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Meetings every Monday at 6:15 PM in the Town House, Morris, NY

Last Meeting – April 5, 2010

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. A spaghetti supper was prepared by **Carrie Lynn Phillips** and Joanne Tuttle. **Felice Marlier** drew the King of Spades in the Ace of Spades contest.

Guests — Guests included Carrie Lynn's grandson James Tuttle and Jen Meyers, our outbound YEP student who will spend next school year abroad.

Make-Ups — None reported this week.

Announcements — President Gary welcomed back "snowbirds" **Neil Townsend** and **Hank Rehrmann**.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — **Fred Johnson** and **Carl Harris** blew out candles on their brownie sundaes in celebration of birthdays.

Happiness (Thanks for Teresa's reporting.) —

Juanita Brown: *happy her photo was in the New Berlin paper ...but not happy she was given credit for the corned beef dinner when it was Carrie Lynn who prepared the meal.* --- **Mike Chase:** *happy his father-in-law is doing well after major heart surgery.* --- **Jeff Conroe:** *Happy Easter with a family Easter egg hunt at his house.* --- **Mike D'Amico:** *happy for the first track meet ...and pleased with Cassie Schwarzhans' performance this early in the season.* --- **Teresa DeLaurentiis:** *happy to see Bill had put a napkin over his new sweater vest while he ate his spaghetti.* --- **Carl Harris:** *Birth-day Dollar.* --- **Fred Johnson:** *Birthday dollar and another dollar dedicated to the police man up North who provided transportation back to Old Forge for Fred and his fellow passengers (including a cat!) after Fred's trusty Subaru died.* --- **Gary Johnson:** *happy to visit Deana Tracy's house near Ithaca to pick up his daughter Jessica.* --- **Maureen Kranbuhl:** *Happy Easter with family and happy to be a new god-parent.* --- **Felice Marlier:** *Enjoyed Easter dinner with the Webster clan.* --- **John Matteson** *is happy that Virgil didn't get spaghetti sauce on his white shirt.* --- **Matthew Meyers:** *happy.* --- **Carrie Lynn Phillips:** *happy her grandson James was at Rotary.* --- **Bill Pickens** *put in a dollar to make sure Mike Virgil knew that his mother-in-law's name is Mrs. Smith and that she makes the best darn pie you've ever had!* --- **Hank Rehrmann** *is happy to be back.* --- **Neil Townsend:** *happy to be here.* --- **Mike Virgil:** *Happy to be a grandfather again – a 10 lb+ grandson was born.* --- **Royce Webster:** *Happy Easter.*

This Week – April 12, 2010

Work session to prepare for the club's Chicken & Biscuit dinner at the Methodist Church. We'll peel spuds and set up tables.

Next Week – April 19, 2010

The club will host the newly-arrived Group Study Exchange (GSE) team England. They'll continue to tour the Southern Tier until after the District Conference in Owego.

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 *
Rehrmann, Henry *
Schwarzhans, Fred
Schwarzhans, 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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Owego Tredway Inn & Conference Center

District Conference Highlights

Friday, April 30

9:30 AM Golf – Hiawatha Golf Links
4 PM **Plenary Session I** – District Business Meeting
5:30 PM Cocktail Reception (Hosted by Oneonta Rotary)
7:30 PM **Plenary Session II** – International Night Dinner
YEP Parade of Flags
Speaker: Ward Vuillemot, PDG
Topic: Rotary District 7150 Book for the World"

Saturday, May 1

8 AM Conference Breakfast Buffet
9 AM **Plenary Session III** –
10:15 Introduction of GSE Team
11:30 **Plenary Session IV**
12:45 Lunch
1:15 PM YEP Talent Show
2:30 – 6 Free Time
6 - 6:45 Social Hour & Cocktails – Cash Bar
7 - 9 PM **Plenary Session V**
YEP Candle Ceremony
Speaker: RI Rep Abe Clymer

Sunday, May 2

7:30 Danish & Coffee
8-9 AM Memorial Service – Rev. Ken Baldwin
9-11:15 **Plenary Session VI** – Awards
11:30 East Meets West Brunch

Next In Rotary Service: Bring Two (2) Home-Baked Pies To Tuesday's C&B Dinner.

Program — There was no scheduled speaker. The plan was to have a lively discussion of club business. Thanks to **Teresa DeLaurentis** for taking notes this evening.

