

April 5, 2010



# The Battlefielder



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

Invocation: James Van Meerbeke  
Larry Bullis- song leader  
"America the Beautiful"

## ATTENDANCE

Rotarians— 56

## GUESTS

Dr. Satish Shah—guest of John Kramb

## VISITING ROTARIAN

Graham Norman—UK

## PHILANTHROPY

Sharon De Oms Geleta presented \$1,000 to Kathy Nelson, Executive Director of the United Way (and Rotarian member) on behalf of our Rotary Club. She expressed sincere thanks for the donation and said that although this year has been a struggle due to the sluggish economy, they expect that they will be close, if not over last year's fundraising efforts.

She went on to say that young people in foster care lose all government assistance when they turn 18 years old, and that she and her team at the United Way work to prepare these young people and provide support systems for them. In addition, people who have never needed to seek assistance before are calling them for help at a 30-40% increase from last year. 85% of the people they are helping are new users of the system. She emphasized that success is tri-fold: Education, Income and Health. All people, no matter what age, need education. All people need a family-sustaining wage. In Adams county, that wage is \$11.35/hour (a good deal over the national minimum wage.) And health of body and mind are essential for success as well.

The United Way is thankful for the financial support we provide, and we as a club are thankful for the job that they do everyday.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◇ President John wanted all to be warned about a new clothing scam. Apparently just the morning of the meeting, he received a call from a group claiming to be collecting clothes for starving people. He said that it had to have been a scam, because if his clothes fit them, they couldn't be starving.  
Thanks for the laugh, John!
- ◇ Ken Farabaugh said to please sign up for the **Camp Happy Valley** workday if you're interested in lending a hand. Thanks in advance!
- ◇ Jody Dickey said that we have 22 area high school seniors who submitted essays for the Rotary Youth Scholarship this year. We will be awarding \$4000 to 4 students and the interviews will take place on Tuesday, April 27.
- ◇ Eric Gladhill spoke about the **Rotary Membership Mixer** that will be held on Friday, April 30 from 5:30pm-7:00pm at the Gettysburg Hotel. An email invitation will be sent out shortly, and please invite others who you feel may be interested in joining our club and learning more about Rotary.
- ◇ BJ Small mentioned that **Face of America** is coming up soon- please come out and show your support and cheer on our wounded warriors riding on Sunday, April 25. More details to come!
- ◇ Bob Gough said that the response to the **Rotary Foundation** has been very good. Thank you to those who are already contributing, and we continue to encourage all to do the same. Thank you!
- ◇ President John said to please pick up your **Pasta Dinner** tickets, and there are more if you sell out. Also, please sign up to come and help out the day of!



## HAPPY BUCKS

- ☺ Scott Wehler is happy because he met his future in-laws and said everything went great. He was also happy about the cherry blossoms in DC, but was not particularly happy about the metro, which he compared to a not-so-happy place.
- ☺ Sharon DeOms Geleta was happy because her youngest child turned 18.
- ☺ Ken Farabaugh was happy because Brad and Kay Hoch will be hosting our exchange student, Helene, in their home. Thanks Brad and Kay!
- ☺ Jody Dickey was happy for a beautiful weekend of camping and backpacking in Virginia.
- ☺ John VanMeerbeke was happy for a great Easter weekend and that the Red Sox beat the Yankees. In the VanMeerbeke house the order of importance is Jesus, then Red Sox, then family. (Just Kidding!)
- ☺ Joe Amato said John stole his thunder, but was also happy about the Red Sox win, and that the Phillies season is starting.
- ☺ Jeffrey Gabel was happy for Chris Glatfelter because she won the United Way's Callie Award last week for being an exceptional woman for the arts.
- ☺ Satish Shah was happy to come back to Rotary, and we are happy to have him.
- ☺ Ed Luckenbaugh said Happy Easter to all!

**50/50**

\$25.00 to Dr. Satish Shah (also the person who drew the winning ticket.  
Hmmm....).



**THIS WEEK'S REPORTER**  
**KATRINA BOUCHER**  
**THANK YOU!**

## PROGRAM

Terri Hamrick enlightened us with her classification talk. Terri was born and raised in West Virginia. Her father was an important figure in her young life, and was insistent that she attend college, for which she is very thankful.

Terri loved science as she was growing up and thought that she might be a doctor. In college she had second thoughts and against the advice of her counselors, changed her major to Psychology/PreMed.

During college she trained in handling Domestic Violence/Assault. After college, she took a little time off, and then began working in the auto industry for a few years, even running an auto facility for a time. She felt that this was not using her skills to help people, and she started working at a children's center helping kids who were going through a rough time, to say the least. It was there that Terri became involved in HIV awareness. She spent a month in Africa, and in her words she "saw the very best and the very worst of human existence while there."

Terri now works for Survivors here in Gettysburg. Terri said that her current job role is not as hands-on as she had been able to be in the past, but that what she does helps form the foundation for those she works with to do what they do well and make an effective and lasting impact on our community.

Terri's hobbies include reading, import and classic cars, and spending time with her 3 cats, all rescued. Her mother lives in WV, and while she may not have a large biological family, but she has many friends who are just like family, and therefore, she is blessed.

Thanks for sharing, Terri, and we are very happy to have you in Rotary!

### Closing remark from President John

*"Again and again the impossible problem is solved when we see that the problem is only a decision waiting to be made."*

Both profound and helpful;  
Thanks, Pres.