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The ROTARY CLUB of MORRIS, NY

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

Last Meeting – January 11, 2010

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. Attendance was sparse and we only needed two tables. The meal was prepared by **Juanita Brown** but served by Vicky Pegg and **Carrie Lynn Phillips**. Again, there was no winner in the Ace of Spades drawing. **Jim Pasternak** drew the Six of Spades but he didn't win any gas money for his trip to Florida.

Guests, Birthdays, and Anniversaries — None. Everything slows down in winter!

Announcements — President Gary hopes we will have good attendance for our next three meetings because we'll be having exceptional programs. Kate Meyers will give her YEP report on Belgium on January 18. We'll visit a MCS classroom on January 25 to see how the school is using technology to teach our students. (Boy, have things changed!) Finally, our Otsego County elections commissioners will be here on February 1 to introduce the new digital voting machines. If spouses or guests would be interested in any of these topics, please feel free to extend an invitation to join us.

Happiness — **Jeff Conroe** and his sons have taken in a couple of SU basketball games. --- **Gary Johnson** and Ruthann were in Tupper Lake over the weekend to attend a wedding. He was amazed at how cold mornings are in New York's mountains. --- **Bill Pickens** and **Royce Webster** were happy, as usual.

Make-Ups — Most of the club's "snow birds" are enjoying the Florida sunshine. And according to **Joan** and **Roger Miller**, they're enjoying Rotary fellowship. *We attended our first Rotary meeting here on Tuesday. It was at the Temple Terrace Club and it was a 7:30 AM breakfast meeting. The club is a lot like ours - informal with a lot of friendly chatter and joking among the members.*

Family of Rotary — We missed the smiling face of **Juanita Brown** on Monday. She had experienced a brief fainting spell during the day and didn't attend our meeting. Vicky and Carrie Lynn handled the food chores. But as of this past Sunday evening Juanita was feeling a lot better and had returned to her usual schedule. She expects to be back in the kitchen to prepare our next Rotary meal.

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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International Service

How Can Rotarians Help With Haiti Earthquake Relief?

Past District Governor **James High** recently sent an e-mail to club leaders across District 7170 regarding the tragic events in Haiti.

I have received a number of e-mails with this same question, what is Rotary doing for Haiti? This type of question always seems to come shortly after a major disaster in the world. If memory serves me correctly, Rotary International usually states that for immediate help, donations to the Red Cross are best, Rotary and The Rotary Foundation are more for the continued help after organizations like the Red Cross has done their job.

Rotary International link

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/100113_news_haitirelief.aspx

Note: Generally donations made to a disaster relief fund do not count towards Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

The following link gives a list of organizations and contact information for those involved in the immediate response phase of the earthquake in Haiti.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34835099/ns/nightly_news/

Next In Rotary Service: Our SuperBowl Sunday Chicken Barbecue Will Be February 7, 2010.

Community Service

Rotarians Support Annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

One of the major projects of the Morris Rotary Club is support of the community's scouting programs, both financially and in manpower. Pack 3 held its annual model car races last Thursday. Members **Patrick Pegg** and **Lyle Smith** served as judges.

Leader Beth Child provided details of the event in an article she wrote for a scout newsletter. The pictures were supplied by **Carrie Lynn Phillips**.

It was a great night at the races for Morris Cub Scout Pack 3, who hosted their annual Pinewood Derby on January 14, 2010 in the Morris Central School Cafeteria. Fifteen scouts from four dens participated. Each of the fifteen cars was creative and well-built, and all the boys should be proud of their efforts. Ribbons were awarded for first through fourth place for speed in each den, and three proud scouts walked away with top honors for Overall Speed, Best Craftsmanship and Most Original Design.

The Pinewood Derby has been a Cub Scout tradition for over four decades and an annual event that our pack looks forward to with great anticipation. Morris Scouts were given a car kit for Christmas as a gift from the pack. Each kit contains a block of pine wood, four plastic wheels and metal axles. The scouts work with their families to build the fastest gravity-powered car that doesn't exceed the weight limit of five ounces. The boys are encouraged to be creative in their design and careful in their craftsmanship and detailing.

The race is held on a two-lane track that begins about 50 inches off the floor and slopes down to the ground, running out flat for about ten feet. They race in double-elimination heats so that every car has the chance to run on each lane. Winners were determined for each Den (Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos) and the first and second place winners for the dens proceeded to the final round to determine the overall winners. Trophies were awarded for Overall Speed (1st - 4th), Overall Best Craftsmanship, and Overall Most Original Design.



Volunteers from the Morris Rotary Club were on hand to man the finish line and judge the craftsmanship and design categories.

Cub Master Shane Kneaskern was pleased with the turnout of the event and with the work that was obviously put into each car. "Every boy should be proud of his car," he said. "It was a good competition tonight, and a lot of boys walked away winners."

Special thanks to the Cub Scout Leaders and the Rotary Volunteers who helped make this event possible.

Pack Three 2010 Pinewood Derby Winners:

Overall Pack Winners:

Most Original Design: Ian Rehrmann (Wolf)

Best Craftsmanship: Austin Jackson (Bear)

Speed - First Place: Jacob Walling (Bear)

Speed - Second Place: Mason Valentine (Wolf)

Speed - Third Place: James Peterson (Webelos)

Speed - Fourth Place: Robert Child (Webelos)

Den Winners - First Place, Speed:

Matthew Wendler - Tiger

Mason Valentine - Wolf

Benjamin Child - Bear

James Peterson - Webelos



Volunteer judges **Patrick Pegg** and **Lyle Smith**. Thanks!

**Will
You
Attend?**

