



**A Feast Each Week**  
Thanks Juanita & Vicky

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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 – December 21, 2009

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 **Juanita Brown** and **Vicky Pegg**. Again, there was no winner in the Ace of Spades drawing. **Mike Virgil** drew the 9 of spades.

**Guests** — We were joined by spouses Doris, MaryJane, RuthAnn, Shirley, Kay, Vicky, Linda, Marcia, Barb, and Marguerite. Oneonta Rotarian Dick Breuninger, former member Bill Boggs, and recently-selected outbound exchange student Jennifer Meyers rounded out the guest list.

**Make-Ups** — None this week.

**Announcements** — President Gary called for reports on several Christmas-related projects. **Carrie Lynn Phillips** says over 100 thank you cards were sent to businesses and individuals who supported our club in 2009. **Royce Webster** reported that about 80 boxes of food were distributed this year. (A couple cases of

excess fruit were donated to Valley View Nursing Home in Norwich.) Finally, about 20 club members traveled to Chase Memorial Nursing Home in New Berlin to sing carols to the residents. --- The passing of Doris Meyers was noted. John and Doris had been important community citizens for decades and strong supporters of Rotary.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** — None.

**Neighbors** — Members of the **Sidney Rotary Club** have launched a novel project. They have partnered with the Mothers And Babies Perinatal Network, a regional family resource center. The club recently purchased a child-size wooden kitchen set to allow children to simulate food preparation, cooking, storage, and cleaning. It will allow children to replicate the work they see their parents doing. The club obtained a Rotary District Grant to help fund this project.

**Follow-up** — When he addressed the club in November, "Big Chuck" D'Imperio said he was extremely impressed with the number of listeners who had visited the WDOS-AM website. The visits numbered only 30 during the first month but six months later totaled over 2,000. Well, the December count is in and it's a new record. A total of 3,579 listeners came to the site. Check it out at [www.wdosam.com](http://www.wdosam.com).

Chuck's New Year's Eve greeting carried yet another tidbit. *...If you haven't already heard, starting this Monday (January 4) and then every other Monday after that, you will see my smiling mug in The Daily Star newspaper. Yes, I will have my own column!*

**District 7170 Calendar** — Three important district events are on this spring's calendar.

**March 12-13** - **PETS** (Preseident-Elect Training Seminar) is a multi-district event at the Doubletree Hotel in Syracuse.

**March 20** - **Rotary Leadership Institute** is a single-day training session at the Tredway Inn in Owego.

**April 30-May 2** - The **District Conference** will be held at the Owego Tredway Inn. This year, it will have a Middle-East flavor to honor DG Sam Koury.

Details and registration information on all events can be found on the district website ([www.rotarydistrict7170.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7170.org))

## Active Members

Bosco, Sharon \*  
Bourgeois, Gerard \*  
Breuninger, Mary \*  
Brown, Juanita \*  
Burdick, William  
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  
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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## From the Mailbag

### Holiday Greetings

Many friends of the club sent their greetings over the holidays. From Florida, **Joanne Long** must be envious of all our delightful snow and cold. *I wish you a Merry Christmas. Miss everyone.*

Leave it to **Rev. Ann Blair** to be toughing it out in real snow country. By comparison, she would enjoy Otsego County's light snowfall. *Merry Christmas to you all, too! I'm in Genesee, Colorado - I believe you know where that is. Arrived Christmas afternoon; will be here for four days. Members of the family have been out on a photo shoot of the neighborhood elk herd which is right outside the house. Blessings!*

And from Jean and **PDG Bill Cadwallader**. *Please extend to all the members of the Morris Rotary Club our best wishes for a meaningful holiday season and a new year that renews their desires for a world at peace and dedication to bringing peace to the world through better understanding through Rotary.*

