

THE BATTLEFIELDER



ROTARY CLUB OF GETTYSBURG, PA

Gettysburg Hotel — Mondays at Noon



MAY 2, 2011

DEBRIEFING! LAST WEEK'S DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN LANCASTER

John Kramb presented an overview of the celebration of what our District clubs have done for their individual communities and was impressed by WGAL's newstream coverage of tornadoes and weddings and their tips and tricks on getting media coverage for Rotary.

He was honored to MC the Four-Way Speech and Essay contest, where the students involved were of extremely high caliber. Their poise, delivery and preparedness were very impressive and he could not say enough regarding how "highly polished" the competitors were. The winner of the contest was from Gettysburg—making him and our club especially proud.

Eric Gladhill, club president, followed our illustrious Mr. Kramb with his comments on the District #7120 Conference from the Finger lakes Region of New York. Their Conference was held in Gettysburg and Eric was asked to say a few words at their meeting.

As he sat next to a young man—a Rotary International Delegate—he was very impressed with the student and enjoyed bantering with him. When he discovered that his "neighbor" was a *Service Above Self* award winner and heard the young man's story of life as a refugee in Sudan who came to the U.S. for an education in geology and that he applied this education by returning to the Sudan to assist with drilling wells and providing water in his native country, Gladhill was deeply moved.

Eric then moved on to discuss the Ambassadorial Scholarship application process. Historically only one application was turned in and had to be processed—however this year three highly qualified students submitted applications, making the choice extremely difficult because all the candidates were so well-

rounded. Caitlyn Yoder from the Gettysburg area was the final selection.

Ken Farbaugh was chosen as the winner for the Club Builder Award in the District. President Gladhill went over some of the qualifications needed in the nomination process to impress upon our club what an honor this award is. Nominees must be active in their club with good standing for over 10 years, they must have served as President in a 30 member-minimum club and brought in a minimum of 5 members, attended two District meetings in the last two years...and much, much more. The point being that Ken, having received this distinguishing commendation, has really proven to be a dedicated Rotarian.



Eric, Mike, Ken and John

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Community Service Projects from neighboring clubs stood out in his mind as well—from Mt. Joy's park and ball fields project led by David Christian to the Paradise Amish Country Classic that raised significant amounts of money for the Paradise Rotary Club.

Our club was also awarded the Governors Award of Excellence for starting a Rotaract Club.

Ken Farbaugh then addressed the Gettysburg crowd with congratulations to Jim Ekdahl for his marathon run before describing how wonderful it is to work with the students in Rotaract, Interact and RYLA. New Generations is now including a language service in the program, which made a positive impact on this year's District meeting with Jack Heidecker presenting his Exchange speech with a Spanish element.

One of the students at District this year was in Chile during the big earthquake and also Mary Sherman who just returned to us from Japan because of the devastation that just recently occurred. They presented information on Shelter Boxes and they specifically reviewed what it meant to them to be present to assist 10 families in assembling their Shelter Boxes.

The students then sang "Life Candle Around The World" while lighting each other's candles in a circle of unity and strength.

Gettysburg had seven exchange students in attendance at the District Conference—four outbound, two inbound and one Rotec. Eileen Felix was also there, as she is currently heading up the outbound program.

At the banquet, Youth Exchange students sold \$1,285 worth of raffle tickets for Shelter Boxes and other donations brought the total to approximately \$1,600.

Paul Mitzell- Rotary represented Rotary International with his wife. They spoke from the heart regarding their personal experience with Shelter Boxes after the Tsunami in Sierra Leone and made mention that there are still families who are using their Shelter Boxes due to the difficult economic climate.

Paul Harris award recipients recognized were Ken & Connie Farbaugh, and also Fred & Ruth Faye and Dr. Al Alli. Ken was impressed with both couples' level of dedication to Rotary as each have donated over \$250,000 to Rotary over their membership life. Dr. Alli in particular spoke of not being a Rotarian in "name only," but striving to live the motto of "Service Above Self" to the fullest.

