



Thanks, Gerry!

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The ROTARY CLUB of MORRIS, NY

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District 7170



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

Last Meeting – May 24, 2010

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 33 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Carrie Lynn Phillips** and Joanne Tuttle. **Dick Breuninger** drew the Jack of Diamonds in the Ace of Spades contest.

Guests — Visiting Rotarians included **Jeremy Matviak** (Sidney) and **Dick Breuninger** (Oneonta). Jaro Dlouhy was here to celebrate his birthday with inbound exchange student Zuzana Hola (Czech Republic) and outbound Jennifer Meyers (MRC to Slovakia).

Make-Ups — Rotarian Harry visited friends in the Cobleskill Rotary Club on May 26.

Announcements — **Teresa DeLaurentiis** says the banners have arrived. A work day has been set for Saturday morning to do the installation. --- The Pride of Workmanship awardees have been selected. They will be recognized at our Monday meeting on June 14 at Gus' Steakhouse in Norwich. --- **Carrie Lynn Phillips** wants all donor lists from this year's auction so that a "thank you list" can be created. --- **Mary Breuninger** reminds all Rotarians to send their letters to support the Youth Exchange



Birthday Boy - Slovakian exchange student Jaro Dlouhy celebrated his 18th birthday with YEP friends. Zuzana Hola (I) is spending this year in Oneonta. Jen Meyers will be going to Slovakia next year.

Program. --- **Joan Miller** asked if anyone has pictures of the old Linn Tractor building. They'll be added to a photo display being created for the building's interior walls. --- Bids were taken by Rotarian Jeff on a set of cargo tie-downs. Hank paid \$13 for the auction left-overs. --- **Neil Townsend** continues to improve. He has been enjoying our warm weather on his front porch.

Happiness — **Gerry Bourgeois** had a great time at the club's golf tournament. He also has completed painting the trim on the exterior of the Linn Tractor building. --- **Mary Breuninger** is very pleased with the design of the banners for Morris. --- **Dick Breuninger** noted Jaro's birthday. --- **Bill Burdick** shared the lesson he learned at the golf tournament: Even the nicest guys can say really horrible things to you when you make a bad golf shot! On another topic, he commented on the satisfied look on Teresa's face when she first saw the finished banners.

--- **Mike Chase**: happy! --- **Jeff Conroe's** son Matt achieved a 3.8 GPA in the spring semester of college. --- **Mike D'Amico** has his garden planted. He also provided another track report, says the Schwarzhans kids placed 1-2-3 at a recent meet. --- **Teresa DeLaurentiis** added levity to our meeting, commenting on the final episode of *Lost*. --- **Harry Graves** noted the unexpected passing of his special friend Bev Meyers. They enjoyed many Rotary projects, including a memorable trip to visit former exchange students in Scandinavia. --- **Carl Harris** has now been back in New York for one year.

--- **Gary Johnson** is happy for Jaro. --- **Dick Keene** planned a trip to Schuylerville last week to see a grandchild. It turned into a multi-day excursion with sports events and a concert. --- **Joan Miller** and Roger are heading off to Maryland to watch a granddaughter's band concert.

--- **Roger Miller** and Joan went to Boston with a group of friends. While there, they got to spend time with their son. --- **Jim Pasternak** and Kay bought a doublewide mobile home in Florida. --- **Hank Rehrmann** says the roofing materials for the Linn Tractor building have arrived. --- **Matt Sheldon**: happy! --- **Lyle Smith**: happy! --- **Mike Virgil** proudly announced the 5th birthday of his grandson.

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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In Rotary Service: Graveside Services For Walter Danielson Will Be Sunday, June 13 at 3 PM.

In Our Community

How I Spent Memorial Weekend Saturday

The morning of Saturday, May 30 was busy for members of the Morris Rotary Club. In the highly-publicized project, nine members of the club met at Bill and Teresa's office at 7:30 in the morning. After coffee and delicious breakfast sandwiches, it was off to Broad Street to install hardware for the club's banner project.

An article in this week's edition of *The Gazette* tells the rest of the story.



The village of Morris got a fresh, new look in time for the Memorial Day weekend. On Saturday, the Morris Rotary Club mounted ocean-blue banners to utility poles along Broad and Main streets to welcome visitors to the village.

The new banners were erected on alternating utility poles. American flags are hung on the other poles.

*"The community beautification project has evolved over the past couple years," explained project chairperson **Teresa De-Laurentiis***

"Funds came mostly from the Rotary club's annual golf tournament at nearby Colonial Ridge," she continued.

It cost about \$4,000 to purchase and install the 25 banners with their mounting hardware.

Each pennant displays an outline of a butternut tree, a species once common to the area. Both the valley and the creek emptying into the Unadilla River carry the tree's name.

In addition to the name of the village, the banners carry one of three messages: Welcome. Settled 1773. Or Butternut Valley.

Morris Rotary's nine-person installation team started promptly at 8 AM on Saturday morning. The final banner was placed at the west entrance of the village just after noon. All hardware had to be mounted at a specific height.

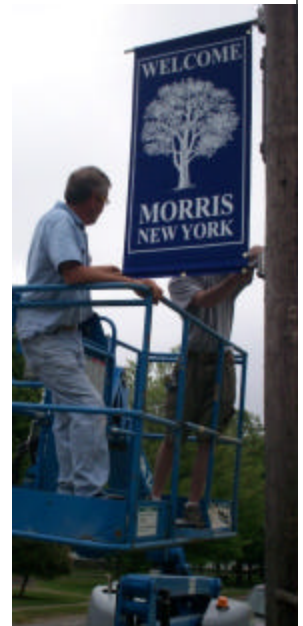
Bill Pickens, Matt Meyers, Patrick Pegg and Gary Johnson

*installed the banners. **Jeff Conroe, Bill Burdick, Roger Miller and Harry Graves** assisted with traffic control along State Routes 23 and 51.*

Club president Gary Johnson looked across the business district, now lined with the new banners. "They look good! Really good," he said to himself with satisfaction.

Those few words conveyed the general thoughts of the community.

Meanwhile, hidden away in the back of the remodeled Linn Tractor building, a second project was underway. **Hank Rehrmann** had built permanent shelves across the back of the storage room. So, **Jim Pasternak** and his grandson spent their Saturday sorting, organizing, and inventorying supplies to be used for future club projects.



Rotary Planning Calendar

June 07, 2010 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting

Speaker – Jaro Dlouhy

Topic – His Transition From Slovakia to Gilbertsville

June 14, 2010 — Pride of Workmanship Dinner at Gus'

Steakhouse in Norwich, NY

June 20, 2010 — Special Morris Rotary Event

Linn Tractor Dedication

June 21, 2010 — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting

No Speaker – YEP Send-off

June 28, 2010 — Special Morris Rotary Event

Pass-The-Gavel Picnic at Centennial Park in Gilbertsville.

June 29, 2010 — District Rotary Event

Pass-The-Gavel Dinner at The Treadway Inn in Owego.

