

September 28, 2009



# The Battlefielder



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

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

### OCTOBER 5—

Joddie Walker— Adams Co.  
Children's Advocacy Center

### OCTOBER 12—

Joanne Martin of Brittany's  
Hope

### OCTOBER 19—

Navy Commander Timothy  
Reigle from the War  
College.

### OCTOBER 26—

Colonel Jeffrey Marlette also  
from the War College.

## ATTENDANCE

56 Rotarians, 2 Honorary  
**EXCHANGE STUDENTS**  
Helene & Guillermo

## GUESTS

Katrina Boucher —guest of  
John Phillips &  
John Kramb  
John Hoyle & Steve Borth—  
speakers  
Charles Wilcox, former  
member, —guest of  
Jack Phillips  
Kaila Gainer— guest of  
Lisa Conklin

## VISITING ROTARIAN

Harold Dunkelberger—  
Selinsgrove  
Graham Norman—  
Sandy, UK  
John Phillips—  
Millersburg, OH

## PLEASE NOTE:

THERE WILL BE A MEETING ON OCTOBER 12

## PROGRAM

### Are You Ready?

U.S. Department of Homeland Security and FEMA Representatives John Hoyle and Steven Borth, an Adams County resident, presented an informative program about emergency preparedness. Through its "Ready" Campaign, the Dept of Homeland Security educates and empowers Americans to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies including natural disasters and terrorists attacks.

Mr. Hoyle pointed out that his agency battles apathy, too, which stops some people from taking action which would aid them in a disaster. If the interest shown after the meeting in the handouts left by the speakers is an indicator, our club members do not fall into this category.

There are 3,200 organizations currently that are part of the National Preparedness Management Coalition which assist when necessary at a local level. Our club was invited to become one of these groups.

Mr. Hoyle explained how understaffed FEMA was during Katrina and that staffing has increased dramatically since then to a current full time complement of 4,000.

He recommended that we have two 3-days' supply emergency kits, one for the home and a portable one for the car. Kits should include items like nonperishable food, can opener, water (a gallon a day per person), radio with batteries, flashlight, a whistle to signal location, and wrench or pliers to shut off utilities.

Pets need to be ready, too, with a similar set of items that also includes leashes, collars, ID tags, medical records, medications, carrier, toys, and a photo.

Steve Borth took over the program at this point with a story about meeting Nepalese Rotarians in Katmandu while there on a training session. How to stay in touch during an emergency was his topic. He suggested designating an out of town contact person, hopefully far removed from the local emergency, who family members could call. Pick two places to meet if separated, one in the neighborhood and one away. It's a smart idea to designate a person to step in and help older people, those with special needs, and pets if you're not available to lend your daily support.

Steve stressed that during an emergency, if we're told to evacuate, we should do so and listen to local emergency management officials. Plan a route in advance, know public transportation options, take your kit, and lock your door. If it's necessary for a "shelter in place", get inside, close and lock doors, windows, vents, fireplaces, and turn off fans.

During the questions afterward, Scott Wehler mentioned Rotary's work with the Shelter in a Box program that John endorsed as a success.

**THIS WEEK'S  
REPORTER  
Chris Glatfelter  
THANK YOU!**



## HAPPY BUCKS

- ☺ Jeffrey Gabel: Eisenhower Institute Symposium at the Majestic which recognized the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Khrushchev's visit to Ike's farm. CSpan covered the event which Mike Birkner introduced.
- ☺ Dick Peterson: Lions' winning streak begins and it looks Michigan's does, too.
- ☺ Bill Kough: a buck to the club and the rest to Ken Farabaugh for the Exchange students
- ☺ Jim Sheen: the Fly-in Breakfast—350 breakfasts served in spite of not great weather. Proceeds go to Youth Aviation scholarships, etc.
- ☺ Lisa Conklin: Thanks to her strong constitution, husband and son, she's none the worse for wear after a fall at her home which required an ambulance and trip the hospital.
- ☺ Guest Kaila Gaines: for the Bengals victory
- ☺ Dave Myers: liked the Saturday night football results with Penn State and Notre Dame
- ☺ Eric Gladhill: in honor of his mother. (The Club extends sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your mother, Eric.)
- ☺ Exchange Student Helene: happy to go shopping with Bill Kough's money

**50/50  
WINNER WAS BILL KOUGH**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* Ken Farabaugh announced that club members are invited to join him for the Youth Exchange interviews to be held at his office on Tuesday, October 6.
- \* Exchange Student Helene announced a Bingo night to benefit Gettysburg High School cheerleaders on October 18.

## Did you know?

**WOW! There were THREE John Phillips' at Rotary on Monday!**

Rotarian John Phillips, home club Millersburg, OH, was visiting Gettysburg and came for lunch. This gentleman rode here from Wooster, OH on his BMW motorcycle on his way to Antietam. He is a retired School Administrator, (check his rather appropriate email address::: [at\\_recess@hotmail.com](mailto:at_recess@hotmail.com)), has 33 years of perfect Rotary attendance, has attended meetings at 284 Rotary clubs in 49 states and Canada, and, hold your hats, is 80 years old!



## WE MISSED YOU

Brister, Burns, Crosby, Flowers, Grim, Hoch, Kalmus, Keller, Leshner, Lewis, Murray, Parmentier, Powley, J&W Railing, Rappoldt, Ritter, Ross, Scheib, Seidel, Turley, Webster