

October 26, 2009



The Battlefielder



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

The Rotary Club of Gettysburg met at 12 Noon at the Gettysburg Hotel on the Square. The invocation was offered by Lynn Cairns.

Jeffrey Gabel led the singing of "American the Beautiful" at a dramatically high pitch. Apologies rendered.

Attendance of 68, including 60 Rotarians.

Honorary Rotarian – Connie Farabaugh

Visiting Rotarians – Graham Norman of Sandy, UK; Nick Vlahos of the Hanover Rotary

Exchange Students – Helene Gellert-Kristensen of Denmark; Guillermo del Rio of Spain

Interact Students– Felicia Orendorff and Cori Steimling of Gettysburg High

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On November 9, 2009, there WILL be a Rotary meeting. All Rotarians, kindly note.

Jim Sheen distributed sign up sheets for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing this year. The effort will begin on the weekends in November; after Thanksgiving the effort will be from Monday through Saturday until Christmas.

Barbara Ernico invited professional advisors to a seminar being held on Thursday, October 28, at the Pub Restaurant (2nd floor) commencing at 5:15 pm. This event is sponsored by the Adams County Community Foundation.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Jim Ross was inducted into Rotary by President John. Jim was sponsored by Paul Ketterman.



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

So that your Membership Directory will always be current, please make the following changes and additions.

REMOVE : Bettye Baker– resigned

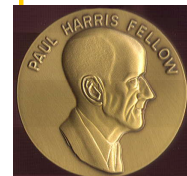
ADD: the attached pages for new members-
Katrina Boucher
Kevin Mahoney

PLEASE REPORT ANY EMAIL OR OTHER

50/50

50-50 worth \$33 won by President John. PLEASE NOTE – John has won this drawing three times during his presidency. Do I sense a pattern of skullduggery?

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



The Paul Harris contribution was won by Paul Martin. A cool \$100 will be deposited in Paul's RI Foundation account.

PROGRAM

In introducing our guest speaker today, President John Kramb noted that Colonel Jeff Marlette served in the same branch of the Army as he – Field Artillery. Col Marlette is currently a student at the US Army War College at Carlisle, PA. In two months Col. Marlette will be stationed in Afghanistan with his outfit. Col. Marlette, in civilian life, is the superintendent of schools in Gettysburg, South Dakota. Col. Marlette serves in the Army National Guard and has also had a tour in Iraq.

Our guest speaker drew a very clear picture of Afghanistan, denoting its size, populations, ethnic and religious groups, breakdown by age groups, and life expectancy. Further, he indicated that only 12% of the land in Afghanistan is arable, with over 80% of the population involved in agricultural activities.

Col. Marlette spoke on the sub topic of “To Stay or Not” in Afghanistan. Nation building, stabilization of the region, security of the population, and the infusion of more troops were discussed.

The mission in Afghanistan, outlined by President Obama, is multi-layered. However, an interesting and challenging effort is being made in the area of Agri-business by teams from the Army National Guard. We are seeking to bring



new techniques of farming to the people there and the Guard offers a broad range of talent within its ranks.

The end game is to see Afghan solutions for Afghan problems. Along the way we are offering to assist the people improve soil conditions, production, water availability, and the like.

Col. Marlette left us with a much greater understanding of the situation in Afghanistan and a sense of how we might proceed to assist that region in meaningful ways. Thank you, Colonel, for your service to our country.

HAPPY BUCKS



With apologies in advance for sins of commission and omission:

- ☺ Ed Luckenbaugh – Invoked the heavens for the long awaited move of the Renn Kirby dealership
- ☺ Norris Flowers – for Marion Harbaugh and her ownership of the Thomas Brothers Country Store that is celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Also Norris was grateful that no traffic accidents occurred after his ceding control to Pres. John at the Drive Through shooting event.
- ☺ Dick Peterson – elaborated on all the losses for the Michigan teams, pro and otherwise, except for his beloved Lions; **THEY DID NOT PLAY!!**
- ☺ Greg Kalmus – thanked the Rotarians for their tactical support during the Drive Through Flu Inoculation event at the Sterner Building this past Sunday.
- ☺ Ken Farabaugh - recognized the Hershey Rotary club for its support of the In Bound exchange students.
- ☺ Craig Reber – told us that he and his wife celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary this past week
- ☺ Barbara Ernico – praised the Gettysburg community for its support of the ACCF Emergency Fund, now totaling over \$32,000.
- ☺ Graham Norman – Our English visitor conveyed his thanks for the wonderful Rotary fellowship he has enjoyed during his stay with us, especially that of Ab Rainbow
- ☺ John Van Meerbeke - “Go Phillies”
- ☺ Michael Birkner - “Go Yankees”
- ☺ Scott Wehler - This past week he and the family celebrated the 62nd wedding anniversary of his parents.
- ☺ John Kramb - Returned some of the money from his 50-50 success. John also commended the efforts of the Drive By group. Finally, John recognized the work of Robin Fitzpatrick, seller of the lucky winning ticket.

Dave Scheib has volunteered to be the Club Photographer so thank him for the photos we will provide for the *Battlefield*.