harpurville
Traditions at the Glen	Johnson City
Hanah Mountain Resort	Margaretville
Canawawacta Country Club	Norwich
Oneonta Country Club	Oneonta
Tennanah Lake Golf Club	Roscoe
Sidney Golf & Country Club	Sidney

Details are available from Dick Germond by phone at 607-441-8268 or 607-643-8318 (cell) or via e-mail at fmfchief@gmail.com. There will be an organizational meeting at the Sidney American Legion Hall on April 22 at 6:15 PM.