

# THE BATTLEFIELDER



ROTARY CLUB OF GETTYSBURG, PA

Gettysburg Hotel — Mondays at Noon



October 18, 2010

President Eric gonged the meeting to order. Actually he did this twice, once in the beginning to start our meeting. The gong sounded for a second time during the meeting when we appeared to be rioting.

## INVOCATION

John VanMeerbeke gave the invocation;

Ron Bailey, choir master, stepped up to the podium to lead us in a sing-a-long of, "This is My Country". Once again, our club had fallen victim to lip syncing. Although Ron was gracious enough to pass out sheets of paper with the words of the song on it, there was limited supply and what ensued was people looking more like they were chewing food rather than singing or lip syncing. Our saving grace was the shortness of the song.

Eric followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Lip syncing was not necessary. It appeared that we all are very familiar with the Pledge of Allegiance. However, it doesn't hurt to check around the room when we're reciting the pledge just in case we have a spy in our midst who may not have received adequate spy training and therefore would be ill equipped in reciting the pledge. One can't be too careful these days. On a bright note, it appears that we've mastered reciting the Four Way Test correctly.

## ATTENDANCE

Rotarians— 58

Honorary Member – Marian Harbaugh

## INTERACT STUDENTS

Katie Milmoe

Kaylee Sites

## GUESTS

Dan Moul — program and guest of the club

Susi Guinn — guest of Fred

Kaycee Kemper— guest of Robin Fitzpatrick

Michele Ali— guest of BJ Small

Rill Ferree— guest of Kathy Powley

## VISITING ROTARIAN

Graham Norman– Sandy, UK

Kevin Filler— Rotary Club of Frederick



## R.I. FOUNDATION

Collections from the Rotary Bucket reached a new high today with a total of \$18.02 being contributed by members. Much thanks for your generosity. We also salute Em Cole, latest winner of the \$100 toward a Paul Harris fellowship.

(Bob informed everyone that donation forms would be forthcoming soon in hopes of encouraging more donations)

Next week it is our intention to provide each Rotarian with an update statement of his or her contributions to the Rotary Foundation. As always, that information is held in a confidential manner. We are striving, as a club, to have all Rotarians give to the Rotary Foundation in a continuing manner. Please talk with me if you have any questions regarding the Foundation and your own commitment.

Thanks for listening, Bob Gough

## DRIVE BY SHOOTINGS, AGAIN!



Holly Cookerly from Wellspring did a short talk on flu shots, dispelling any notion that people get sick from the shot. She informed us that last year H1N1 was the nasty bug to fight off. This year H2N2 is on the prowl so getting a flu shot is a good idea. I wonder what next year's bug name will be. Chances are it won't be R2D2 or 3CPO. Holly urged everyone from 6 months old to what ever age to get a flu shot. Although there were no six month olds at the meeting it's probably a good idea, if you know one, to have a conversation about getting a flu shot.

This Sunday flu shots will be provided at the Rec Park, starting at 1:00 and ending at 4:00, for a minimal fee of \$25. Rotarians will be directing traffic. David Laughman passed around a sign up sheet. If you're interested, please contact David at 334-4663 (bus.) or his home 337-9340. Holly expressed her appreciation to Rotary for helping with the Drive By shootings. I figure gangs have to work together to get things done.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24—REC PARK—1PM—4PM**



**World Polio Day is 24 October. For 18-24 October, in honor of World Polio Day, The Rotary Foundation is offering double Paul Harris Fellow recognition points for online only contributions of US\$100 or more for the \$200 Million Challenge to eradicate polio. Help eradicate polio by making your online contribution.**



### OCTOBER

- 19—JW Phillips
- 20—Luckenbaugh
- 22—Brown
- 23—J. Railing
- 24—Bullis
- 29—K. Farabaugh
- 30—Rappoldt

### 50/50

Robin Fitzgerald, er Fitzpatrick performed the time honored money dispensing practice. Bill Sluck, grinning ear to ear, happily took his winnings.

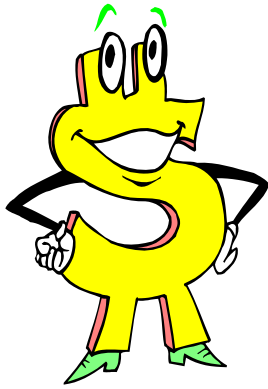
### COMING PROGRAMS

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Dan Kamin – Stress Relief Expert

**THIS WEEK'S REPORTER**  
**PETE RICKER**  
**THANK YOU!**

President Eric ended the meeting with a quote from Paul Harris:

*“Individuals and nations owe it to themselves and the world to become informed.”*



## HAPPY BUCK\$

\$\$ John Kramb offered a buck for his Sooners and their victory this past weekend;

\$\$ Bill Sluck gave two happy bucks, one on honor of his wonderful family and another for Rotary. Thanks Bill;

\$\$ Mike Hanson's happy buck was given in the name of the Patriots. I think they're a volley ball team from somewhere up in the north eastern part of the country where Mike hails from;

