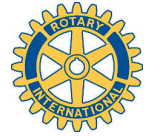


August 3, 2009



The Battlefielder



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

FUTURE PROGRAMS

AUGUST 10-

RYLA students will present the program along with Brad Hoch who will tell about his Honduras Medical Mission trip in June.

ATTENDANCE

56 Rotarians and Honorary Connie and new Honorary Ellie were there.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Ken introduced 4 students

GUESTS

Lisa Conklin's son Nathan
Bill Mosser
 guest of Jack Phillips
Bob Weed
 guest of Paul Martin
Angela Vandett
 Hickory, NC

VISITING ROTARIANS

Ric Vandett—
 Hickory Sunrise Club, NC
Paul Burkhart— Carlisle
Gary Froseth (PDG) —
 "Homeless in Seattle"

50/50

\$30 American was won by
Fred Guinn

**THIS WEEK'S
REPORTER
BOB GOUGH
THANK YOU!**

The Rotary Club of Gettysburg began its August 3, 2009, meeting with the invocation brought by Lisa Conklin, who read the creed of Optimist International, a most fitting opening..

After the buffet lunch President John Kramb continued with the agenda. Bill Sluck led us in a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" dedicated to Carrie Stuart and John Kresky. The salute to the American flag and the recitation of the Four Way Test concluded the intro to the day's agenda.



HAPPY BUCKS were in great abundance, making up for the lack thereof from last week. I will be brief in my summation because I don't wish to misrepresent any comments made by our fellow Rotarians.

- ☺ Ken Farabaugh, aided by John Kramb, read a letter from Ingrid, one of our more recent exchange students extolling the efforts of Connie Farabaugh in her work with the program. Certainly Connie was ably helped by Ken.
- ☺ Fred Guinn made pay back for his winning the 50-50, abetted by his remembering his bumper sticker number from the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church.
- ☺ Cary Moore, Jim Sheen, and Jennifer Railing dedicated monies to the recovery of Bill Railing from knee replacement surgery. Jennifer also is celebrating her 5 year anniversary as a Rotarian.
- ☺ John Kresky paid us for the Happy Birthday serenade, twice over.
- ☺ Bill Hall celebrates 44 years of married life as well as now being eligible for Senior status!
- ☺ Sharon DeOms-Geleta spoke of renewing family ties at a wonderful gathering of the kin.
- ☺ Jim Sheen told of his Oshkosh Fly-in and *Service Above Self* help from a police officer in Monee, Ill when the car key was lost. Another buck for a local pilot who won the top award at Oshkosh for his newly restored 1930 Waco.
- ☺ Ed Luckenbaugh informed us of the Shoes.
- ☺ Bill Sluck spoke also of Ingrid and her stay with Bill and Linda Sluck while in Gettysburg.
- ☺ Lastly, Barbara Ernico told us that "Life is Good."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sharon DeOms-Geleta won the \$100 drawing for the Paul Harris contribution.
- Our visiting Rotarian Ric Vandett exchanged club flags with President John.
- The club treasurer Larry Defuge presented to the members a summary of this past Rotary year's budget.
- Lisa Conklin, Club Service chair, reminded Rotarians of the dinner and show at the Land of Little Horses, scheduled for August 24. Deadline for reservations is August 10. Sign up!! (SEE PAGE 4)
- Our Italian exchange student, Filippo Vittori, thanked Rotarians for their help and hospitality as he readies for return to his native land.

MANY THANKS to Scott Wehler for preparing the Bulletin last week while we were away. Scott will also be helping out later this month. Nice job, Scott, I really appreciate your help.

Ellie

We are in the process of updating the Membership Directory. Please let us know if you have had a change in any of your information. Email address changes happen frequently so let us know if yours is different. The goal is to have the Directory as current as possible but we need your help.

Reply to — sheenej@comcast.net

www.gettysburgrotary.org

I would love to update the Rotary website with current information. Please send me information on your events, committees and projects. Dates and descriptions of events would be great. Photos are a plus.

I also need the current board list and any other updates that you would like to see. Remember the website throughout the year and send me fresh information. The website can only be as current as the information that I receive.

Don't forget that we have an archive of our newsletters online that you can refer to if you want to remember last year.

Hope to hear from you.

Florence Tarbox
www.gettysburgrotary.org

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, I've made it a whole month, and there have been no impeachment efforts yet. Secretary John says we can't do that anyway. We have several exciting things coming up. First, we have the picnic at the Land of Little Horses. I think Lisa has taken an exceptionally creative approach to this, and I hope to see you there. Remember, there will be no regular meeting that day (THE 24TH); the meeting will be at LOLH. Besides, what could be more fun than having fellowship and watching horses perform. Lisa just better not try to get ME on one of those tiny things. Maybe if enough money was raised for the Foundation, I'd consider it.

Also, within the next couple of weeks we will have a club meeting to discuss the long range goal/s of the club. If you read the email that Secretary John sent on my behalf, this project is meant to be something inspiring, something grand, something that says "WOW". I like to think of "est" statements. Biggest, best, loveliest, grandest, only-est, prettiest. Put on your think caps and think of something that we can do. Remember, the guidelines are: if you knew that you couldn't fail; and if money were no object.

As far as programs go, let's help make life easier for Chairman Pete Ricker. You have always had great ideas in this area, so send him yours.

Ta ta for now.

John G. Kramb
Adams County Winery



PROGRAM

Pete Ricker introduced Paul Martin who gave his classification talk.

