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# The ROTARY CLUB of MORRIS, NY

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District 7170



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

## Last Meeting – October 19, 2009

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 27 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Juanita Brown** and Vicky Pegg. Again, no winner! **Roger Miller** drew the Jack of Spades in the weekly Jack of Hearts contest.

**Guests** — **Dick Breuninger** joined us from Oneonta Rotary. Other guests were exchange student Jaroslav Dlouhy and speaker Annette MacLeod.

**Make-Ups** — None this week.

**Announcements** — Members were glad to welcome back **Neil Townsend** after a few days in A. O. Fox Hospital. --- **John Matteson** was asked to recite Rotary's Four Way Test. He passed President Gary's test. --- According to **Mike Virgil**, plans are falling into place for the annual Halloween Party on Saturday at Morris Central School. His big concern had been the Spook Hallway but the Student Council and the National Honor Society volunteered the needed manpower. Rotarians should arrive by 6:45 PM so all stations will be manned before the kids

arrive. --- **Joan Miller** will be a new face on the club's Board of Directors. She and veterans **John Matteson** and **Fred Johnson** were elected to two-year terms that begin on July 1 of next year.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** — **Dick Keene**, **Joan Miller**, and **Lois Miller-Ballard** have birthdays while Marcia and **Hank Rehrmann** celebrated their anniversary.

**Happiness** — **Sharon Bosco** and Chuck were at their Florida home for the past couple weeks. She says it's still hot down there. --- **Gerry Bourgeois** went to Patrick and Vicky Pegg's for dinner. --- **Mary Breuninger** told of seeing a distinctive Rotary statue at Copenhagen's International Airport while on route to Switzerland. It was a huge box used to collect donations for Rotary's causes. --- **Dick Breuninger** supplied more details about the wedding they attended in Switzerland. --- **Juanita Brown** was thrilled to see her son for the first time in a decade; he had traveled from Georgia to see her. At the same time, she's a bit concerned about the welfare of two grandsons who are entering Marine training this week. --- **Fred Johnson** attended a memorial service for a

## Active Members

Bosco, Sharon \*  
Bourgeois, Gerard \*  
Breuninger, Mary \*  
Brown, Juanita \*  
Burdick, William  
Conroe, Jeffrey +  
D'Amico, Michael +  
DeLaurentiis, Teresa  
Frankel, George +  
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 \*  
Schwarzans, Fred  
Schwarzans, Marg  
Tiffany, Norman \*  
Townsend, Neil \*  
Virgil, Michael \*  
Webster, Royce \*

## YEP Students

Dlouhy, Jaroslav "Jaro"  
From Slovakia to G-MU  
No Outbound Students  
During 2009-2010

## Honoraries

Danielson, Walter \*  
Halbert, Ronald \*  
Norton, Bruce \*  
Sorensen, Herbert  
Stowell, William \*  
Walicka, Terry \*

\* Paul Harris Fellows  
+ Sustaining Members

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## Rotary's Major Goal

President Gary is all smiles as he holds aloft the plaque praising Morris Rotary's contribution of over \$2,000 to immunize all the world's children. The recognition came from District 7170 officials via DG Sam Koury. The Morris gift becomes part of a multimillion dollar campaign with several world health agencies to eliminate polio. So far, the project has been successful in all but a handful of developing countries.

Next In Rotary Service: The Morris Rotary Halloween Party at MCS Is Saturday, October 31.

carpenter friend in Honeoye. The deceased had a love for folk songs. Appropriately, the organist played "If I Had A Hammer". --- **Gary Johnson** claims to have paid for John's recital of the Four Way Test. But members didn't see the dollar go in the pot. --- In addition to paying his birthday dollar, **Dick Keene** watched numerous grandkids play on their sports teams. --- Speaker **Annette MacLeod** is glad we'll take her money. --- **John Matteson** and Pat had a good time in Charleston but he says the South Carolinians are still fighting the Civil War. --- **Joan Miller** paid her birthday dollar. She also reported an enjoyable trip to visit family and friends on Pennsylvania and Kentucky. --- **Roger Miller** went to Louisville with Joan. --- **Lois Miller-Ballard** yielded to member demands and told of the things being planned for the benefit Haunted Trail at their home. Adults are welcome to attend ...but only when escorted by a child under 12. --- **Hank Rehrmann** won't pay a dollar-a-year for his anniversary. --- **Neil Townsend** has spent time with his Albany daughter. --- **Mike Virgil** is happier than a "pig in poo" ...and he wants it put in the newsletter.

