

THE BATTLEFIELDER



ROTARY CLUB OF GETTYSBURG, PA

Gettysburg Hotel — Mondays at Noon



MAY 23, 2011



VIKTOR'S NEW LIFE, 2010-2011



Ken Farabaugh introduced our speaker for today, Viktor Carlsson. At the outset Viktor introduced his host father, Mike Gladfelter, to the group assembled.

Viktor, the tall Swede, brought us a very heartfelt commentary of his year in the United States, and more particularly, Gettysburg. His program was aptly entitled "Viktor's New Life, 2010-2011."

Viktor's parents visited him this past month and we had a chance to meet them at our Monday meeting. In addition, Viktor has an older sister and an older brother. The brother was an exchange student in Missouri five years ago, and Viktor had an opportunity to see the US then.

In Sweden Viktor attends Gymnasium which for students there begins at age 16 and extends for three years. It includes both academic subjects as well as vocational preparation. Viktor is concentrating in the social studies area and perhaps will become a teacher.

Viktor finds the structure of schools in the United States more formal and demanding than those he attends in Sweden. Along with regular classes at Gettysburg High School, he attends 2 classes at Gettysburg College.

It is apparent that Viktor has seen a great deal of Adams County, esp. the dairy industry. He also has enjoyed a family trip to Sedona, AZ.

At Gettysburg High School Viktor has participated in the Cross Country program. As exchange student, he has had monthly meetings with other exchange students that have enriched his experiences here in the US.

In closing, Viktor said he did not know what to expect when he came to America. Television and music and movies did not adequately picture what life in the US would be. He did find that everything here seems bigger and cheaper than in Sweden. He also notes that people here are so helpful and that Americans have a positive (can do) attitude. In an early orientation session, Connie Farabaugh told Viktor that he would be homesick once he got back to Sweden. At the time he did not believe that. Now he does.

We of the Rotary Club of Gettysburg are blessed to have had the pleasure of hosting Viktor this year. God's speed as you return to your native land. We know we will see you again.

Our program today closed with a "joke" from John VanMeerbeke. I cannot, in good conscience, include it in this report. However, I hope that the joke does not go VIRAL.

The Rotary Club of Gettysburg met at the Gettysburg Hotel on Lincoln Square at Noon on Monday, May 23, 2011. Presiding was Eric Gladhill.

After asking us to "gather by the river", Gary Rappoldt brought the invocation. Our song leader Ron Bailey led us in a rousing rendition of "This is my Country."

Rotarians present – 47

Honorary— Connie Farabaugh

Exchange Students—Lissy Salber, Jack Heidecker, Viktor Carlsson, Allie Weaver, Joanna Birkner, Francesca Ciocco, Signe Carlson

Interact Student— Felicia Orendorff

Guests—

Susi Guinn— guest of Fred Guinn
Club Guests—Danielle Ryan & mother, Caroline Ruppert, Chido & Susan Munangagwa, Rudo & Philip Mzira, Mike Gladfelter
Bob Wagner— guest of Al Crosby
Andrew VanMeerbeke and Bruce Moore, guests of their fathers

Visiting Rotarians—

Scott Rogers —Rotary Club of York
Rev. Richard Wingate— Pres. Rotary E Club of Southeast USA & Caribbean

Photo Album of the week



Connie and Ken with departing Exchange Student Viktor Carlsson and Mike Gladfelter, his host father.



Two of the Scholarship recipients. Jody Dickey and President Eric with Caroline Ruppert and Danielle Ryan

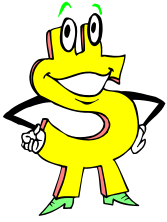


Barb Ernico organized travel for Ambassadorial Scholar Chido Muangagwa's mother to attend her graduation from Gettysburg College. Left to right: Barb Ernico, Chido, her mother Susan, Rudo and Phillip Mzira, Chido's cousins. Eric brings up the rear.

PASTA DINNER PEOPLE



Above- The Chefs,
Upper right- The Drive-Thru Crew
Lower right- Happy Diners



HAPPY BUCK\$\$\$

\$\$ Carey Moore is happy to have his son Bruce at the meeting and is proud of his Phi Beta Kappa grandchildren who are upholding the academic tradition of the family.

\$\$ Joe Amato is happy to have the Exchange Students who did such a terrific job with us on Pasta Night .

\$\$ Jeffrey Gabel is happy for having Bob Wagner as a neighbor in that tongue-twisting area known as Dinwidie Tract. (Say that three times in a row.)

\$\$ Robin Fitzpatrick is happy for the work done by the Exchange Students on Friday past as well as for the great time at the Pasta Fest.

\$\$ Tom Dombrowsky is happy to salute the Gettysburg College Women's Lacrosse Team, National Champions for the first time.

\$\$ Jim Sheen is happy for the good participation at Friday's Pasta event as well as the forthcoming Pancake Breakfast to be held at the airport to support youth aviation education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greg Kalmus asked for participation on the Road Cleanup, rescheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2011. All volunteers will be given a one-half hour reprieve, gathering at the Burger King on Route 30 at 8 am. Lend a hand for this event, if you can.

