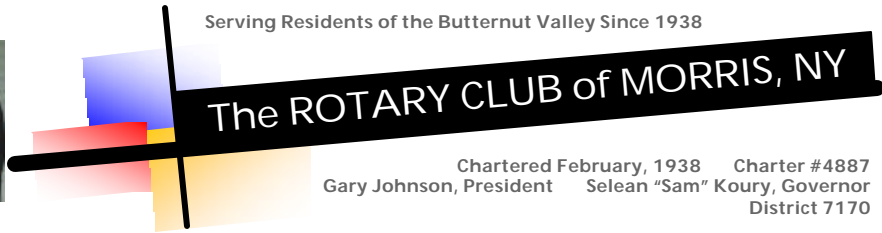




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Meetings every Monday at 6:15 PM in the Town House, Morris, NY

Last Meeting – May 17, 2010

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 29 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Carrie Lynn Phillips** and Joanne Tuttle. **Bill Pickens** drew the Jack of Clubs in the Ace of Spades contest.

Guests — Visitors included **Dick Breuninger** (Oneonta) and our outbound exchange student Jennifer Meyers.

Make-Ups — None this week.

Announcements & Discussions — Being a Club Assembly, many topics were discussed. --- A reservation sheet was distributed for the Pride of Workmanship dinner at Fred's Inn in Norwich next month. It will be circulated again next week. --- **Bill Burdick** reports that the sponsors have been lined up for the golf outing. He's concerned that only seven teams have signed up to date. He has been assured by the club that most teams register at the last minute. ---

President Gary called for a report on the condition of **Neil Townsend**. Member Harry visited Neil last week at his home in Oneonta. Neil was in good spirits and regaining his strength. He still has that broad smile! --- **Mary Breuninger** gave an overview of new regulations that have been proposed by the U. S. State Department. Most involve fingerprinting of everyone involved with the youth exchange program, including host families. District officials say this will add a huge cost to the clubs/district. She encouraged a letter writing campaign to make government authorities aware of this hardship. Member Harry will distribute her future messages. --- **Royce Webster** encouraged the club to form a larger committee to handle next year's Rotary auction. He says more attention should be paid to individual tasks. --- **Jim Pasternak** says most of the goods used in the club's projects have been moved into the new storage space in the Linn Tractor Building. Now that things have been inventoried and organized in a larger room, he suggested that all committee chair-

Shooting Straight For Service — Morris Rotary hosted its third annual *Shot Straight For Service* golf tournament last Saturday. The outing at Colonial Ridge was held on a near-perfect spring day.

The team of Bill Reeves, Scott Foster, Bob Manino, and Chris Kopf (top) "won" the tournament and took home seven prizes, including a Closest-To-The-Pin award for a landing their ball one foot-three inches from the pin on the 17th hole.

Team Rotary with **Bill Burdick, Dick Keene, Gerry Bourgeois**, and Jeff Waffle (lower) captured three awards. One staffer at Colonial Ridge said a look of shock came over Dick's face when the team's first accomplishment was announced. He continued to glow when the others awards were made public.

Sources also noted **Jeff Conroe**'s team score of 80. Jeff remained in good humor, even when it was pointed out that the winning score was 13 under par ...while his score was 10 strokes over.

Thanks to all the club members who showed up to assist. Many hands made light work.



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: The Pride Of Workmanship Dinner Will Be June 14 At Gus' Steakhouse.

men estimate their needs so a larger supply order can be compiled for such items as paper goods. He feels the club could realize a significant saving from a vendor such as Maines. --- **Matt Meyers** says the sign for the Linn Tractor Building has been ordered, the painting completed, and the building should be ready for a mid-June dedication.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — We rejoiced in the anniversary of Linda and **Bill Pickens**.

Happiness — **Gerry Bourgeois** reflected on the success for the Rotary auction and thanked chairman Gary for promoting him to "Master of Garbage". --- **Ron Hay** lauded the mayor of Morris for donating a stuffed bear and numerous collectibles to the auction. --- **Matthew Meyers**: happy! --- **Joan Miller** says the Millers spent a most enjoyable weekend with friends in Pennsylvania. --- **Jim Pasternak** beamed when he announced that his granddaughter had been accepted into medical college. --- **Bill Pickens** : happy! --- **Hank Rehrmann** missed the auction. Groans were heard when he said that he and the family went to hear singer Wynona Judd instead. --- **Matt Sheldon**: happy! --- **Lyle Smith**: happy! --- **Norm Tiffany** praised the plentiful auction help. --- **Royce Webster** was pleased to see so many new members and young people working at the auction.

This Week – May 24, 2010

We'll again look at the Group Study Exchange program. **Jeremy Matviak** (now a Sidney Rotarian) and Oneonta's Tim Hayes were members of the team that went to Great Britain last fall. They're recount their adventures in England in the area near the Scottish border.

Next Week – May 31, 2010

No Meeting - Enjoy the Memorial Day federal holiday.

Next Meeting – June 7, 2010

Jaro Dlouhy has been our exchange student from Slovakia. As he nears the end of stay in America, he'll report on his family, his country, and his stay in the Butternut Valley.

Auction Numbers

Sale of Goods - \$5, 049.50
50-50Raffles - \$ 143.00
Food Revenue - \$ 1,495.00

The Food Total Is **Before** All Bill Have Been Received; Estimated Profit Is About 50 Percent or \$750.

Total Profit - About \$6K



Rotary Auction Press

The following is re-printed from last week's edition of *The Gazette*, one of many mentions that appeared.



"We had nothing but good stuff," commented Morris Rotarian Ron Hay following the annual charity auction held last weekend at the Otsego County Fairgrounds in Morris.

The event, a springtime tradition for nearly a half-century, netted about \$6,000 to be used for community projects in the Butternut Valley from Garrattsville to Gilbertsville.

Used items and donations from area businesses were eagerly snapped up by bidders packed into the fair's Grange Building. Barbecued chicken was served from a nearby tent.

Local antiques collector and Morris mayor Mike Newell donated several pieces, including vintage movie posters and a large stuffed bear.

"It was the most unusual item we've had since the moose head," observed Rotarian Hay, a four-decade member of the local service club.

He recalled the mounted head of a moose that had been donated in the early days of the auction. The huge wall-fixture didn't sell. It became a humorous gift to each incoming Rotary president during the 1960s.

This year, the stuffed bear did sell, fetching a good price.

Thanks to all Rotarians, spouses, and friends who helped to make the annual auction a success. Nearly all items sold so hauling "left-overs" to the dump was avoided.