



Summer Baseball
College Players In Oneonta

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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 – April 26, 2010

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 **Carrie Lynn Phillips** and Joanne Tuttle. **Lyle Smith** drew the Four of Clubs in the Ace of Spades contest. The jackpot has now reached \$100.

Guests — The only visiting Rotarian was Dick Breuninger (Oneonta). We were also joined by

future outbound YEP student Jennifer Meyers.

Make-Ups — None this week.

Announcements — **Mike D'Amico** will bring the YEP students back from the District Conference on Sunday. However, he needs a driver to take them to Owego on Friday. **Jeff Conroe** offered. --- **Bill Burdick** distributed posters for the golf tournament. He and Teresa have mailed out letters to potential hole sponsors. **Harry Graves** has agreed to solicit items for raffle prizes. --- The prices for the chicken barbecue at the Auction will remain the same as the rates on SuperBowl Sunday. Halves will sell for \$5.50 while complete dinners (chicken half, choice of two side dishes, and a roll) will be \$8. **Carl Harris** will supervise the cooking.

Birthdays — Neil Townsend.

Happiness — **Gerry Bourgeois** and Doris spent a few days at Virginia Beach, including a visit with Meredith at the College of William & Mary. --- **Jeff Conroe** welcomed the whole family home for Spring Break. --- **Mike D'Amico** is the proud owner of a six-month-old Rotty puppy. --- **Fred Johnson** had a great vacation with the grandkids. --- **Felice Marlier**: happy. --- **John Matteson** has a new granddaughter. --- **Lois Miller-Ballard** says her daughter has purchased a horse for barrel races. --- **Carrie Lynn Phillips** is glad the past week is over. It wasn't a good one for her. --- **Hank Rehmann** has a new vehicle. --- **Norm Tiffany** went on a trip to Maryland last week, including a tour of the Baltimore Aquarium. --- **Mike Virgil**: happy. --- **Royce Webster** told another President Gary story. When Gary went to eat his Key Lime pie the other night, Ruthann had hidden his piece.

Program — Minor League baseball has left town after four decades in Oneonta. But fans will still hear "Play ball!" on warm, summer evenings. A respected team of top college players was quick to move into the Damaschke Field complex. The Oneonta Outlaws kick off their season in early June.

"All members of the Oneonta Outlaws are enrolled in college. Play starts a little earlier, our

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 *
Rehmann, 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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Planning Calendar

May 03, 2010 — Regular Rotary Meeting
Speaker – Steve Anderson
Topic – Medical Helicopter Service

May 10, 2010 — Regular Rotary Meeting
Work Session to Prep for the Rotary Auction

May 14, 2010 — Special Morris Rotary Event
Annual Rotary Auction at the Fairgrounds

May 17, 2010 — Regular Rotary Meeting
Club Assembly & Directors' Meeting

May 22, 2010 — Special Morris Rotary Event
Annual Golf Tournament at Colonial Ridge

May 24, 2010 — Regular Rotary Meeting
Speakers – Jeremy Matviak & Tim Harris
Topic – GSE Trip To England

May 31, 2010 — No Meeting **Memorial Day**

June 07, 2010 — Regular Rotary Meeting
Speaker – Jaro Dlouhy
Topic – YEP Presentation

June 14, 2010 — Regular Rotary Meeting
Pride of Workmanship Dinner
Location: Gus' Steakhouse in Norwich, NY

June 20, 2010 — Special Morris Rotary Event
Linn Tractor Dedication

June 21, 2010 — Regular Rotary Meeting
No Speaker – YEP Send-off

June 28, 2010 — Special Rotary Event
Pass-The-Gavel Picnic
Location: Centennial Park in Gilbertsville

Next In Rotary Service:

Please Solicit Donations For The Rotary Auction.

season is a little shorter, and we'll wrap things up in two months," says Steve Pindar, the team's Operations Director. "Our schedule parallels the college summer vacation."

The players all come from Division I and Division II college teams. None of the athletes will be paid but many are hoping for professional careers after they have gained their college degrees. They will be staying with host families in the Oneonta area. All of their games will be within driving distance so there will be no overnight trips.

Pro baseball came to Oneonta back in 1966 when local businessmen Sam Nader and Sid Levine secured a team in the New York-Penn League. Their first team was affiliated with the Boston Red Sox. Later, they signed agreements first with the New York Yankees and eventually the Detroit Tigers. Nader sold the team in 2008. After a less-than-great 2009 season, the new owner is hoping for greater financial success in Norwich, CT this year.

Oneonta was without a team for only moments. The former Saratoga Phillies eagerly filled the vacancy. The new marketing plan will feature family-oriented prices (no ticket more than \$3), a theme based on Oneonta's railroad history, and a new mascot of Mugger The Slugger (a name suggested by elementary school students).

