

THE BATTLEFIELDER



ROTARY CLUB OF GETTYSBURG, PA

Gettysburg Hotel — Mondays at Noon



December 20, 2010

JONATHAN IN GERMANY

Exchange student Jonathan Norwich provided the program. He is the third sibling to go out, after sister Mavis and brother Robby. Jonathan traveled to Germany.

Jonathan flew first-class to Kiel, Germany and his first host family was the Familie Wertz. They traveled between Kiel and Hamburg. He found most of the year to be cold. The best handball team in Europe is in Kiel, and while in Hamburg, he got to see the actual Yellow Submarine, used to “launch” the Beatles. He was most impressed with seals in Hamburg, and found the Hamburg Tag to be spectacular.

His second hosts were the Familie Schwarz and his time with them defined his year. He regained his momentum with this family. He had a chance to tour mines, the Harz Tour, and a car factory. On Foehr (island) took a boat and found the seas choppy, before encountering a drunk Easter Bunny... The Eurotour was an 18-day whirlwind trip to Hamburg, Berlin, Vienna, Venice, Geneva, Paris, Brussels, Prague, Tuscany and more.

Along the way, Jonathan found that the Leaning Tower of Pisa isn't as big as he imagined, and he found Florence to be the most colorful and beautiful city and his favorite – artistically. He thought of Venice as a tourist trap.

Third hosts were the Familie Wulff – a good family. Jonathan says his year abroad is the defining year of his young life. He plans to go to Brazil next year.

As for school, he said school in Kiel was a lot like high school, although students get to pick their profile, or area of study, such as art, music, sports, etc.

50/50

Brad Hoch—\$23

THIS WEEK'S REPORTER

BJ SMALL

THANK YOU!

Lynn Cairns offer a very thoughtful invocation, before Jeffrey Gabel led us in his festive rendition of “Deck the Halls.”

ROTARIANS PRESENT – 41

HONORARY ROTARIAN –

Connie Farabaugh

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Jesse Goss

Signe Carlson

Jonathan Norwich

Viktor Carlsson

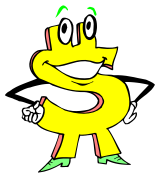
GUESTS

Justin Amato— guest of father Joe
Ann & Dean Norwich— Jonathan's
parents

Zach Beegle— guest of father Brad

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President passed the envelope for holiday tips for the Hotel waitstaff and presented it to them. He also reminded members to buy and sell tickets for the Popovich show.



HAPPY BUCK\$

\$\$ Dr. Brad Hoch won the 50-50 of \$23, and was first to start the Happy Bucks for the day.

\$\$ Joe Amato gave \$2, one for Philly fans enjoying Eagles, Phillies and Flyers success; and one for friendships produced by Rotary.

\$\$ Dr. Jim Sheen contributed \$5 with good news and details of his procedure to mend a compression fracture in his lower back. Jim said that ironically, the material used to fortify his backside, is the same used for dentures. (This spurned many side comments from Rotarians ... not to be repeated here.)

\$\$ Bob McQuaide for his two boys home from college;

\$\$ John VanMerebeke for a similar reason; an exchange student for being accepted at American University,

\$\$ Dick Peterson for President Eric's hustle across the room to collect the dollar,

\$\$ Scott Wehler gave for his family's Christmas get-together and for Dec. 22 as his 37th wedding anniversary.

\$\$ Also, David Myers gave a Happy Buck to memorialize his grandfather who passed away at age 88.



MERRY CHRISTMAS everyone.

Remember, NO meeting on December 27.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



A ROTARY ODE

BY DICK PETERSON

Two Thousand and Ten a great Rotary year,
like so many before, one we can cheer.
From Kramb to Gladhill, to Eric from John,
The baton has passed, the year has been drawn.

92 times it has been intoned,
From the very beginning with M. C. Jones.
It started in Nineteen-twenty, we note.
Prohibition began and women could vote.

The New York Yankees bought a fellow named
Ruth.
The first tea bags were produced and that is the
truth.
The Model-T sold well, it was made by Ford.
Harding was elected, a new man aboard.

But, who was this Jones, tell me what did he do?
Don't know, who cares? But, one thing is true.
He must have been great, he must have been sent,
Named Gettysburg's first Rotary president!

Much time has gone by, since those notable days,
That few of us remember . . . seems like a haze.
But the word has passed down, representing our
best,
Resolute and genuine is the "Four Way Test".

It embodies rules we say and we follow,
Never trite, never futile, what's more, never hollow.
"Is it the truth?" asks test number one.
Built on trust, love and faith, it has to be done,

Test number two, is it fair to all people?
Can you look in their eyes, stand tall like a steeple?
Test Number Three says act with good will.
Make friends and be kind, and do it with skill.

And the last one's my favorite, you can see what
you've learned.
Is it beneficial to everyone . . . everyone concerned?
That's the one you can feel, you can hear, you can
see.
Your good deeds help everyone, mostly them . . .
even me.

But one other motto makes Rotary true.
It sums up the "Four," adhering like glue.
It's action, it's doing, not put on a shelf.
In fact that what it says . . . "Service Before Self."

So now we face another new year.
New people, new events, new challenges appear
But the answer to problems is always the same.
Look to "The Test." It is what we proclaim!

Happy New Year, Rotarians