

November 23, 2009



The Battlefielder



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

Upon entering the Hotel for lunch we were all greeted warmly and with a firm hand shake by Bill Hall.

Jack Phillips performed the invocation with a very heart felt prayer.

ATTENDANCE- Rotarians: 63

INTERACT —6 students present and Tammy Myers introduced them. Tammy, thanks for the excellent work you do with the kids!

VISITING ROTARIAN — Nick Vlahos— Hanover

PROGRAMS

November 30— Visiting Angels and John Malone

CLASSIFICATION TALK



Greg Livelsberger gave his Classification talk at our meeting on Monday. Greg is an employee and part owner of Schmuck Lumber Co., Inc. with business locations in Hanover and Gettysburg. He started with the lumber company straight out of high school.

Greg and his wife Anita live in Hanover. They have three sons. Greg was born and raised in Hanover. He graduated from Delone Catholic in 1982 where he wrestled for one year and played baseball. Greg's interest in baseball led him to coach for ten years as his sons grew up and learned from their father the finer points of the game. His son Tony, the youngest of the three, plays ball for a college located in Palm Beach, Florida. In fact, Tony's coach is Gary Carter, a well known name in baseball.

Greg's classification talk reiterated many of the qualities that attract people to become a Rotarian. Service above self and a sense of community permeated Greg's talk. He spoke on the reasons he accepted John Kramb's invitation to join us for lunch and proceed to become a member of our club. Greg's down to earth demeanor was further highlighted by the hobbies he enjoys. In his free time he likes to fish, and when not being threatened or hissed at by a rioting Canadian goose on the golf course, he likes to play pasture pool, er golf, sample wine in as many ports as possible (he likes to travel), enjoys good

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT JOHN

I was talking with John VanMeerbeke at lunch today, and expressed my pleasure that attendance had been so high recently. When he asked to what I attributed that, I responded that it was most likely that you wanted to see what goofy thing I would do next. Who Cares!?! Just so long as you keep showing up!

I apologize for the short notice on the Christmas Party. Lisa and I were going back and forth on the venue, and we decided that it would be a great thing if we held it at a Rotarian's place of business. The Majestic gave us the best "deal", so we will be having it there. Maybe we can convince Jeff Gabel to sing for us. Anyway, please be sure to notify Lisa at lmconkin@comcast.net ASAP.

I remember our parties fondly.

Have a great Thanksgiving, and I will see you on the 30th.

food, traveling and collecting coins. His interest in coin collecting is credited to his grandmother who started his collection by giving him his first coins. Although, several of the coins were wooden nickels, I'm sure they were given in good faith and not payment for chores performed. The phrase, "don't accept any wooden nickels" is as alive and well today as it was back then. Although I haven't seen any wooden coins lately.

Anita is credited with organizing their vacation schedules and regimen. On a trip to Hawaii Greg was called upon by a Hula dancer to demonstrate his pelvis flexibility by performing what can only be called the mainland state-side version of the "Hula". Obviously, he was recognized in the audience by one of the Hula dancers. Evidently, after performing his version of the Hula, he was surrounded by other dancers wanting to learn his secrets. I'm sure if I'm ever fortunate to visit Hawaii, the Livelsberger's version of the Hula will be a show I won't want to miss! I guess working in the lumber industry doesn't necessarily mean you're as stiff as a board as Greg had probably demonstrated by performing his flaming Hula dance!

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All kidding aside, Greg is an excellent addition to our illustrious group of Rotarians. He is another example of why many of us joined Rotary – Service above Self!

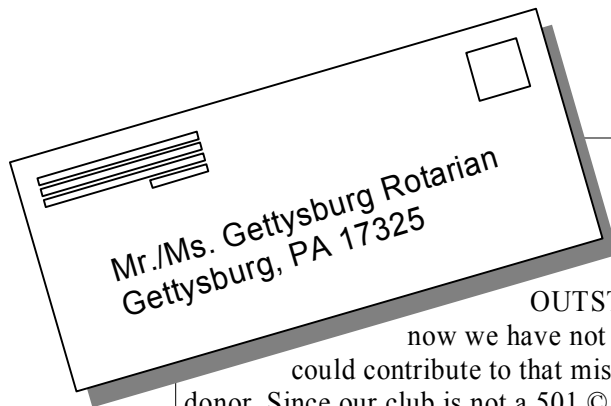
Greg had mentioned that one of his siblings works for the CIA. It reminded me of a joke where a police dog responds to an ad to work with the CIA. “Well,” says the personnel director, “You’ll have to meet some strict requirements. First, you must type at least 60 words a minute.” Sitting down at the typewriter, the dog types out 80 words a minute.

“Also,” says the director, “You must pass a physical and complete the obstacle course.” This perfect canine specimen finishes the course in record time.

“There’s one last requirement,” the director continues; “you must be bilingual.” With confidence, the dog looks up at him and says, “Meow!”

