



The Battlefielder

ROTARY CLUB OF GETTYSBURG, PA

Weekly Bulletin— April 28, 2008



NEXT MEETING — MAY 5, 2008 — NOON — GETTYSBURG HOTEL
PROGRAM — Group Study Exchange Team— Rob Leshner

April 28th Meeting

President Mark called the April 28th meeting to order. Jeffrey Gabel led the Club in a rousing rendition of “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” and Tom Ritter provided the invocation.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Rotarians— 52
 Honorary— 1

EXCHANGE & INTERACT

Alisa Shafar, Peter Chen, Sam Pryor, Rachel Small

GUESTS

Susi Guinn & Barbara Ernico—
 guests of Fred Guinn
 Sherry Grim— guest of Mark Grim
 Becky Kessel—
 guest of Tammy Myers
 Lisa Conklin— guest of John Kramb
 Fred Baber— guest of Gary Rappoldt
 Matt Sheads— guest of Nate Hockley

VISITING ROTARIANS

Sandy Buck— Hampton, NH
 Paul Burkhart— Carlisle

The day’s program was a talk by Alisa Shafar, our exchange student from the Ukraine. Alisa provided a beautiful travelogue of Ukraine and especially her home region in the western part of the country.



She explained the symbolism of the national flag – the blue of sky and mountains over the gold of fields – and of the national symbol as representing “freedom”.

Those introductory slides were followed by pictures of the traditional costumes of the country, wonderful landscapes of mountains, valleys, and fields, and the towns and cities, including a number of beautiful churches, castles and pictures of cherry blossoms rivaling Washington D.C. at its best.

Alisa showed some of the traditional foods of the country, prepared by her mother for an exchange student they hosted last year (but not regularly on the menu at home!) and of her music school of eight years which she was happy to be through with but begrudgingly admitted that yes, she can now play the piano.

Alisa’s mother’s restaurant is the “Cactus”, an American West themed restaurant. Alisa introduced us to her family, including 10 year old Dimitri, and friends. Since arriving in the States, she’s stayed with President Mark and Sharon; Phil Trostle and Christy Simpson; and is now with Matt Sheads and his wife. Travel in the U.S. has included Washington D.C., Orlando Florida and Disney World (and her favorite ride Pirates of the Caribbean) and New York City, including Times Square, the Statute of Liberty and the top of tall skyscrapers. Alisa has also actively participated in the Rotary Exchange Student events, meeting students from a wide range of countries and making great friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dwight D. Eisenhower Humanitarian Award applications are available. The deadline is May 31, 2008 (Rob Leshner) — application form attached
- Capitol Steps Team Two is reminded to pick up your award as the top selling team (Jennifer Railing)
- Pasta Dinner is this week – sign up, get your tickets sold and money into Larry Defuge. Set up is Thursday starting at 2, under the supervision of Fred Guinn; Everyone’s help is needed Friday 2-8 (BJ Small)**
- Sub sale is Friday and all new members are reminded that help is needed 10-2;** Cases of water are available (Kristine Witherow)
- President Mark reminded all that District Conference is coming up in two weeks and echoed Ken and Bill in their accolades for the workers on the roadside cleanup and Camp Happy Valley wood cutting.
- Sandy Buck, a 14 year Rotarian with perfect attendance and a member of the Hampton, New Hampshire club exchanged club banners with President Mark and commented that our singing was better than that of his home club. No details as to whether he was talking about the club’s rendition of “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” or John Van Meerbeke’s rendition of the UD fight song.