Paul is branch manager at PNC Bank in Gettysburg. He originally hails from Shrewsbury, PA. In 2000 Paul and his wife Elli moved to Seattle to be near his mother as she dealt with terminal cancer. Paul came to regard Seattle very fondly, comparing it culturally and otherwise to Gettysburg. It seems that Seattle receives less rain than Gettysburg. What? Paul was able to take the 12 Step program to deal with coffee withdrawal which was brought on by the abundance of Starbuck locations in the Far West and lack of them here.

Regarding his time in Seattle, Paul served as youth pastor and life counselor for young people aged 12 to 17. These youth became involved in humanitarian aid trips to Central America and the Caribbean Islands. One lasting highlight of these trips was the unplanned visit to Margaritaville, located in Montego Bay.

Encouraged by a friend, Paul sought employment in the banking industry. Soon he found himself as a bank manager. In the meanwhile, Paul's wife Elli had been suffering from severe migraine headaches. According to the myriad physicians who were consulted on the problem, one common cure was identified. Elli would have to become pregnant. In 2008 the family returned to the Gettysburg area with Paul's being hired by PNC. In the course of time, the doctors' advice proved accurate. The headaches are gone and a new child blesses the family.

We welcome Paul to Rotary and know that he will add his talents and abilities to our club.

Did you know?

A ROTARIAN'S VISION

by Ellie Sheen

In his email and President's Report to Gettysburg Rotarians, President John talks about future club efforts that need a "WOW" element. Coincidentally, the following article shows how a vision of just one person can definitely provide a "WOW" factor.

We have just returned from what has become an annual trek to Janesville, Wisconsin. The city is southeast of Madison and is the home of the Rotary Botanical Gardens, a 20-acre internationally themed botanical garden. There are more than 18 different garden areas represented, with more being added yearly. I highly recommend it as a destination if you are ever in that vicinity.

Rotary Gardens was founded in 1989. The site was previously home to a sand & gravel company, cattle auctions, BMX bike races, and later became a holding area for items unwanted by the city.

Dr. Robert Yahr, a local orthodontist and Rotarian, envisioned the area as the site for a botanical garden. The two local Rotary Clubs were instrumental in beginning the project. Rotary Gardens is now its own not-for-profit organization. (It is *not* associated with Rotary International) It was Dr. Yahr who believed that an old sand and gravel pit and a junk depository could be transformed into a world class botanical garden. It was Dr. Yahr who got his fellow Rotarians on board, raised money for the gardens, moved dirt and planted thousands of plant specimens.

The story started on a mild winter day in February 1988. "I was down there looking at what the Kiwanians had done with the Atlas gravel pit,"

Yahr said. "They had put in a nice new lawn and planted things for wildlife." Further west was Lions Beach. But between the two was a run-down area being used as a holding area for items the city didn't want.

But Yahr didn't see the junk. He saw a great botanical garden, like those he had seen on his biking trips in Europe. He believed that his service organization, the Noon Rotary Club, could take on the project. (They meet Mon. at noon just like Gbg!)

He started with some of the city's castoffs at the site. "What caught my eye were the laminated beams, made of wood, that were used as light posts at the old city sewage plant," Yahr said. Those beams were used to build the Japanese bridge, which has become an elegant icon of Rotary Gardens.



The sculpture "Dialogue World Peace Through Friendship" by O.V. Shaffer greets visitors at the garden entrance.

That was just the beginning. Now, 20 years later, Rotary Gardens is a 20-acre, award-winning garden dedicated to "International Peace and Friendship".

A corps of approximately 400 volunteers contributes nearly 20,000 hours of their time each year, assisting in everything from grounds maintenance to greeting visitors, guiding tours to preparing mailings. Especially interesting is a group of volunteers called "The Grumpies". It started out as retired men who lent assistance to the grounds department

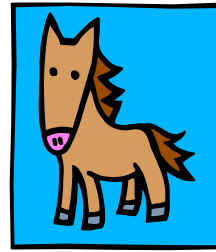
and called themselves The Grumpy Old Men. Over the years, women and a few younger volunteers joined the group so the name was changed to "Grumpies".

The Gardens were built by volunteer contributions and participation. There were no tax dollars involved in this process for the first ten years. In recent years, the city has donated money to cover a portion of the annual budget; however, in 2004 eliminated their portion from Rotary Gardens operational budget. The majority of the budget is still funded through private donations from corporations, local businesses, and individuals. Operational revenue is raised through support of Friends of Rotary Botanical Gardens, donations, an endowment fund, event fees, facility and gardens rental fees, plant sales and related sources. Entrance was free until this April when they instituted a fee of \$5. Extensive vandalism required the installation of a security system and the major flooding last year made the charge necessary.

Each year there is a color scheme for the plants in the entrance gardens. This year it is pink and chartreuse and was spectacular!



The 2009 Entrance Gardens



It's A Dog and Pony Show!!

Rotary Dinner Show

Monday, August 24, 2009

Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Show 7:15 – 8:00 PM

Dinner to include: Fresh Vegetables with Dip * Chips & Salsa * Fried Chicken * Pulled Pork BBQ with Rolls
Baked Beans * Potato Salad * Cole Slaw * Fruit Slices * Cake * Ice Tea & Lemonade

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BONUS:

FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD, A NEEDY CHILD OF ADAMS COUNTY WILL RECEIVE A PASS TO THE LAND OF LITTLE HORSES VALUED AT \$11.95!!

Directions form the Gettysburg Square:

Travel West on Rte. 30 (York Street), approx. 3 miles from the center of town, turn left on Knoxlyn Road, travel approx. 2 miles, turn right on Glenwood Drive, the farm is on your right.