



The Battlefielder

ROTARY CLUB OF GETTYSBURG, PA

Weekly Bulletin— April 6, 2009



NEXT MEETING, APRIL 13, 2009—NOON— GETTYSBURG HOTEL
PROGRAM —CLASSIFICATION TALK/S

The Interact Students led us in singing “America the Beautiful.”

The Pledge and Four-Way Test were led by President Scott Wehler.

The Invocation was given by Ed Luckenbaugh

ATTENDANCE

60 Rotarians, 1 Honorary

4 Interact students introduced by Tammy Myers

7 exchange students introduced themselves and their parents

VISITING ROTARIANS

Mike Hayes, Westminster, CO
 Darleen Whiting, Littleton, CO

GUESTS

Susi Guinn, Laura Goss, Scott Hartman, Seamus Garrahy, Ruth Defuge

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- * Happy Valley workday is on April 18th from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- * Pasta Dinner on May 8th – sign-up sheets were on the tables.
- * Greeters are needed – Please sign-up or call Rosemary Hutchinson and offer help.
- * The District Assembly was held last Saturday – President Scott reported on District Assembly programs that are coming up.
- * Gettysburg Rotary is to be the host in 2010 for the District Conference.
- * There will be a mixer party at John Kramb’s Wine Shop on June 29th.
- * Winners of Teacher Awards have been announced – Awards will be given at a dinner on May 18th at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel, Harrisburg – tickets are \$42.00 per person.
- * Three new members will be inducted into the Club next Monday.
- * The District Conference is to be held in York this May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. President Scott is trying to get a full table for the dinner on May 3rd.
- * We will vote on the By-laws revision on May 18th. Everyone will receive a copy of the proposed revised By-laws before the May 18th meeting.
- * There will **not** be a meeting on Memorial Day, May 25th.

GETTYSBURG ROTARY GREETERS

April – June, 2009

April 13	Lance Lewis
April 20	Jim Sheen
April 27	Jim Ekdahl
May 11 ??	
May 18	Rob Leshner
May 26 ??	
June 1	Lisa Conklin
June 8 ??	
June 15	Joe Amato
June 22 ??	
June 29	Rosemary Hutchison

Thank you, thank you, thank you, to all the volunteers! We still have some openings, please let me know if you can help.

Thanks!

Rosemary



PHILANTHROPY

Robin Fitzpatrick presented a Rotary Club check for \$1,000.00 to Jim Garrahy and Scott Hartman for World Team Sports, when wounded U.S. Marines will cycle from Bethesda, Maryland to Gettysburg. The \$1,000.00 will be used to fly some of the Marines from different locations to Bethesda. On Sunday, April 26th everyone is invited to Jim Garrahy’s home to see the end of the race.

THANK YOU NOTES

President Scott reported that the Club has received thank you notes from the American Heart Association, Cure International, and the United Way of Adams County for the donations received from our Club.

50-50
 Randy Parmentier won
 \$23



Reported this week by
JENNIFER RAILING
 “With help from her lunch table friends”
THANK YOU

PROGRAM

Ken Farabaugh introduced Bridget Goss, who spent a year in Romania as a Rotary Exchange Student. Ken thanked Laura Goss for sharing her daughter, Bridget, and allowing her to go to Romania. Bridget presented a slide show in which she noted that Romania is a republic which is just a little larger than the state of Oregon. The Eastern Orthodox Church is the main religion in Romania. Her first host family, the Hoffmans, were well off, and lived outside Brasov which is a beautiful capital city with a medieval wall around it. The Hoffmans had a three story house: Mr. Hoffman had a factory on the ground floor and some workers lived there; half of the next floor was occupied by Mrs. Hoffman's business which produced items rather similar to Boyd's Bears; the other half of the middle floor and the third floor were the areas occupied by the Hoffman's as their home.

There were 14 exchange students in Romania from the United States and three other countries. Bridget talked about her trips to Germany and Italy. There are 18 high schools in Brasov with each school specializing in something. The school Bridget attended taught languages. The teachers move from one classroom to another while the students stay in the same room all day. This allowed Bridget to get to know her classmates very well. On her birthday, Bridget gave out Hershey Kisses to her friends and classmates. Bridget also discussed the food in Romania and how it is cooked differently from here.

She then spoke about traditional customs in Romania. She explained how people dress in the country and during

traditional dances which one didn't see in the city. In the country, carthorses pulled flatbeds on which people sat and this was a very pleasant ride.

Her second host family, the Sandus, lived in an apartment in the center of the City. This was a new experience for Bridget because she has always lived in a house. One morning, she saw a bear in the City! Trains in Romania are very frequent and very much used because there are not many roads in Romania and travel has to be done by train. Gypsies try to sell items to train passengers. Bridget praised the zoos where you can pet animals who are kept in cages and one can also feed the animals. She showed slides of castles including the castle where Dracula was born. The movie, "Cold Mountain," was filmed in Romania.

Bridget thanked Rotary for making the past year in Romania possible. She recommended that we all go there because it is so beautiful! She was very shy but traveling has made her more independent. She now has friends all over the world and she feels she will now be able to go to college with confidence. Bridget thanked everyone for listening to her presentation.

In answer to questions, Bridget said that there are two kinds of gypsies; those who rob and steal in contrast to those who try to earn a living honestly, but they are all treated badly in Romania because of their reputation for stealing. She also stated that she can now speak fluently and write the language spoken in Romania.



HAPPY BUCKS

- ☺ Mike Birkner was happy that Carey Moore is back from Florida.
- ☺ One exchange student reported that she is happily living with third host family.
- ☺ Sharon DeOms was happy that her daughter celebrated her 17th birthday.
- ☺ Randy Parmentier gave \$4.00 in recognition of handing our dictionaries, with Ed Luckenbaugh to third graders, for the 4th year.
- ☺ John Kramb was happy that Larry Defuge is back from Florida and that "sartorial splendor is soon to follow."
- ☺ Lisa Conklin was happy that the SPCA received a challenge grant of \$50,000 from Hanover Shoe Farms, and that the SPCA then raised \$75,000 for a total of \$125,000.
- ☺ Larry Defuge gave \$2.00 for being back here after a happy time in Florida.
- ☺ Bill Railing was happy that Music Gettysburg gave such a fine performance of Bach's "St. John's Passion" at the Chapel on the Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary campus on Sunday, April 5th.

BULLETIN REPORTERS FOR APRIL

April 13— Carrie Stuart
 April 20— Bill Hall
 April 27— Bob Gough

WE MISSED YOU

Bailey, Brown, Ernico, Flowers, Hall, Kough, Lewis, Livelsberger, Martin, Moul, Nelson-Small, Patrono, Ritter, Small, Tarbox, Turley, Webster, Witherow.