Club Assembly was very productive with great conversation amongst the club regarding our busy spring.

It was noted that Rotarians are asked to bring potato peelers and two pies to next week's meeting for the annual Scout Dinner.

Gary has the space reserved for the auction. Royce Webster mentioned that he will not be able to be as active as in the past in gathering donations from businesses, and that he feels it is critical for others to step-up and reach out to as many businesses as possible as that is what really ends up making our auction attractive. Carl will prepare the BBQ chicken for the food service portion of the auction and the club hopes to be able to profit more with this measure.

Pride of Workmanship dinner will be held at Gus' Steakhouse in Norwich this year. Carrie Lynn had made arrangements and the dinner with cost \$25 this year.

Gary confirmed with Teresa and Bill that they will handle the Pass-The-Gavel Picnic again this year.

Several suggestions were made to make sure that MRC has a presence at the District Conference on April 30th. Mike Virgil suggested getting a foursome together for the golf tournament on Friday and another car-load may make it down for the dinner on Saturday evening.

The GSE group from England will be able to attend our meeting on the 19th if arrangements can be made to accommodate this change in the schedule. Volunteers are needed to transport 7 people to and from Unadilla - please contact Fred.

Hank and Matt will continue work on the tractor project now that Hank is back in town.

Bill Burdick passed out a first draft of his 2010-2011 calendar. Minimal feedback so far, but he will bring it up to the club again soon.

Teresa reported on the banner project. Banners will be ordered within a day and should arrive by the end of the month. The club did some brainstorming as far as getting the banners hung. Bill Pickens volunteered to help. Royce Webster suggested calling Van Robinson and borrowing NYCM's bucket truck. Mike Virgil suggested calling NYSEG to see if they would assist. It will likely take a combination of all of those ideas to accomplish this task.

Gary asked Bill about the golf tournament and was informed that preparations will begin very soon. Bill assured Gary that the tournament committee will stick with the same list of businesses to approach so there is not overlap with the auction.

With Bill's upcoming club presidency, he will be looking for a few additional committee members to be able to help next year as he will need to back off.

Neighbors

A Grand Anniversary

Syracuse television station WSYR aired a story this weekend marking the 95th anniversary of one of central New York's older Rotary clubs. The neighboring **Auburn Rotary Club** was founded in 1915.

After Paul Harris formed the original group in Chicago in 1905, the next decade saw the fledgling service organization quickly spreading to the nation's larger cities. In the Empire State, the earlier clubs were formed in New York City in 1909, Buffalo in 1911, Syracuse and Rochester in 1912, and Albany and Binghamton in 1913, Ithaca in 1915, and Elmira and Niagara Falls a year later.

A rash of upstate NY's smaller cities created clubs in 1919 – Amsterdam, Canandaigua, Cortland, Geneva, Fulton, Hornell, Jamestown, Lockport, New Rochelle, Peekskill, Poughkeepsie, Rome, Waverly and White Plains. By the mid-1920s, Rotary's expansion slowed as the nation concentrated on the depression, wars, and other pressing matters. The organization's real explosive growth came following World War II when hundreds of new clubs were formed in the late 1940s and 50s.



Meanwhile, the party in Auburn was a festive ...and a bit historic. *Auburn (WSYR-TV) - Members past and present of the Auburn Rotary Club gathered Friday Night to celebrate the 95th birthday of the organization.*

Dozens of people turned out for the celebration honoring the club's founding back in 1915. The club is Cayuga County's oldest community service organization.

John Grillo, the president of the Auburn Rotary Club said, "We brought together current Rotarians and Rotarians from throughout the years that have been involved with Auburn Rotary as a reunion, and as a celebration for Rotary's last 75 years servicing the community."

Many local dignitaries came out for the event...including Congressman Michael Arcuri.

Reporter Kathleen Barran, writing in *The Auburn Citizen*, recounted the club's early days and noted some of its major accomplishments.

The Auburn club, with 45 members, was founded on April 12, 1915 in the Palm Room at Osborne House, sponsored by Syracuse Club No. 42. It began service projects immediately, sponsoring 17,000 illustrated booklets about Auburn to other cities. As the club grew, it held picnics for children and helped get Christmas food baskets to the poor. It also assisted veterans of various wars.

In 1920 the club acquired land for a Boy Scout camping site at Owasco Lake, Camp Rotary, which is still used today. Happy Anniversary, Auburn!!!