The Outlaws will play in a division with the Amsterdam Mohawks, the Albany Dutchmen, Cooperstown's Hawkeyes, the Glens Falls Golden Eagles, the Mohawk Valley Diamond Dawgs (Little Falls), and the Watertown Wizards. Their rosters are limited to 30 players per team.

Outlaws' Otsego County Schedule

Home Games at Damaschke Field in Oneonta
Cooperstown Games at Doubleday Field

Date	Opponent	Time
June 6	Amsterdam Mohawks	5:00 PM
June 8	Mohawk Valley Diamond Dawgs	7:05 PM
June 10	Watertown Wizards	7:05 PM
June 11	@ Cooperstown Hawkeyes	5:00 PM
June 17	Cooperstown Hawkeyes	7:05 PM
June 20	Amsterdam Mohawks	5:00 PM
June 22	Albany Dutchmen	7:05 PM
June 23	Albany Dutchmen	7:05 PM
June 24	Glens Falls Golden Eagles	7:05 PM
June 26	Cooperstown Hawkeyes	7:05 PM
June 27	Watertown Wizards	7:05 PM
July 2	Newport Gulls (NECBL Exhibition)	7:05 PM
July 3	Glens Falls Golden Eagles	7:05 PM
July 4	@ Cooperstown Hawkeyes	1:00 PM
July 4	Albany Dutchmen	6:00 PM
July 5	Mohawk Valley Diamond Dawgs	7:05 PM
July 6	Watertown Wizards (Double Header)	5:00 PM
July 8	Amsterdam Mohawks	7:05 PM
July 9	@ Cooperstown Hawkeyes	5:00 PM
July 11	@ Cooperstown Hawkeyes	1:00 PM
July 17	Cooperstown Hawkeyes	7:05 PM
July 18	Mohawk Valley Diamond Dawgs	5:00 PM
July 19	Albany Dutchmen	7:05 PM
July 22	Glens Falls Golden Eagles	7:05 PM
July 23	Utica Brewers (ECBL Exhibition)	7:05 PM
July 25	Amsterdam Mohawks	5:00 PM
July 26	Mohawk Valley Diamond Dawgs	7:05 PM

Rotary's Council on Legislation

Rotary Dues To Increase

By Arnold R. Grah

Rotary International News – 27 April 2010

Representatives at the 2010 Council on Legislation approved a US\$1 a year increase in per capita dues that clubs pay to Rotary International, starting in 2011-12.

The increase is only half the amount the RI Board of Directors had initially proposed. The original amount of a \$2 annual increase was based on financial forecasts projecting deficits for RI in coming years without a dues increase. But directors reduced their recommendation after a variety of recent financial indicators showed a positive economic forecast for RI.

Markets have improved considerably since the last fiscal year when the original proposal was finalized, and Rotary's General Surplus Fund is well above the Council-mandated minimum reserves.

In addition, the Secretariat has been successful in making significant cuts in expenses, including expanded offshore operations in Pune, India. Other budget cuts have resulted in less spending for consultants, temporary help, volunteer expenses, publications, and postage. The RI Board and general secretary are committed to continued process improvements and cost reductions.

According to a five-year forecast presented to the Board last week, actual 2010 revenues are \$12 million below projections made in 2007, the last time the Council set the rate for per capita dues. But expenses are \$20 million below those earlier projections.

The Council action means that Rotary clubs will pay per capita dues to RI of \$51 per year in 2011-12, \$52 per year in 2012-13, and \$53 per year in 2013-14. Per capita dues are currently slated at \$50 for 2010-11.

The dues increase will allow RI's budget to remain profitable through 2013, but experience a deficit of about \$3 million by 2015.

In encouraging the Council to adopt the increase, RI Treasurer Michael Colasurdo Sr. noted that dues are the primary source of financing Rotary's operations. "We face a formidable challenge in this area. We need to invest in Rotary's future to ensure that we can strengthen and support our clubs, focus on increased humanitarian services, and enhance public image and awareness of Rotary."

Several representatives commended the Board for scaling back its dues increase request. "Our RI dues continue to be the smallest portion of our dues and meals cost which our members pay," said Mary Beth Gowney-Selene of District 6250 (parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin, USA). "The Secretariat has been fiscally responsible, while at the same time we all have higher expectations of Rotary International."

But representatives removed wording from the measure that would have allowed the Board to increase per capita dues up to 2 percent annually beyond 2013-14. A number of representatives, including Past RI President Rajendra Saboo, argued that the provision would strip the Council of its role in establishing dues increases.