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

Last Meeting – June 7, 2010

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. Running competition with the Awards Assembly at MCS, we had a very light turn-out. The meal for 19 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Joanne Tuttle. **Felice Marlier** drew the Six of Hearts in the Ace of Spades contest.

Board of Directors — The Morris Rotary directors met after the regular club meeting on May 17, 2010. The following Minutes were recorded.

Present: President Gary Johnson, President-elect Bill Burdick, Vice President Carrie Lynn Phillips, and Secretary Felice Marlier; Directors Teresa DeLaurentiis, John Matteson, Matt Meyers, and Mike Virgil; Director-elect Joan Miller.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mike Virgil said he had reviewed the club's By – Laws and nothing was mandated in them regarding maintaining the scholarship fund. He also said that he, Bill Burdick and Nancy Fusco met with Charlie Nicosia from Wilber Bank to discuss how to improve the return on our scholarship fund investment. Their discussion will be disclosed at our next regular Board meeting.

Mike Virgil made the motion that for the year 2010 and 2011, one scholarship of \$300.00 each will go to a worthy senior at both, Gilbertsville Mt. Upton and Morris Central Schools. The motion was seconded by Matt Meyers and carried unanimously.

Mike Virgil will develop criteria for the 2011 scholarship recipients, which will be submitted to G-MU and MCS.

The 2010-2011 budget, will be reviewed at the June BOD meeting, when more statistics will be available.

In order to become a Paul Harris fellow, a person must either donate \$1000.00 to the Rotary Foundation and/or have club funds donated in his or her name to reach the \$1000.00 goal. The Morris Rotary donates \$1000.00 annually to the Rotary Foundation and the Board unanimously, decided to credit \$330.00 each to the accounts of Carrie Lynn Phillips, Teresa DeLaurentiis and Matt Meyers for their efforts on behalf of the club

Guests — Visitors included Rotarian **Dick Breuninger** (Oneonta) and outbound YEP student Jennifer Meyers

Announcements — After reviewing other area events, it was decided to postpone the dedication of the Linn Tractor building. **Bill Pickens** and the crew of volunteers will install a new roof on the building this Saturday at 8 AM. --- **Mike Virgil** sent a reminder that the Directors will assemble following the regular meeting on June 21. The budget for the coming year will be reviewed and presented for approval. --- Sunday, June 13, will be a busy day for Morris Rotarians. A graveside memorial service for Walter Danielsen will be held at 3 PM. Then, the Cub Scout pack will hold a flag retirement ceremony at 4 PM at Guy Rathbun Park. --- Next Monday's meeting will be held at Gus' Steakhouse in Norwich. The occasion will be the annual Pride of Workmanship dinner.

Birthdays & Anniversaries — We sang birthday greetings to **Ron Hay**.

Happiness — **Gerry Bourgeois** announced that his grandson has graduated from SUCO with a journalism degree. Days later, Benjamin Deer got a job with the *Freeman's Journal* newspapers in Cooperstown. (There's an article about Deer's new position in last week's edition of *Hometown Oneonta*.) --- **Teresa De-Laurentiis** and Bill sent in a happy dollar for all the help with last weekend's banner project. --- **Ron Hay** is proud of the showing that the MCS and G-MU bands made at last weekend's Pageant of Bands in Sherburne. --- **Gary Johnson** is pleased with the new banners. --- **John Matteson**: happy. --- **Matthew Meyers**: happy. --- **Lois Miller-Ballard** reported that the Fishing Derby held by her church's Youth Group was a huge success. They made a profit and the kids caught 191 fish. --- **Patrick Pegg**: the banners look good. --- **Hank Rehrmann** says his son won \$50 for his performance in the Otsego County Fair Association's demolition derby. --- **Royce Webster** says none of his tents blew down during this weekend's storms. He later commented on the chairs that were taken home by the wrong party following the Rotary Auction.

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 *
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 Club's Pass-The-Gavel Picnic Will Be Held On June 28, 2010.



Another Saturday, Another Project - The Village of Morris agreed to provide the materials, if Rotary could come up with the labor. **Bill Pickens** and **Patrick Pegg** did the on-the-roof measuring and hammering while **Gerry Bourgeois**, **Hank Rehrmann**, and **Harry Graves** worked below to keep the supplies cut-to-size and positioned. Despite rain interruptions, the task was completed in under five hours.

Next Week – June 21, 2010

We'll have the send-off for the club's exchange students. Jaro's host parents will be invited to attend our meeting.

In Our Community

Retiring Aging Flags

Cub Scout Pack # 3 is one of the organizations supported by Morris Rotary's pork roast every autumn and each spring's chicken and biscuit dinner. As a community project, the pack conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday at Guy Rathbun Park. About a dozen tattered American flags, including the large one previously displayed in front of Morris Central School, were burned in accordance with proper flag etiquette.



Following the ceremony, many of the scouts received achievement badges. The grandsons of two Rotarians were among the 16 Cubs who participated. James Tuttle (Rotarian Carrie Lynn) and Ian Rehrmann are familiar to many members. The Cubs and their older Boy Scouts have a busy schedule for this summer.

Family of Rotary

Good-Bye, Good Friend

"The three most important things in Dad's life were his family, his church, and his Rotary Club," said one of **Walt Danielsen's** daughters during the brief graveside ceremony on Sunday at Hillington Cemetery. He was equally admired by the club. The delegation of Morris Rotarians included President **Gary Johnson**, **Royce Webster**, **Hank Rehrmann**, **Fred Johnson**, **Bill Pickens**, **Harry Graves**, and **Mike Virgil**.

Danielsen passed away on May 31 at the age of 91. He was a long-time member of the club who moved from the area following the death of his wife Dagmar in 2002. He was deeply involved in club activities, including the Youth Exchange Program. He created the YEP map that still graces the club's meeting room. Walt and Dagmar were hosts to Danish student Nicolina Olsen from the Faroe Islands far out in the Atlantic Ocean.

Parts of his obituary capture the qualities that made Walt so dear to his Rotary friends. *Walter was raised in Brooklyn and Staten Island, and graduated from Brooklyn Technical HS. He began working at AT&T in 1937 as an architectural draftsman and retired as a computer programmer in 1977. His 40-year career was interrupted by W.W.II, during which he served honorably in the U.S. Army AirCorps in England and Cuba, as a radar specialist. After retirement, Walter and Dagmar moved to Morris, where he was a member and long-time treasurer of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Laurens, and a Paul Harris Fellow of the Morris Rotary Club. He loved traveling, particularly to Scandinavia and Greece, and was a lifelong baseball fan, from the Brooklyn Dodgers to the Boston Red Sox. His other interests included genealogy, stamp collecting and making syrup from his own sugar maples. He and Dagmar hosted family reunions on their farm, attended by close to 100 relatives.*

