

THE BATTLEFIELDER



ROTARY CLUB OF GETTYSBURG, PA

Gettysburg Hotel — Mondays at Noon



JULY 18, 2011

ADAMS COUNTY OFFICE OF AGING

David Laughman, Program Chair, introduced Steve Niebler, Director of the Adams County Office for Aging since 1983, who presented an excellent program about the services his agency provides throughout the county.

Steve is a Gettysburg High School and American University graduate. As a GHS student, he spent a week at Rotary Student Leader camp where he learned valuable leadership and public speaking skills. He and wife Faye, a retired teacher, are area residents with two grown children.



Steve Niebler, ACOFA and David Laughman, program chair

ACOFA offers 25 services, categorized as either In-Home or Community, which help bridge the gap for senior citizens from independence to assisted, in house, or nursing home care. According to Steve, Pennsylvania may well be the best state for senior services because of an annual allotment of 1.5 billion through the PA lottery and programs like property tax rebates and the pharmacy discount program PACE.

ACOFA's In-Home Services include helping 40 county seniors with care in their own homes which spares them from a nursing home and 3 Adult Day Care Centers for seniors who require day-time supervision. Adult Protective Services deal with elder abuse issues and an Ombudsman program provides mediation or refereeing. 200 senior citizens wear a Lifeline which connects them to an emergency operator 24 hours a day. ACOFA also loans out medical equipment like walkers.

Community Services include the operation of 7 Senior Centers throughout the county which are open 4 hours a day, serve a hot meal, and where highly competitive games of Wii Bowling are all the rage. Volunteer opportunities are available with Meals on Wheels and Faith in Action, at the Eisenhower Farm, and with taking water samples of county streams. ACOFA also offers an insurance resource program.

Anyone age 60 or older qualifies for services which are offered either free or on a sliding scale based upon financial means. ACOFA is a private, nonprofit corporation with a 15 member board and a staff of 19. The lottery funds 80% of its 1.8 million dollar annual budget with the remainder from federal, state, local municipalities, and donations.

VP Mike Hanson presided for President Pete who is on vacation.

Song—My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean, led by Ron Bailey

ATTENDANCE:

43 Rotarians

GUESTS

Jackson Culver— Robin's son who volunteered

Walt Jones— Philanthropy award

Thomas Cyr— guest of Carolyn Wag man

Steve Neibler—speaker

Edith Waldrun— guest of Carrie Stuart

VISITING ROTARIAN

Lydia Helwig Nazarowa— Rotary Club of Erinelo, Netherlands

PHILANTHROPY

Sharon DeOms Geleta presented a check for \$900 to Walt Jones, chair of the Senior Self Improvement Committee.

Dr. Jones explained that the program has been serving students since 2004. The Senior Self-Improvement Award is aimed at turning around the lives of potential dropouts. Each school year, seniors from the six school districts have an opportunity to make a positive turn in their life and receive reward money for their accomplishment. Over the past six years, 120 students have completed high school and have benefited from the program.

The Senior Self Improvement Award is a \$500 cash award given to the senior demonstrating the most overall self-improvement in grades, attendance, behavior, attitude, effort, and service to others, during his or her senior year. Cash awards are also given to four runners up. Dr. Jones recently ran into a past award-winner who had turned her life around. The young woman, formerly incorrigible, had found the motivation to attend HACC, get a job with Wellspan, and to pursue a degree as a registered nurse.



Carrie Stuart, Walt Jones, Sharon DeOms Geleta,
Mike Hanson

THIS WEEK'S REPORTER

CHRIS GLADFELTER

THANK YOU!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Van Meerbeke asked for volunteers for the invocation during August.

ROTARY FOUNDATION



Gettysburg Rotary giving to The Foundation:

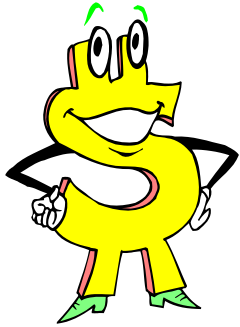
1. In the past three years our Gettysburg Rotary Club has donated \$30,392. to the Rotary Foundation.
2. In the past three years we have awarded 26 of those \$100 donated to the Rotary Bucket by members and guests.
3. This past Rotary year of Eric Gladhill's we have donated \$9,583 to the Foundation.
4. This past Rotary year we have 36 Rotarians who qualify for the *Every Rotarian Every Year* category.
5. At least 22 Rotarians make a scheduled giving to the Foundation through their quarterly dues.
6. As good as this might seem, it is obvious that we can do a better job in our giving and I certainly encourage all members to reassess their ability to help others in *Service Above Self*.

Bob Gough — (retiring after 3 years as chair of the Foundation committee)

COMING PROGRAMS

- 25-Jul – “The Power of Rotary” (John Smarge, RI Director 2010-2012)
01-Aug – “Campus Kitchen” (Emily Lindholm & Can Nguyen)





HAPPY BUCK\$\$\$

\$\$ Brad Hoch: told a story in honor of our guest Rotarian from the Netherlands. He bought a Coke at an airport in her country. The clerk spoke English. Some Japanese travelers bought Cokes, too, but were upset that the clerk didn't speak their language. After they left, she told Brad, I speak four languages (Dutch, English, German, and French) and here I am selling Coke!

\$\$ Barb Ernico: for her tree-hugging son in Colorado on popping the question.

\$\$ Norris Flowers: for winning 50/50 and for the 122 hours and counting till B. J. Small's wedding.

\$\$ Joe D'Amato: C.S. Davidson sponsored a concert at the York Central Market where Joe asked the Davidson rep if she knew Eric Gladhill. She said yes and asked if he's still telling those terrible jokes.



VP Mike Hanson and our visiting Rotarian from the Netherlands exchange banners.

50/50

Norris Flowers won \$22

WE MISSED YOU

Ali, Beegle, Birkner, Brown, Crosby, Farabaugh, Hamrick, Hockley, Murray, T. Myers, Parmentier, Patrono, Rappoldt, Redding, Ricker, Tarbox.