

THE BATTLEFIELDER



ROTARY CLUB OF GETTYSBURG, PA

Gettysburg Hotel — Mondays at Noon



August 30, 2010

SPEAKER— CHIDO, OUR AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR FROM ZIMBABWA

Our speaker today was Chido Munangagwa, a senior at Gettysburg College. She has been selected by the district as the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Recipient for next year. Our club nominated her and she was the successful student that was selected by the district committee.

She is currently a student at Gettysburg College majoring in Economics and French.

Chido was born and raised in Zimbabwe (formerly known as Rhodesia). Her country has been going through very severe financial challenges recently. They have recently begun using the American Dollar as their currency to eliminate the severe inflationary problems they have been having.

Zimbabwe is located in the southern part of Africa and is about the size of Montana, some 390,700 square meters (150,871 sq miles). It is bordered by Mozambique, South Africa, Botswana, and Zambia. The capitol is Harare.

Zimbabwe has a tropical climate with a rainy season from November through March.

Coal, Diamonds, Nickel and platinum are primarily the raw materials for which Zimbabwe is known. This is the basis for most exports. Tourism is also important to the economy.

Shona, Ndebele and English are the principal languages of Zimbabwe.

92% of the citizens are literate in Zimbabwe which is the highest in Africa.

The largest two ethnic groups in Zimbabwe are the Shona (80-84%) and the Ndebele (10-15%). Whites are less than 1%.

Their diet consists largely of meat and vegetables. They are very much a tea drinking country due to their British roots.



President Eric opened the meeting at 12:17 PM

Invocation was by John VanMeerbeke

Our **Song** was led by Ron Bailey. He gave us a great version of *Oh, What a Beautiful Morning*, the famous Rodgers and Hammerstein song.

ATTENDANCE

ROTARIANS— 47

GUESTS

Susi Guinn—Guest of Fred

Chido Munangogwa—guest of the club-speaker

VISITING ROTARIAN

PDG Ben Hoover—York

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **No meeting next week due to Labor Day.**
- September 20 will be the District Governor's visit. Please be present.
- Jody Dickey reported that we have sold 60 tickets so far for the Scholarship Committee's fund raising wine event at the Hauser Winery on September 10, 6-9 PM. Please keep selling tickets. They can be gotten on line or call Jody or anyone on the scholarship committee.



ROTARY FOUNDATION Bucket Bonus!

Bob Gough, the Foundation Committee chair, conducted a drawing for a \$100 credit to a lucky member. The credit is added to a member's account at Rotary Foundation.

The winner was #68 Mark Grim.

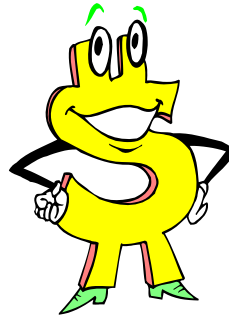
MORE FOUNDATION NEWS

Our collections for the bucket today amounted to \$16.44. Keep the money coming!! The bucket accepts coin, cash, and even checks made out to the club.

By way of reminder, the Rotary Foundation accepts your checks any time during the year. However, we would like for all Gettysburg Rotarians to become Every Rotarian Every Year for \$100.

Thanks for your ongoing support of the work of the Rotary Foundation.

Bob Gough



HAPPY BUCK\$

\$\$ John Krumb 34-12. The Denver Broncos beat the Pittsburgh Steelers this past weekend by this exact same score.

\$\$ Bill Hall 3,028 students were back to school last Wednesday. He reported that some mothers wept but most rejoiced upon the opening of school.

\$\$ David Myers. His son turns 2 on August 31 and starts pre-school today.

\$\$ Brad Hoch upon his return from vacation. He reports that you hear stupid tourist questions around the world, not just in Gettysburg. Like "Why did the Romans build so many ruins?" Or "Does this ship generate its own electricity?"

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

The resignations of Paul Martin and Greg Livelsberger were accepted by the board.