**Program** — The seasons are changing. It's time to finish up those summer chores and get things ready for the cold. Annette MacLeod, a Master Gardner with Cornell Cooperative Extension was on hand to offer tips and answers member's questions. By taking simple steps now, she says you can improve next year's garden. She suggests:

- Cut back perennials
- Remove spent annuals and vegetables
- Remove weeds and leaf debris
- Compost only healthy materials
- Amend the soil with natural organic materials
- Add mulch to form a protective layer
- Winterize container plants in protected places

#### **This Week – October 26, 2009**

It's the second week of our "preparing for winter" series. Tom Ives of Cazenovia Equipment Company, formerly Valley Supply in South New Berlin, will be here to help us extend the lives of those lawn mowers, tillers, and garden tractors that have to be stored during the cold weather.

#### **Next Week – November 2, 2009**

On the night of the full moon, Sidney High School astronomy teacher Richard Townsend will offer up some tips to maximize your backyard viewing experience.

## **Challenge Your Mind**

We're all aging. Some folks do it gracefully; others experience a miserable end. Last week, Minnesota Public Radio aired an address by explorer and author Dan Buettner that's worth a listen. He was speaking to a Minnesota teachers' organization. Buettner partnered with the National Geographic Society to find regions on earth where people live particularly long, healthy lives. His findings appeared in the National Geographic magazine and are detailed in his book "The Blue Zones: Lessons for Living Longer From the People Who've Lived the Longest."

You can hear his most informative address on MPR at <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2009/10/19/midday2/>

## **You Can Google *The Rotarian***

District Governor **Sam Koury** has issued his October newsletter. It contains news of a joint effort involving Rotary and Google's powerful search engine.

*Rotary has teamed up with Google to make nearly 100 years of "The Rotarian" magazine available free on-line. Full-color, searchable scans of all issues of the magazine from 1959 to 2008 are now available through Google Books, with more issues to follow.*

*The site is accessible from The Rotarian's page on the RI website. Users can select from a gallery of issues organized by decade or click "Search all issues" to search the entire catalog for a word or phrase. More than 72,000 pages will be available once Google finishes scanning and uploading all 1,100 issues.*

*The collaboration is part of an initiative to make Rotary's historical resources more accessible to Rotarians worldwide. "Google is doing all of the scanning and indexing to make the material searchable -- and at no cost to Rotary," says Stephanie Giordano, archivist for Rotary International.*

*The first issue was published in January 1911, when the magazine was called "The National Rotarian".*

## **Rotary Planning Calendar**

**October 31, 2009** — Special Morris Work Project  
Annual Halloween Party at MCS

**November 02, 2009** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting  
Speaker – Rich Townsend  
Topic – Simple Ways To Enjoy Backyard Astronomy

**November 09, 2009** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting  
Speaker – Bob Miller of Enviro Energy  
Topic – Converting Grasses and Weeds Into Fuel

**November 16, 2009** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting  
Speaker – Jeff Genung & Chuck D'Imperio  
Topic – Panel: How Media Is Using Websites

**November 23, 2009** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting  
Speaker – Town of Guilford Historian Tom Gray  
Topic – The Old Mill and Rockwell's Mills

**November 30, 2009** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting  
Club Assembly & Directors Meeting

**December 07, 2009** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting  
Work Session For Holiday Basket Planning

**December 14, 2009** — Special Morris Rotary Project  
Christmas Caroling at Chase Memorial Nursing Home

**December 19, 2009** — Special Morris Work Project  
Deliver Holiday Baskets To Needy Families

**December 21, 2009** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting  
Juanita's Annual Christmas Dinner; No Speaker

**December 28, 2009** — No Meeting  
Enjoy The Christmas/New Years Holiday Break