President Eric announced there will be **NO Rotary meeting on Memorial Day, May 30, 2011**. Eric also is seeking a club archivist to prepare our history which extends back to 1920. If interested, please let President Eric know.



There will be a drawing for the next \$100 toward a Paul Harris on June 6.

THIS WEEK'S REPORTER
BOB GOUGH
THANK YOU!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Jody Dickey, chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, presented scholarships to 2 students this afternoon: Caroline Ruppert of Fairfield High School and Danielle Ryan of Delone Catholic High School. Caroline will be attending the University of Delaware, studying Communications with emphasis in Spanish and Journalism. Danielle will be attending Penn State University, Mount Alto Campus, majoring in Animal Science. Both young ladies bring strong academic achievement and significant extra curricular activities at their schools. Fred Guinn, chairman of the Gettysburg Dollars for Scholars, helped present the \$1000 scholarships and told us that our recipients will have the opportunity apply for matching grants.

Other recipients unable to attend today were: Erica Van Dyke of Biglerville High School who will be going to Appalachian State in NC majoring in Psychology and Kyle May from Gettysburg High School who will be headed to Penn State University, studying Biology in preparation for a career in medicine.

Jody thanked members of Scholarship Committee who selected these fine winners of our scholarships: Lynn Cairns, Scott Wehler, Mark Grim, Nathan Hockley, Michelle, Ali, Sharon DeOms Geleta, and Ron Bailey.

CONGRATULATIONS, FELICIA

Interact Student Felicia Orendorff received a Gettysburg Rotary Presidential Certificate for her work with the Borough of Gettysburg in the cleanup of the Rec Park. President Eric cited the letter that Felicia received from John Butterfield, chairman of the Gettysburg Borough Council who praised Felicia's leadership skills in bringing this project to fruition. Wonderful job, Felicia!!

COMING PROGRAMS

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

50/50

The 50-50, worth \$31, was won by Visiting Rotarian Richard Wingate who graciously donated his winnings back to the club.

Highlights from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 19, 2011

On the recommendation of the membership committee, the board of directors intends to publish summaries of its regular meetings for general information. A summary is being presented so the information can be timely – official meeting minutes are available to any member once they are approved by the board.

Approved minutes from the March regular board meeting and one special meeting.

Accepted the April 2011 Treasurer's Report.

Accepted, with regret, the resignations of Em Cole, Jim Ross and Kevin Mahoney, for business reasons.

Approved the request of Jim Sheen to become a member of the 85 Club.

Approved Scott Keller's request for a leave of absence of six months.

Welcomed Larry Redding into the club.

Approved make-up attendance credit for the May Camp Happy Valley Clean Up; June Roadside Clean Up; the Pasta Dinner; and the Dictionary Distribution.

Accepted the April 2011 Treasurer's Report and the 2009-2010 Audit Report.

Reviewed delinquent member accounts.

Discussed the draft 2011-2012 budget; President Eric appointed a budget committee consisting of President Eric, President-Elect Pete, Mike Hanson, Sharon DeOms Geleta, Larry Defuge and John Phillips to review the budget in detail.

Roadside Cleanup, led by Greg Kalmus, is being rescheduled to June.

Four academic scholarships were awarded, one each to students at Fairfield, Delone, Upper Adams, and Gettysburg.

Scheduling issues have arisen with Hauser Winery and the proposed Rotary Benevolent Fund Wine Fundraiser; Jody Dickey will investigate options.

Kaitlyn Yoder (co-founder of our Rotaract Club) has been nominated to District for an Ambassadorial Scholarship.

Foundation giving is at \$7,958.00 for the Rotary Year. Seven \$100.00 drawings have been conducted. 34 club members qualify as Every Rotarian Every Year, with 23 taking advantage of contributing through the quarterly dues billing. The Rotary Club of Gettysburg Benevolent Fund principal balance has reached \$14,000.00; \$25,000.00 is required before the fund can start making distributions.

- No organization came forward for teaming on the beer tent at the American Civil War Museum. Revival of some of the prior club fundraisers (e.g. pancake breakfast) was discussed, specifically for visibility and club camaraderie.

Club records/archives were discussed, specifically the lack of knowledge as to who has what, the lack of a single location for storage, and the lack of a club historian. The 100th anniversary of the club in 2020 was raised, together with the possibility of starting now to compile a complete history of the club.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, June 16, 2011, at 7:30 a.m. at the North Office of the Adams County National Bank. All members are welcome to attend.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Em Cole, Jim Ross and Kevin Mahoney resigned for business reasons, Jim Sheen transferred to the 85 Club & Scott Keller requested a leave of absence for 6 months.

WELCOME new member Larry Redding. Please update your Directory.

WE MISSED YOU

DeOms Geleta, Defuge, Grim, Hamrick, Hoch, Hockley, Kramb, Laughman, Leshner, Murray, Parmentier, Patrono, J&W Railing, Ritter