\$\$ Larry Defuge's happy buck was offered for a successful Farmers Fair in Dillsburg. Wait a second. Larry said it was a "Hugh Success". I don't know if there was a parade, but when Larry mentioned the purpose of his happy buck and that the fair was a "Hugh Success" all I could see was him leading a parade and beating a drum -alone. Thanks for the happy buck Larry. I know you have a sense of humor;

\$\$ David Laughman offered a happy buck for a fantastic turnout for whatever dinner he was attending. As David's head slowly began to sink into his chest as he strained to recall where he was, his hand moved up to catch his head thus offsetting the momentum of his sinking brow. He finally was able to recall where he had been when he had the fantastic time. The Strawberry Hill fundraiser exploded from his lips as he regained his composure. That's OK David, that happens to all of us none of the time;

\$\$ Scott Wehler proudly announced Adams Electric's new solar panel array. The purpose of the solar panel is to milk the sun of its rays for use by Adams Electric. He invited everyone to visit his facility for a quick look see. Everyone hooked up with Adams Electric will no doubt be grateful when our electric bills begin to fall. Thanks Scott. We're looking for immediate cost reductions. You go guy!

\$\$ Ed Luckenbaugh proudly expounded on his tri-birthday celebration, which started yesterday (Sunday past), will take place again this Wednesday and will finally wrap up this Sunday. Boy, I'll bet Ed will have a tough time sitting down for lunch next Monday. Maybe Phil will provide Ed with a comfy pillow from the hotel. Happy Birthday Ed!;

\$\$ Jim Sheen offered a happy buck after being amused at the Apple Harvest Weekend. A Ho Down, square dance was performed by eight rotating and do-si-doing tractors. Yee Ha! Jim's granddaughter sounded like she enjoyed the fun as well;

\$\$ Randy Parmentier donated a happy buck for a successful road rally for the Land Conservancy. He mentioned something about a pig that I didn't quite catch. I don't know if the rally involved chasing a pig or roasting one, but nonetheless, the rally was a success!



## WHAT'S UP IN HARRISBURG?

Representative Dan Moul was our featured speaker. Dan started with a roar of laughter after contradicting a statement that Holly Cookerly had just made about flu shots containing a dead virus and that tales of people getting sick from the shot were not accu-

rate. Dan informed us, “Yep, he had gotten his flu shot, and got sick right away”. Holly was aghast! Being the smooth politician that he is, Dan calmed Holly’s ruffled feathers right away and proceeded to change the subject. He started his talk.

Dan brought us up to date with what was, or should I say, what wasn’t happening in our state’s Capitol. He started with the pension crisis that still looms in Pennsylvania. He explained that shifting this liability forward places a financial burden on our children and grandchildren. His comment that we should leave things better for future generations was well received by our members. Dan said that we should adopt a defined benefit program going forward and get away from our current system that placed undue stress on Pennsylvania’s economy. Today it takes many tax payers to support one retiree and that doing nothing or putting off making hard choices today only prolongs the inevitable. The budget deficit continues to be a drag on productivity. Monies from Washington can’t be counted on in the future to help offset Pennsylvania’s budgetary fiasco.

Pennsylvania’s high corporate tax rate isn’t business friendly and, as such, businesses continue to leave the commonwealth. Dan related a story of a man who relocated his business to Florida in order to relieve his company of higher taxation in Pennsylvania. The result was lost jobs for Pennsylvanians. Unless we change and adopt a more business friendly environment in Pennsylvania, our state will continue to drive out businesses costing jobs and

opportunities to grow our economy.

In addition, it appears that our state government is robbing Peter to pay Paul as funds are shifted around to support special interest groups. I took from Dan’s words that special interest groups aren’t necessarily bad, but more transparency and disclosure of their activities would be healthy for everyone.

Amidst all the “inactivity” at the state level, there is promising news on the natural resources front. Marcellus Shale is drawing attention as the benefits of the earth passing gas could ignite energy independence for our state. One would think that we have enough gas at the state capitol to free us of dependency on others for our energy needs, but it appears that more gas is available. Dan’s comment about some people in the state’s capitol, screwing up a one car funeral” was received with laughter from our fun loving group.

In order to extract gas from the earth, a process called fracking, presumably from the term fracturing, is used on the rock strata. By fracking rock strata 6,000 below the surface of the earth, gas deposits can be freed, then re-captured and channeled for use as fuel. This provides Pennsylvania with a means of becoming independent as far as its energy needs are concerned. Dan discussed some environmental concerns which sounded to be somewhat minor as he related the use of chemicals used everyday in our households that would also be used in the fracking process. Burning gas is more efficient and cleaner for the environment. He mentioned that he is championing an initiative at the state level to have all vehicles switched over to burning natural gas. Dan’s analogy of freeing up natural gas is akin to having a bowl of cherries.

Dan briefly spoke about campaign reform, but it appeared that this was one of his major concerns in the political process. There are too many dollars flowing from organizations that seek special treatment. This results in poor legislation and favors the few. Curbs need to be put in place.