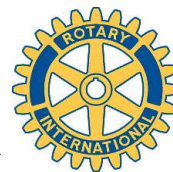




The Battlefielder

ROTARY CLUB OF GETTYSBURG, PA

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NEXT MEETING — JULY 23 Gettysburg Hotel– Noon

Program will feature classification talks by Lewis, Witherow, and Norton, or as many of them as can be squeezed into the program period. President Mark will be out of town, so Scott Wehler will be presiding on the 23rd.

THIS WEEK'S MEETING — JULY 16

President Mark Grim called the meeting to order at the appointed time. Jeff Gabel led the members in "America the Beautiful," followed by the Flag Pledge and a reciting of the 4 Way Test. Dick Peterson gave the invocation, and the meeting was under way!

GUESTS

It was announced that there were 52 Rotarians in attendance. Guests included Kib Roulette (Honorary); Greg Kalmus, with Genesis Health Care; Mike Boyd, art gallery director of Kunstler Gallery; and Deb Adamik. Jonathan Hofe, a GAHS student who is going to Germany on Youth Exchange, was also present.

MAKE-UPS

Rob Leshner: e-makeup

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

Prior to the meeting, Jim Sheen handed out the new Rotary Membership Directories, and he attributed their composition and preparation to his wife, Ellie.

50/50 & HAPPY BUCKS

Eric Gladhill won the 50-50 (samo samo)!

Happy Buck spenders included Curt Musselman (glad the Electric Map will be preserved), Carey Moore (son David is biking across USA for benefit of Lance Armstrong cancer research) Larry Defuge, Bill Sluck (in honor of Ron Hankey's 45' putt at the Hospital Golf Tournament), and Scott McNair (thanks to Rotary for helping with the Hospital Golf Tournament)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mark announced the **membership picnic would be held on September 15**, at the Lake Heritage Pavilion. He also read a donation thank you note from "Meals & More," the soup kitchen sponsored by Prince of Peace Episcopal Church.

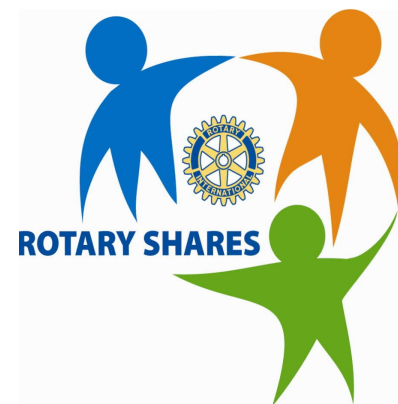
PROGRAM

Due to last minute budget negotiations, Representative Dan Moul was unable to be present as the main speaker. Bill Kough stepped up to the plate with a presentation on the Wills House project. Bill is President of Main Street Gettysburg.

Bill reminded us that the Wills House was built in the 1820's, and had a number of owners until David Wills purchased it in 1859. Wills lived there and practiced law from an office in his home. The Lincoln connection occurred in November of 1863, when the dedication of the National Cemetery took place. President Lincoln, an invited speaker for the ceremony, accepted overnight accommodations offered by Attorney Wills. The President and 33 other guests slept in the home the night before the ceremony took place. Some portions of the famous "Gettysburg Address" were composed while Lincoln was in residence at the Wills House, according to Gabor Boritt, noted local historian. Bill also mentioned that the Wills House served as a hospital following the Battle, as did many other buildings in and about the Borough of Gettysburg.

Our speaker emphasized that the restoration of the Wills House was going to be a total restoration, but both the outside appearance and inside layout will remain faithful to 1863 architectural parameters. The House will be stocked with furniture and artifacts from the National Park Service and the National Archives, and will become a quality museum. The prize furniture piece will be Abraham Lincoln's original Wills House bed. The Wills House will be considered the official downtown Visitors' Center and will be operated by Main Street. The net proceeds will all go to local preservation efforts. Completion of the project, Bill said, is scheduled for July, 2008, and the open house likely will be held in November, 2008.

**REPORTED THIS WEEK BY
JACK PHILLIPS
THANK YOU!**



NOTES FROM EDITORS RE: DIRECTORY

Please make these changes in your new Rotary Club Directory.

- **Hal Dunkelberger**—
DOB- May 9, 1915 NOT 1015! We respect Hal's seniority but this is ridiculous!!
- **Kathy Powley**—
Her correct email address is kmpowley@bankofhanover.com
- **Ron Hankey** —
Sponsor— Jim Sheen

Please let us know of any more changes or corrections.

We are pleased to report that Dotty Moul's husband, Dennis is recovering well from recent open heart surgery.

WE MISSED YOU....

Beegle, Brown, Crawford, Dickey, Dilts, Dombrowsky, Flowers, Glatfelter, Hans (leave of absence), Hoch, Kramb, Lonky, Luckenbaugh, D. Myers, Peters, Small, Snyder, Tarbox, Van-Meerbeke, Wagaman, Webster, Wehler, Weintraub