**Next In Rotary Service: Think of New Ways To Serve Others In This New Year.**

**Happiness** — Former member Bill Boggs expressed pleasure at the growth and vibrancy of the club today, a significant improvement since his days of low membership two decades ago. --- **Gerry Bourgeois** is happy for 30 great years. --- **Dick Breuninger** is happy to have YEP student Jen joining us for dinner. --- **Juanita Brown** is glad that her grandson is home from boot camp and will be here until January 14. --- **Mary Jane Conroe** thought Rotarian Jeff had “a little too much fun” while delivering his food baskets. Jeff wouldn’t elaborate. --- **Carl Harris** confirmed that soon his family will be expanded. --- **Fred Johnson** gave a half dozen home-made doughnuts to Harry in appreciation for the delivery of a food basket. The goodies were fried by Mildred Dixon. PDG Fred then told of his friend Rich Wilder who had written music for a Christmas pageant. --- **Dick Keene** was all aglow as he told of an encounter he and Gerry had with a dog while delivering baskets in Maple Grove. --- **John Matteson** also faced dogs but Rotarian Mike stayed inside the Jeep. --- **Jim Pasternak** thanked the RYLA students for their help on Friday packing fruit boxes. --- **Carrie Lynn Phillips** apologized for missing Saturday’s food deliveries. --- **Bill Pickens** is going to be busy with two family Christmas gatherings. --- **Hank Rehrmann**, Rotarian Lyle, and the Schwartzhans girls also found themselves “up close” with dogs. --- **Lyle Smith** is happy to be a member of the club. --- **Mike Virgil** commented on the inspiration of food deliveries. --- **Royce Webster** related a story about the early days of our Christmas food project. Tears welled up in the eyes of former member Dick Canfield when he came out of a home where he found dirt floors and straw bales for furniture.

## Rotary Planning Calendar

**January 04, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting  
Speaker – SUNY Student Jacob Barnhart  
Topic – Discovery of Rare Seal Fossils In NYS

**January 11, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting  
Club Assembly & Directors’ Meeting

**January 18, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting  
Speaker – YEP Student Kate Meyers  
Topic – A Report on Her Exchange Year In Belgium

**January 25, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting  
Speaker – MCS Teacher Philip Sheridan  
Topic – Classroom Technology at Morris Central

**February 01, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting  
Speaker – Lucinda Jarvis and Lori Lehenbauer  
Topic – Otsego County’s New Voting Machines

**February 07, 2010** — Special Morris Rotary Event  
Superbowl Sunday Chicken Barbecue

**February 08, 2010** — Regular Morris Rotary Meeting  
Club Assembly & Directors’ Meeting

**February 15, 2010** — No Meeting  
Presidents’ Day & Winter Break at the Area Schools

### Community Service

## Sharing An Inspiring Story



**Mary Breuninger**, who graduated from Morris Central School, presented a special book to Superintendent **Matt Sheldon** to be added to the school library. She says it’s an inspirational story that should be read by everyone, both young and old.

“14 Cows For America” is a children’s book based on one village’s reaction to the destruction of the World Trade Center. The book has been glowingly reviewed in *The Rotarian* and promoted by Rotary International.

*WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 16, 2009) — Wilson Kimeli Naiyomah drew the international spotlight to his Maasai village in 2002, when tribal elders presented a herd of 14 cows to the people of the United States as a symbolic gesture of compassion and healing after hearing his first-hand account of the terrorist attack on New York City on Sept. 11, 2001.*

*The village’s heartfelt act was reported worldwide and eventually prompted Naiyomah to collaborate with author Carmen Agra Deedy on a children’s book, “14 Cows for America,” released in the United States in August.*

*The entire experience also inspired him to refocus his professional plans. Instead of going to medical school, Naiyomah will embark on a career as a peacemaker when he begins postgraduate work at the Rotary Center for International Studies at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, in early 2010. As a Rotary World Peace Fellow, Naiyomah will study the theories, techniques, and skills of effective peace-building and conflict resolution.*

Naiyomah has addressed the National Press Club and attended the US Library of Congress National Book Festival on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.