

November 9, 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. Eric Gladhill stood in for President John today.

49 Rotarians were present

VISITING ROTARIANS —

Nick Vlahos— Hanover

MAKEUPS—

Rosemary Hutchison— eCLUB ONE online

GUESTS—

Vicki Corbett— guest of the club

Susi Guinn— Fred's guest

Ann Cowden— Adams Co. Business Education Partnership— guest of Carrie Stuart

PROGRAM FOR NEXT WEEK

Nov. 16 — Samantha Pryor is going to give Rotary an overview of her foreign exchange trip to Ukraine.



ROTARY FOUNDATION

Foundation chair Bob Gough announced that November is **Rotary Foundation Month**. Consider becoming a Paul Harris Fellow and join the 39 fellows and 23 aspiring fellows in our club. Bob distributed a letter explaining that the club is working to create the Rotary Club of Gettysburg Benevolent Fund with ACCF. Please consider joining other Rotarians in contributing \$1,000 toward the \$10,000 minimum goal which must be raised by December 31 to establish this fund that would offer tax advantages under the IRS code. To give a vivid example of Rotary dollars at work, Bob introduced club member Brad Hoch.

Brad explained the sources and expenditures of the \$200,000 annual budget needed for his Medical Mission to Honduras. Trip participants pay about \$120,000-140,000 through airfare and project fees. Donations are the source of \$60,000-80,000. Our club has contributed \$4,000 annually. Half of the funds from donations are used for medicine. About 30% buys dental and oral surgery supplies. The remainder goes toward a feeding program, hospitalization and transportation. Brad explained how the feeding program solved the problem of patients fainting from hunger at the clinics and also helps local farmers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next board meeting will be November 19th at 7:30 AM at Adams Co. National Bank.
- Carrie Stuart announced that the Chamber's Mini-Expo, in a new format this year, will be held November 10 at the Pike from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Rotary has a booth.

PHILANTHROPY

Philanthropy chair Sharon Geleta inspired us with a story about Ted Turner's father's lifelong service to Rotary and announced two check recipients.



Vickie Corbett, board president of **Holiday Family Outreach** received a check for \$1,500. HFO served 475 families last year and distributed 1679 food certificates. Started in 1953, HFO

operates on a \$50,000 annual budget and functions solely with the help of volunteers. Vickie thanked the club for its support.

Our own Fred Guinn received a check for \$500 for the **Adams County Community Foundation's Widening Circles** campaign to increase awareness about its opportunities and benefits to the entire Adams County community. "For good, for Adams County, forever" is ACCF's slogan. Fred expressed his thanks for Rotary's support.



CLASSIFICATION TALK— CRAIG REBER

Eric introduced new member Craig Reber who gave his classification talk. Craig is a Gettysburg native who's spent his life here except for his time at Ferrum College in Virginia where he studied life sciences. His work experience includes Gettysburg College's Department of Public Safety and the Conservation District at the Ag Center. He is currently a representative of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Thrivent, a fraternal benefit organization and full service financial firm, offers services to people of any faith. Craig explained that during the recession Thrivent has continued its commitment to assisting projects in local communities when other financial firms have been unable to help. A member of St. James Lutheran Church, he enjoys this opportunity to marry his faith with his career.

Craig's married and the father of two girls who will be the fifth generation of his family to live in the same house at the corner of Stratton Street and Lincoln Avenue. He met his wife Olga while they were students at Ferrum. Born in Russia, she's a teacher in the Carroll County schools. Thanks to Todd Platts' office, she's now an American citizen. It's important to Craig, who's learning Russian and who's visited the country several times, that his children love both of their cultures. With the international focus in his life, Craig particularly appreciates Rotary's work throughout the world. Welcome, Craig!



HAPPY BUCKS

- ☺ Scott Wehler for his youngest child leaving the nest.
- ☺ Ron Hankey, a Phillies fan, cited the title of a smash 1955 Broadway musical on the outcome of the World Series.
- ☺ Chris Glatfelter for the Arts Council's Masquerade Party, its chair Darlene Brown, Phil Murray and the Hotel staff, and for the Rotarians who attended.
- ☺ Kristine Witherow for the Masquerade Party.
- ☺ Carey Moore for Ellie Sheen's great job with the *Battlefielder* and for the result of his inquiry for more information from Todd Platts' office about the US representative's remarks to the Club the week before. Carey, a staunch Democrat, is now on Platt's Republican email list!
- ☺ Katrina Bucher was happy that her friend's child recovered from an illness.
- ☺ Mark Grim noted the Marine Corps' 234th Birthday.
- ☺ David Laughman on winning the drawing and for Strawberry Hill's fundraiser and the Snowflake Gala coming up this weekend.

THIS WEEK'S REPORTER
CHRIS GLATFELTER
THANK YOU!

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DAVID
LAUGHMAN