

January 25, 2010



The Battlefielder



Rotary Club of Gettysburg, PA
Monday's — 12 noon — Gettysburg Hotel

The Rotary Club of Gettysburg met on Monday, January 25, 2010, at the Gettysburg Hotel with President John Kramb presiding.

Gary Rappoldt brought the invocation. "America the Beautiful" was led by Jeff Gabel.

ATTENDANCE

Rotarians— 52

Honorary Member – Connie Farabaugh

Other guests –

Ann Cowden, guest of Carrie Stuart

Jeff Sollars, guest of Katarina Boucher

Ken Farabaugh introduced outgoing exchange students as well as our exchange students for this Rotary year. Countries represented are Denmark, Spain, Brazil, Czech Republic or Slovakia, Japan, and the Ukraine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Mahoney, newly appointed chair of the Pasta Dinner, announced the date of May 7 for the feast. All Rotarians are expected to help with this annual fund raiser. More information to follow....

Lisa Conklin announced that she will be resigning from the club and will also be leaving her position with the Adams County SPCA. She will be re-locating out of the area but does expect to come to visit us from time to time. We send her our very best.

Bob Gough conducted a drawing for the \$100 donation to the Paul Harris scholarship. The winner was Darlene Brown. Thus far this Rotary year there have been five Rotarians in whose names we have sent money to the Rotary Foundation.



PROGRAM

Pete Ricker introduced our guest speaker, Mike Guman, a native of Bethlehem, PA in the Lehigh Valley. Mike's prior claim to fame came as a football player from 1976-1980 at Pennsylvania State University under Joe Paterno. After graduating from Penn State, he played professional football for 9 years with the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League.

Before speaking to us about his present professional work, Mike regaled us with some football stories going back to 1979 when Penn State played Alabama for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl.

Penn State lost 14-7 to Alabama; Mike's failed effort to score on a third down rushing play led to his being pictured on the cover of the next edition of Sports Illustrated. An even greater claim to fame led to this photo being made into a mural at the University of Alabama. Such is fame.

Mike currently is vice president of the Eastern Pennsylvania region for the Oppenheimer Funds, having been with them for 13 years and specializing in mutual funds. Mike brought us information on the stock market highs and lows as well as the struggle to contain and reduce our national debt. He indicated that the past 26 years or so have been quite beneficial to most Americans; yet such another stretch of prosperity might be difficult to replicate. He spoke of the ways in which the United States can reduce its debt. The medicine he prescribed might be difficult for many people to swallow.

However, with our global economy as a fact of life, Mike feels that financial opportunities will be found outside the United States. We still remain the world's largest economic power. Yet, the problems we face in the economic realm will not be quickly solved.

Mike brought us a very clear and concise overview of the financial world of 2010 and we are grateful for his insights.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT WEEK

2/1 - Richard Buchanan - President of The Gettysburg Foundation

50/50

The 50-50 worth \$28 was won by Scott Keller.

**THIS WEEK'S
REPORTER
BOB GOUGH
THANK YOU!**



HAPPY BUCKS

- ☺ Jeff Gabel, our song meister of the day, was featured as Bow Tie wearer on p. 9 in the nationally recognized Bow Tie catalog. Such an honor!!
- ☺ Scott Keller was grateful for winning the 50-50.
- ☺ Randy Parmentier celebrated his 4th anniversary of bringing dictionaries to the 3rd graders of St. Francis Xavier. His colleague in these events has been Ed Luckenbaugh, who graduated from St. Francis the year before Randy was born. It will take more money to get Ed's age for the record.
- ☺ John Kramb was very happy about his stellar performance "in kilts" at the Bands of the Irish Guard and Royal Regiment of Scotland at the Majestic on January 15.
Enough said!!

FROM PRESIDENT JOHN

I wanted to let you know there are a few dates that the Ballroom will not be available for the Rotary lunch and will be placed in the Eisenhower Room. Please make a note and let me know of any dates that you are aware of that Rotary will not meet.

Monday, March 1, 2010 (painting and wallpaper replacement)

Monday, March 22, 2010

Monday, April 26, 2010

President's challenge:

"Ask the next qualified acquaintance of yours, "**Why aren't you a member of Rotary?**" Then invite them as your guest to the next meeting."