GETTYSBURG ROTARY WEBSITE
www.gettysburgrotary.org

REPORTED THIS WEEK BY
JOHN PHILLIPS
THANK YOU



HAPPY BUCKS

- Ken Farabaugh, for the work completed at Camp Happy Valley Saturday, and a happy/sad buck for the life of Rick Gulas, former Gettysburg High School principal. Ken remembered Rick's strong support of the exchange student program.
- Bill Kough, proudly noting from a recent Rotary article that the Four Way Test was created by a fellow Oklahoman, although the test doesn't necessarily apply to Oklahoma football...
- John Van Meerbeke, for the Ravens acquiring "Fighting" Blue Hen quarterback Joe Flacco. John was then kind enough to sing the University of Delaware fight song for the Club, leading to...
- Bob McQuaide contributing a happy dololar that there isn't a second verse to the UD fight song.
- Nate Hockley, for a 25 foot chip in for par over the weekend.
- Rob Leshner for the May 18th dedication of the Harbaugh-Thomas Library in Biglerville.
- Jennifer Railing, for her sponsor, Dr. Hal Dunkelberger, receiving the Lutheran Theological Seminary Distinguished Alumni Award for Celebrated Lifetime Ministries
- Bill Railing, for the wonderful "Happy Birthday" sung last week by the "Rotary Club Choir".
- Bill Sluck for the work of the roadway trash cleanup crew.
- Mike Boyd, \$5 for winning the 50/50 and \$20 for a case of Rotary Water.
- Kristine Witherow, for her 6 year old daughter's help on roadway trash cleanup crew.
- Eric Gladhill, for being back at Rotary after two weeks away.

PHILANTHROPY

Brad Hoch accepted a \$4000.00 check on behalf of Cure International, detailing that the funds would be going to procure operating room equipment for a new orthopedic hospital in Honduras, to be staffed full time by a Hershey Medical Center surgeon who has been traveling with Brad for 13 years to correct congenital club foot and other orthopedic problems and now decided to move permanently to Honduras.

WE MISSED YOU

Baker, Beegle, Cole, Dombrowsky, Flowers, Hall, Hutchison, Kalmus, Keller, McNair, Moore, Mosser, Murphy, Musselman, D. Myers, Nelson-Small, Patrono, Starkey, Turley, Wehler.

50-50

Mike Boyd won \$26

CORRECTIONS:

From Bettye Baker regarding her Classification talk last week—
 "My daughter an attorney, and son-in-law live in Washington, DC. I am a graduate of the University of Louisville, George Washinton University and Columbia University."

ROTARY-AT-WORK DAY



THANKS TO THE ROUTE 30 CLEAN-UP CREW

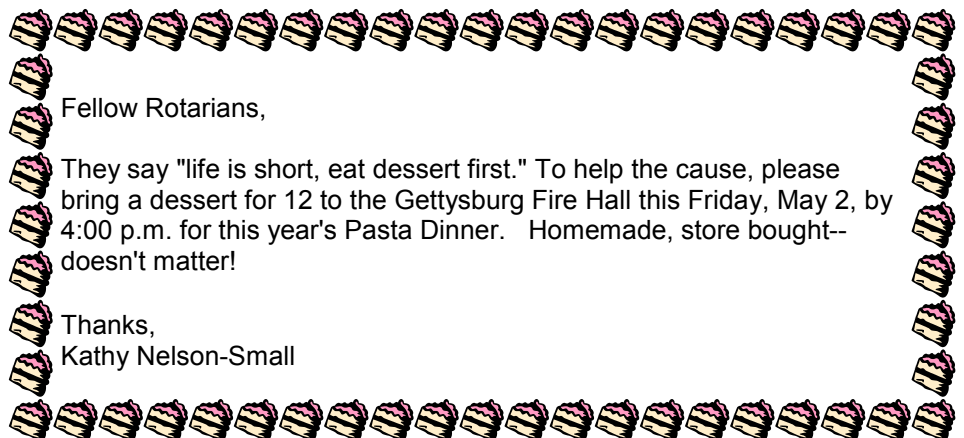
Curt Musselman Bill Sluck, Ron Bailey, Kristine Witherow
 Natasha Witherow (Kristine's daughter), Greg Kalmus

THANKS TO CAMP HAPPY VALLEY WORK DAY CREW

Ken & Connie Farabaugh, Phil, Micah & Malachi Murray, Rob Leshner, Lance Lewis, Jim Roach, Jim Ekdahl, Mike Boyd, John and David VanMeerbeke, Mark Grim, Peter Chan, Samantha and Leiter Pryor, and Chris Cascone, Ken & Connie's friend.



A Reminder to Work-Day volunteers — Your volunteer work on Saturday counts as a make-up for attendance. Notify the club secretary if you want make-up credit.



Fellow Rotarians,

They say "life is short, eat dessert first." To help the cause, please bring a dessert for 12 to the Gettysburg Fire Hall this Friday, May 2, by 4:00 p.m. for this year's Pasta Dinner. Homemade, store bought-- doesn't matter!

Thanks,
 Kathy Nelson-Small