Ken also spoke of the memorial service for Pat Martinelli and the moving music of the Susquehanna Choral.

Next year's District Conference will be held in Williamsburg, VA and everyone is highly encouraged to attend.

President Eric Gladhill closed with a joke that elicited laughter from every member this week! If you missed it, don't forget to ask if he has any nails or bananas.

WE MISSED YOU

Amato, Cole, DeOms Geleta, Fitzpatrick, Gabel, Hamrick, Hoch, Keller, Leshar, Mahoney, Murray, D. Myers, Patrono, Powley, Ross, Small, Stuart, Wagaman

COMING PROGRAMS

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| May 9 | GSE Team Visit– Rob Leshar hosting |
| May 16 | Exchange Student – Lissy Salber |
| May 23 | Exchange Student – Viktor Carlsson |
| May 30 | No Meeting |
| June 6 | Marcus Snow/Rebecca Tran – Post Conflict Reconstruction in Iraq |
| June 13 | Larry Redding – Superintendent GASD |
| June 20 | Chuck Reid – Strawberry Hill |
| June 27 | TBD |

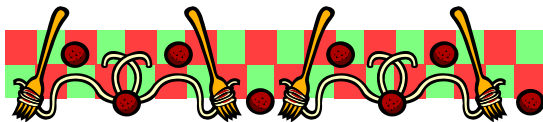
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- More volunteers are needed for **work day** at Camp Happy Valley; 5/6/11
- More volunteers are needed for **roadside clean-up** on 5/14 starting at 7:30 a.m. — need a minimum of three more able bodies
- Thank you letters were sent us from the Susan Byrnes Center and the 5th grade classes in Gettysburg for our assistance to the Health Education Center.

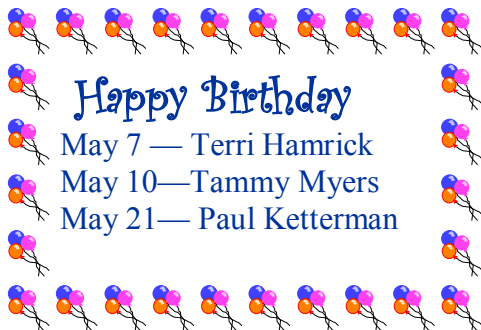


- **Bob Gough: Challenged Every Member Every Year to do better—we have 30 members participating but we can do better—so cough up the money! 😊**

See Bob for contribution options!



Two weeks remaining to sell those Pasta Dinner tickets!!



\$\$ Jennifer Railing : Happy that 24 years ago on 5/4/1987 the US Supreme Court ruled that Rotary International cannot exclude women from membership.

\$\$ John Kramb: Happy that Ken Farbaugh was recognized at district conference, that we won the Club Builder award and for the U.S. Navy Seals.

\$\$ Ed Luckenbaugh: Happy about winning the \$23 50/50; U.S. Navy Seals, the Wellspan Car Show that raised record amounts this past weekend.

\$\$ Jody Dickey: Thankful for all the volunteers that assisted with Rotary Scholarship selection, including Sharon, Nate, Ron and Todd. Congratulated Jim Eckdahl on his 26+ mile marathon completion.

\$\$ Nate Hockley: Happy that Brad Beagle recognizes now how much Nate's wife's back pain for the past six months now places her in his #1 patient category and thanked Brad for his assistance.

\$\$ Barbara Ernico: Happy for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and wore her gorgeous hat as a recognition of the royal couple's nuptials.

\$\$ Dick Peterson: Thankful that the Take Back Drugs project took in over 300 lbs of pills this past weekend

\$\$ Florence Tarbox: LET THE FUN BEGIN!

\$\$ Mark Grimm: US Navy Seals and the demise of Osama Bin Laden

THIS WEEK'S REPORTER

MICHELE ALI

THANK YOU!