

#### Last Meeting – May 3, 2010

The regular weekly meeting at the Morris Town House was called to order by President **Gary Johnson**. The meal for 24 Rotarians and guests was prepared by **Carrie Lynn Phillips** and Joanne Tuttle. **Royce Webster** drew the Eight of Diamonds in the Ace of Spades contest.

**Guests** — We had no visiting Rotarians. Nonmembers included outbound YEP student Jen Meyers as well as Ray and Patti Howland who came to listen to our speaker.

**Make-Ups** — The club received four (4) makeup cards for snowbird **Jim Pasternak** from the Zephyrhills, FL club and one for **Norm Tiffany** from Oneonta.

Announcements — President Gary reviewed arrangements for the charity auction at the Otsego County Fairgrounds on May 14. **Carl** Harris will barbecue chicken under a tent next to the Grange Building while Hank Rehrmann will coordinate other food items from the booth inside the building. Royce is concerned that we have no major articles for sale this year and challenged club members to increase their efforts to find commercial donations.

**YEP Report** — **Mike Virgil** passed along a brief e-mail greeting he and Barb received from Muk Thamsiripong.

Dear everyone,

I am doing fine, still busy for my study in UK.

I just back from Easter trip. I went to Prague, Wienna, and Budapest. I met Hugarian exchange students there and I met John Meyers with his girl friend.

Right now, I concentrate on my projects because I have to submit it sooooon. Then I plan to go back to Thailand for 3 weeks. Then I have to come back to UK again for my last semester which I have to do dissertation. I will graduate at the end of this year, very soon!!

Take care, Keep in touch!!!

Muk :)

Happiness — Gerry Bourgeois reports that family Bourgeois has finished planting the 2010 corn crop. --- Mike Chase won a large trophy order for the Sherburne Pageant of Bands. **Mike D'Amico** lauded his track teams. The boys tied for fourth place in a recent meet. And there were eight "personal bests" turned in, including one by Cassie Schwarzhans. ---- Ron Hay is back from Florida. --- Ray Howland announced that Dan Nitto has successfully earned his Eagle Scout rank. --- Felice Marlier praised the band. --- Jen Meyer attended the District Conference and make new friends from the other outbound YEP students. --- Joan Miller: happy! --- Roger Miller: also happy! ---**Royce Webster** told of President Gary's many current car problems.

**Program** — Residents of the Tri-County area saw a significant improvement in their emergency medical options earlier this spring when a helicopter ambulance started operating from the Sidney Municipal Airport.

Steve Anderson gave the Rotarians an overview of the services of LifeNet of New York. The Sidney aircraft is the 7<sup>th</sup> in LifeNet's fleet with others based at Albany Medical Center, Catskill Regional Medical Center, and the villages of Glen, Walkill, and Hornell in New York State and Guthrie One across the border in Sayre, PA.



Anderson stressed the high medical qualifications of the staff on each helicopter. The team coordinates with local emergency squads and area hospitals to assess the patient's medical needs and then move him to the best facility for treatment. Ray and Patti Howland of the Morris squad were in attendance to hear Anderson's presentation.

Additional details can be found on LifeNet's website at <u>www.lifenetny.com</u>. Here are some of the highlights:

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 \* Mevers. Matthew Miller, Joan Miller, Roger \* Miller-Ballard, Lois \* Pasternak, James \* Pegg, Patrick Phillips, CarrieLynn + Pickens, William \* Rehrmann, Henry \* Schwarzhans, Fred Schwarzhans, 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

#### <u>Honoraries</u>

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: Two Friday Projects at The Fairgrounds. Auction. Chicken Barbecue.

The LNNY flight crew consists of a Flight Nurse, Flight Paramedic and Pilot. In addition each aircraft has a certified mechanic assigned to it to provide 24/7 maintenance.

LifeNet of New York is owned and operated by Air Methods Corporation, based in Denver CO. Air Methods Corporation (www.airmethods.com) is a leader in emergency aeromedical transportation and medical services. The Air Medical Services Division is the largest provider of air medical transport services for hospitals. The LifeNet Division is the largest community-based provider of air medical services. The Products Division specializes in the design, manufacturing, and installation of aircraft medical interiors and other aerospace or medical transport products.

The Company's fleet of owned, leased or maintained aircraft features approximately 200 helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft.

#### <u> This Week – May 10, 2010</u>

Wear your work clothes. After the meal and business, members will move to the Otsego County Fairgrounds to prepare for Friday's charity auction. The building has to be swept out and furniture repositioned.

#### <u>Next Week – May 17, 2010</u>

Club Assembly and Board of Directors meeting.

## Rotary Adds New Avenue of Service

By Ryan Hyland Rotary International News

Representatives at the 2010 Council on Legislation approved an enactment to add a fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations.

After adopting an amendment to change the name from Youth Service, as originally proposed, to New Generations, the Council narrowly supported the addition to article 5 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. The 263-250 vote was received by surprised gasps and applause after a short debate.

New Generations joins Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service as the foundation of club activity. Before starting a project, Rotarians are asked to think broadly about how their club and its members could contribute within each avenue.

"It's a significant change – a historic day in Rotary," said Council Chair Mark Daniel Maloney. "Rotarians have always strongly supported youth activities even though they were never part of the four Avenues of Service. I think this strengthens our commitment."

The Avenue of New Generations recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

Representative Ronald P. Sekkel, of District 5170 (California, USA), proposed the enactment by saying that New Generations is the future of Rotary.

# **Going High Tech**

#### **Rotary Council Approves e-Clubs**

By Jennifer Lee Atkin Rotary International News

After more than an hour of debate, district representatives at the 2010 Council on Legislation voted Monday to make e-clubs a permanent part of Rotary International. The measure, approved by a vote of 430 to 85, received loud applause.

"This will allow Rotarians with physical disabilities or [scheduling] restraints to meet regularly and conduct service projects through the Internet," said RI Director Antonio Hallage as he presented the proposal to the Council.

Submitted by seven Rotary e-clubs along with the RI Directors, the measure makes permanent e-clubs.

Rotary's 14 e-clubs boast 360 members in 30 countries and geographical areas, and 586 service projects. Eclubs conduct meetings in Chinese, English, Finnish, Greek, Portuguese, and Spanish. Collectively, they have contributed almost US\$150,000 to the Foundation.

### US/Canada Get Rotarian Magazine On-line

By Donna Polydoros and Ryan Hyland Rotary International News

Rotarians in the United States and Canada will be allowed to choose between receiving the print or an electronic copy of **The Rotarian** magazine following an action taken by the Council on Legislation.

But representatives voted against giving a similar option to Rotarians outside the US and Canada, who receive either **The Rotarian** or one of 31 regional magazines published by the Rotary World Magazine Press. The Council also rejected a proposal to do away with the subscription requirement altogether.

It was stressed that print magazines are a powerful tool for marketing to non-Rotarians and serve as Rotary's primary way of reaching members in remote areas.

Proponents of the choice argued that RI already has used online technology with great success, pointing to the recent transition of the print publication Rotary World to the electronic newsletter **Rotary Leader**.

"The magazine should be available at all times," said Patricia M. Kasuda (District 7620). "With today's technology and RI's partnership with Google Books, readers will get the same full-color articles the print magazine offers."

Opponents noted that advertising revenues could decline and worried that the action could eventually lead to the demise of the print magazine.

About 450,000 Rotarians in North America and 50,000 elsewhere receive **The Rotarian**. The remaining 700,000 Rotarians subscribe to a regional magazine.