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

Last Meeting – March 22, 2010

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 26 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Carrie Lynn Phillips** and her daughter Joanne Tuttle. **Royce Webster** drew the Two of Diamonds in the Ace of Spades contest.

Guests — Visiting Rotarians included **John Cook** (Norwich) and **Dick Breuninger** (Oneonta).

Make-Ups — None this week.

Announcements — The Morris Cub Scout pack held its annual Blue & Gold Dinner at MCS on Sunday, March 21. Rotarians Matt and Mike attended. --- Rotarian Mike held discussions with area scout representative John Kilmer on ways to assist the local troop. The club can sponsor functions to help support Boy Scout programs but cannot directly underwrite the troop's charter. All future communications will be channeled through troop leader Patty Howland. --- No club leaders were able to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute last weekend. --- The Pride of Workmanship dinner is scheduled for June 14 but the committee has not yet started to work on this year's event. --- For the next year, dinners for the club's regular Monday meetings will be prepared by members. Carrie Lynn and daughter Joanne Tuttle will serve as the regular cooks. Rotarian Teresa will cook for one meeting a month. Since Carrie Lynn is scheduled to become club president for the 2011-2012 service year, the committee will re-convene next spring to map a plan for her term. --- Carrie Lynn will serve an Easter Dinner on March 29. --- A reception for the incoming Group Study Exchange (GSE) team will be hosted by the Oneonta Rotary Club at the

Neighbors — The **Norwich Rotary Club** will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 11 from 8 AM until noon. The breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, and home fries will cost \$6 for adults, \$3 kids under 12, and free for those under 5.

Oneonta Elks Club at 6 PM on Saturday, April 17. Spouses and guests are invited to attend. There will be a cash bar. If you plan to attend, please notify President Gary in advance.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — None.

Happiness — **Gerry Bourgeois** continued his traditional of paying whenever we sing "America The Beautiful". He also remembered his good friend, Evelene Sheldon (wife of former member Howard), who passed away in Harpursville. --- **Rev. Ann Blair** was pleased to get a call from his daughter's boyfriend seeking permission to ask for her Oregon daughter's hand in marriage. --- **Dick Breuninger** noted Jaro's fine ping pong skills. --- **John Cook** from Norwich enjoyed our fellowship. --- **Jeff Conroe** spent the last few days at a business conference at Walt Disney World. He also put in an E-Bay bid on some Linn Manufacturing Corp. stationery that he's going to donate to the club to be displayed in the Linn exhibit. ---



Thank you! Thank you!

After decades of hard work preparing meals for the weekly meetings of the Morris Rotary Club, **Juanita Brown** in going to retire. She and assistant Vicky Pegg have turned over the cooking chores to **Carrie Lynn Phillips** and her daughter, Joanne Tuttle.

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: Dig Out Your Potato Peelers. You'll Need Them On April 12.

Mike D'Amico congratulated Jaro on his high table tennis finish in the Sectionals, noting that it was the best showing ever for a G-MU winter sports contestant. --- **Harry Graves** told of his mother serving as the Grand Marshall of the Saint Patrick's Day parade at the Blue Parrot Campground in Florida. She was honored because she's been residing at the park longer than any other resident, including the owners. Doris and Charlie Graves started wintering there in 1973. --- **Fred Johnson**: happy. --- **Gary Johnson** is glad SU wasn't one of the NCAA upsets. --- **Dick Keene** has been following the accomplishments of another of his granddaughters, this time at Tompkins-Cortland Community College. --- **Jennifer Meyers** noted the birth of her sister's baby. --- **Matthew Meyers**: happy. --- **Lois Miller-Ballard**: happy. --- **Patrick Pegg**: happy. --- **Bill Pickens**: happy. --- **Matt Sheldon**: happy. --- **Lyle Smith**: happy. --- **Royce Webster** also remembered Evelene Sheldon, recalling a time when he placed a crate of chickens on the Sheldon's porch late at night. The prank prompted a phone call from an angry Evelene when the vocal roosters started crowing at daybreak.

This Week – March 29, 2010

The future of reading is the topic of the evening. SUNY Oneonta's Jim Greenberg is very familiar with the Kindle and other wireless reading devices. We'll look at how we might be receiving the printer word in the coming years.

Next Week – April 5, 2010

Club Assembly, followed by the April regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Reminder — There will be no speaker on April 12. It's a work session to prepare for Tuesday's dinner for scouting.

District 7170 —

The District Assembly Is Coming

The next event for District 7170 comes up in a couple weeks. DG **Sam Koury** is urging your participation. *DGE Orville Wright has planned a very interesting and exciting District Assembly for April 10th at the Homer High School, Homer, NY. Please set this date aside and attend this once-a-year event. There will be much to gain in knowledge and talking to your fellow Rotarians that will be well worth the \$20 registration fee. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. Hope to see you all there.*

See President Gary for registration forms. This is a half-day event; all plenary sessions will end right before lunch. Participants can select sessions on:

- President-Elect Training
- Secretarial Training
- Treasurer Training
- Effective Public Relations
- District Simplified Grants
- Signature Service Projects
- Communication Among Clubs
- Orientation of New Rotary Members



Program — Former member **Rev. Ann Blair** was invited to accompany her sister, Becky Helm, on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to China. Being an offer that's too good to pass up, Rev. Ann agreed. They flew the 6,000 mile polar route from JFK Airport over Siberia to Beijing, a jaunt of 13 ½ hours. China is a country roughly the size of the United States. However, despite being about one-third desert, China has a population of 1.4 billion people compared to about 307 million in the USA.

During their time in Beijing and Shanghai the sisters climbed the Great Wall, rode the Bullet Train, marveled at China's temples, sampled the nation's dining, and toured landmarks such as Beijing's Tian'anmen Square (literally Gate of Heavenly Peace), the world's largest city square.

Rev. Ann brought back several excellent pictures. Thanks to Rotarians Mike and Matt for helping her solve a pesky computer problem.



Speaker Rev. Ann Blair was accompanied by two students currently studying at Binghamton University. From left: Xiaoye Gong (aka "Sarah"), Rev. Blair, Murong Xie. Xiaoye is a candidate for her Master's in computer science; Murong is a PhD candidate in biology.