THIS WEEK'S REPORTER
SCOTT WEHLER
THANK YOU!

From pg 1 —CHIDO

For sports they enjoy soccer, cricket and rugby.

The British entered Zimbabwe in the 1880's when Cecil John Rhodes brought in the British South Africa Company. The UK annexed Southern Rhodesia from the [British] South Africa Company in 1923. Southern Rhodesia became a self-governing British colony in October 1923, subsequent to a 1922 referendum.

A 1961 constitution was formulated that favored whites in power. In 1965 the government unilaterally declared its independence, but the UK did not recognize the act and demanded more complete voting rights for the black African majority in the country (then called Rhodesia). The government was led by Ian Smith and would not recognize the right to vote for all citizens. UN sanctions and a guerrilla uprising finally led to free elections in 1979 and independence (as Zimbabwe) in 1980. April 18, 1980 was Independence Day.

Land reform has been the important topic since independence. Before independence, 70% of the arable land was owned by 1% of the population. Today, land rights are not assigned due to land grabbing. Many farmers have been displaced because of the so called land reform. Many knowledgeable about farming have left. Now, instead of feeding itself, Zimbabwe imports food.

The major player in the government since independence has been Robert Mugabe. He now shares power in a Government of National Unity formed in 2008.

Recently President Obama has been meeting with leaders from the Unity Government and that has given them hope.

Chido is a student at Gettysburg College, a senior, and she hopes to do graduate work in England.

She has worked with the Center for Public Service at the College and spent time on Project Gettysburg-Leon. This is the project that benefits Nicaragua.

She has served as a RA for underclassman under Residence Life at the college.

She is a fellow with the Eisenhower Institute.

During the last two summers, she has interned with JP Morgan in NY. Her sophomore

summer she spent with the National Resource Group and her junior summer she spent with the Syndicated and Leveraged Finance Group. She has gotten a job offer from the Leveraged Finance Group. She has worked out a deal to delay her start of work while she takes on graduate work.

She hopes to attend the London School of Economics with a major in Finance and Private Equity. The masters program would be a 10 month program if she gets accepted.

In her spare time, she hopes to work with a project to get used text books for students back home and to work to help girls in orphanages back home.

She hopes in her career to be able to help entrepreneurs from her country obtain access to venture capital markets.

She expressed special thanks to Club President Eric Gladhill and former District Governor Ben Hoover in helping her receive this award. It will mostly pay for her tuition next year.

Questions from the club Brad Hoch asked about Chinese investment in her country and how it is affecting American interests there. Chido said that the Chinese are active there and their goods are low cost, but also low quality in many cases. She thinks it is gaining them some strategic advantage and may help sew up access to materials.

Carrey Moore asked about the education system. Chido told the club that she went to a good primary school and an all girls boarding school for high school. There is a competition for resources for education in Zimbabwe.

Bob McQuaide asked where the name Zimbabwe came from. Apparently it means House of Stone.

David Laughman asked about agriculture, where Zimbabwe used to export food but now must import food. Chido said that this is true and that land reform gone wrong is the cause. Much of the farming that is getting done is being done by foreigners.

That was it. The program ended with the official mug presentation.



*Raise Your Glasses
to Higher Education*

Hauser Estate Winery
Sept. 10, 2010
6-9PM

\$25* (or \$30 at the door)

*Price includes 2 glasses of wine and unlimited appetizers.
Tickets may be purchased at www.hauserestate.com


Al Parsons Band

*Clink, drink,
and send 'em off to think!*

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This event is open to the public to attend. So please invite friends! Tickets will be available for purchase at Rotary meetings, and also online at the Hauser Winery.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

- Sept 6th – No Meeting (that was easy to schedule a speaker!!)
- Sept 13th – Treasurer's Report and Emily Peter Classification (Eisenhower Room)
- Sept 20th – District Governor Will Kirkpatrick Official Visit
- Sept 27th – Nancy Forgang – "Faith in Action" (Eisenhower Room)