**** *Well not being a jokester, it was the only one I could think of!* ****

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



Dear Rotarian,

The Rotary Club of Gettysburg does **OUTSTANDING** work in our community. Until now we have not had a fund in which individual members could contribute to that mission that provides tax advantages to the donor. Since our club is not a 501 © 3 under the IRS code, donations to the club have not been tax deductible.

At the October board meeting the Gettysburg Rotary Club began the process of establishing the Rotary Club of Gettysburg Benevolent Fund (RCGBF.) This fund is being administered by the Adams County Community Foundation. As such, the Fund now qualifies as a 501 © 3. The RCGBF is held by the ACCF and the earnings of the fund will be made available to the Rotary Club of Gettysburg each year to benefit “club philanthropic efforts and club scholarship programs.”

We are in the process of gathering a minimum of \$10,000 in gifts to begin the fund with the ACCF. At this time several club members have pledged gifts to help begin this fund. Considering the tax advantages of contributing to the fund and the worthiness of the cause, we are asking for your help in building the fund. Founding donors will be recognized by the club for their stewardship.

Future gifts may be made at any time by any member. Rotarians may also consider including a gift through their estate planning. We have bequest language or you may contact your attorney. I hope that we can add your name to our list of dedicated Rotarians who seek to preserve the Rotary Dream here in Gettysburg.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Gough

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Katrina Boucher sponsored by John Phillips and **Kevin Mahoney**, sponsored by Lance Lewis were sworn in as new members. Welcome aboard to both.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**President John announced that we need more song leaders. Evidently, Jeffrey's and Carey's voices are giving out as a result of having to suck it up and lead us (carry us) in song. After hearing this I looked around the room and noted that everyone seemed to be buried in their salad or looking in the opposite direction of John. I was too close to the podium to do either so I just stared at the floor.



**President John also mentioned that he had received a thank you letter from the Eisenhower Award recipient. The letter was available at the meeting if anyone wanted to see it.

**Eric Gladhill performed one of his many duties by announcing the new year's board and officers. A physical roster will be presented in December.

**Barb Ernico thanked Rotary for the \$500 contribution to the Foundation.

**Lisa Conklin confirmed the date, time and location of the Rotary Christmas Party. A sign up sheet will be available shortly. Florence will be performing on the ivories. Lisa also mentioned that she is looking for homes for several Morgan horses and I believe a dog. Sorry Lisa, I missed that portion of what you were saying. I believe you said Daisy was a 14 year old something or other.



ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 7 — 6 PM

Majestic Theater

COST : Rotarians- \$17 if you are already being billed for lunches.

Others and Guests - \$30

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS

Wednesday, December 2

Email to Lisa Conklin

lmconklin@comcast.net

call her — 717-968-5178

Or sign up at next week's meeting

We will have a traditional Christmas turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Bill Vitelli, tenor and Florence Tarbox, pianist will entertain us and Lisa will have other surprises!

HAPPY BUCKS



- ☺ Larry Defuge donated Happy Bucks first for Adams County Winery being the first best winery in the state of Pennsylvania - - because “A” is at the beginning of the alphabet. Well, who can argue with that! His second Happy Buck stimulated a testament to Messiah College and the athletes that represented the college so well in Division Three competition and in men’s and women’s field hockey and soccer. Lastly, a Happy Buck went to the honorable mention of the University of Connecticut.
- ☺ Barb Ernico offered a Happy Buck in salute to Temple University;
- ☺ Ed Luckenbaugh offered a Happy Buck in celebration of getting not only a fine son in law (Dave Scheib) but a new and, will be, loyal customer. Emphasis placed on “loyal”, meaning dear ole son in law, you better not go anywhere else for a car. I just imagine Thanksgiving dinner at Ed’s. I’ll bet it’s packed with options!
- ☺ Dave Schieb, not wanting to be out done by his father in law, donated a Happy Buck in gratitude for Ed allowing him to marry his daughter. No doubt this was done to get the best price that he can on a 2010 Chevy. Some guys will do anything to get a good deal! How bout it Dave?
- ☺ President John offered a Happy Buck, in sarcastic celebration of the records of the University of Oklahoma and Broncos. I guess he should looking for other teams to support like Penn State and the Green Bay Packers!
- ☺ Kristine Witherow offered up a Happy Buck for her family’s pending trip to the land of Mickey and company. They leave this weekend for Disney World. Hope you have a great time!
- ☺ Scott Wehler donated a Happy Buck to his alumni Lehigh and its victory over Lafayette.

**50/50
BOB MCQUAIDE**

Bob McQuaide was the winner with ticket number 423. He was quickly strong armed by Bill Kough when Happy Bucks were being solicited, to donate a Happy Buck. Good sport Bob willingly did so with the exclamation that he was just “Happy”, I guess to be “Happy”. Thanks Bob.

*** A joke for the season ***

“These turkeys in your frozen food section seem so small. Do they get any bigger?”

“No ma’am, they’re dead.”

*** A Closing Thought ***

“Thousand of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never deceases by being shared.”

Siddhartha Gautama, or Buddha.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING