



The Battlefielder

ROTARY CLUB OF GETTYSBURG, PA
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

THIS WEEK'S MEETING — PROGRAM

John Latschar, Superintendent, Gettysburg National Military Park

The January 7, 2008, meeting of the Gettysburg Rotary Club commenced by Vice President Scott Wehler welcoming everybody back after the elongated Christmas and New Year Holiday. President Mark was absent due to business commitments. The song leader was Jeff Gable, whose recent visit to Fort McHenry inspired him to call for the singing of the National Anthem. The invocation was given by Mike Birkner

ATTENDANCE

49 Rotarians
3 Honoraries

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Peter Chen
Alisa Shafar
Sam Pryor, Rachel Small, Nitzie Flores-Hidalgo

GUESTS

James VanMeerbeke
 guest of Dad John
John Latschar- guest speaker
Jim Geleta guest of Sharon DeOms
Greg Kalmus & Ron Bailey
 guests of Jim Sheen

VISITING ROTARIANS

Harold Dunkelberger, Jr—
 Selingsgrove

50/50

The 50/50 winner was Kevin Moser, who “just happened” to be sitting next to our guest, Greg Kalmus who pulled the winning ticket!?!?

Program Director John Kramb introduced our guest speaker, John Latschar, Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park, who gave us a “bullet” synopsis and update of the present doings of the Park Service. Included in Latschar’s update was information concerning the new Visitors Center, its seven film presentation, the new website and the Cyclorama re-hanging which is pretty much in place. Latschar said the ticket and reservation system is now “live” and three dioramas are in full production. The Visitors Center will be open in April 2008, for all facilities except the Cyclorama. The Grand Opening is scheduled for September 26 through 28. The old Visitors Center will be razed and grounds returned to their original appearance at the time of the Battle. Plans are proceeding, Latschar said, for replanting a number of orchards and replanting some trees in areas where they were present during the Battle, but are no longer in evidence. In 2008 there are some small cuts left to be done, there will be a replanting of the Peach Orchard, and a mile or so of new fencing will be erected.

As far as the Gettysburg Interpretive Plan is concerned, structural deficiencies found in the Wills House will delay the opening of that remodeling by about three months. The Park Service is doing its due diligence on the Railroad Station, prior to determining whether they will purchase the Station from the Borough. Main Street Gettysburg has been contracted to operate the Wills House. The Gettysburg Transit System has been provided with money to purchase three shuttle buses, the Downtown Way Finding Program has received permission from PENDOT to put up both pedestrian and vehicle directional signs in and about the town, and downtown guides will be provided for the travelers’ tour experience. There is an on-going road renewal program within the Park and the Reynolds Avenue bridge will soon be replaced. The Government Accounting Office is currently auditing the funds and donations gathered by the Gettysburg Foundation. GAO’s investigation is expected to take about six months. The future of the old Cyclorama Building is up in the air because litigation has been waged against the Park Service to question the right of the Service to demolish the old building.

At the conclusion of his talk, Dr. Latschar received and answered questions from the floor regarding the Electric Map, the status of the Lincoln Bicentennial, the reason for the additional control over the Battlefield Guides, and finally, a question about the adequacy of downtown parking for the new visitor program. At the conclusion of the question and answer session, Presiding Officer Scott welcomed all of the guests and invited them to return, after which he adjourned the meeting until next week.

**REPORTED THIS WEEK BY
JACK PHILLIPS
THANK YOU**





2007 KETTLE CAMPAIGN

Jim & Ellie Sheen, Kib Roulette,
2007 Kettle Coordinators

THANK YOU !

..... to all the Rotarians and their family members who volunteered to Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army's Holiday Kettle Campaign. Your help was instrumental to the success of the 2007 Campaign. As coordinators we have been amazed and gratified again this year by the generosity of both time and money from so many people.

You may be interested in knowing how the money contributed to the Kettle Campaign is spent by our local Salvation Army Service Unit. 90% of the money raised stays here in our area. The 2007 total is more than \$38,000.

- This year 29 children were sent to the Salvation Army *Camp Ladore*. The camp builds self esteem and allows the children to learn things they previously had no opportunity to experience. The school guidance counselors say they can see positive changes in the children after the camp experience.
- The *Return to School* shopping trip at Wal-Mart – 113 children (65 the year before) were given back-packs and school supplies and each received \$100 for clothing.
- The *League of Mercy* gave lap robes to all the residents of local nursing homes.
- Turkeys and Hams for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas were distributed by El Centro and Second Generacion.
- The funds also provided Rental, Utility, Sewer/Water Assistance. Other needs were emergency meals, emergency housing, medical visits and prescriptions, eyeglasses and other miscellaneous help.

We are proud of Gettysburg Rotary Club because so many members have truly displayed "Service above Self".

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING TO "RING"—Brad Beegle, Michael Birkner, BJ Small, Ron Crawford, Sharon DeOms, Kelly Dilts, Jim Ekdahl, Robin Fitzpatrick, Norris Flowers, Bob Gough, Mark Grim, Ron Hankey, Dan Hans, Rosemary Hutchison, Paul Ketterman, Bill Kough, John Kramb, Lance Lewis, Scott McNair, Bob McQuaide, Carey Moore, Dotty Moul, Tammy Myers, Jonathan Patrono, Dick Peterson, Kathy Powley, Pete Ricker, Room Ritter, Jim Roach, Kib Roulette, Jim Sheen, Bill Sluck, Lois Starkey, Jeanne Vice, Graham Weaver, Kristine Witherow.

THANKS ALSO TO THE FOLLOWING INTERACT STUDENTS WHO RANG THE BELL—

Sean Bair, Stephanie Beamer, Kayla Carbaugh, Kyleigh Grim, Isaac Hancock, Brittany Johnstone, Lauren Lloyd, Sean Manahan, Jordyn Newman, Felicia Orendorff, Andrew Small, Johanna Spangler, Danielle Strausbaugh



HAPPY BUCKS

The Happy Buckaroos included John Kramb, Lois Starkey, Chris Glatfelter, Curt Musselman, and Dale Dickey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New member, Todd Curl is having arthroscopic surgery and will be absent for the next several weeks. Let's send him get-well wishes and let him know he is missed.

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- Teacher Impact Rotary Program:
NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING TEACHER

- Jack Phillips—Adams County Community Foundation Founders Fund:
CONSIDER MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS

- Capital Steps announcements:
Wayne Webster & Lois Starkey:
SELL TICKETS!!

- Jim Sheen regarding the Rotary Directory update:

SEND IN YOUR UPDATES/CORRECTIONS BEFORE JAN 12!

WE MISSED YOU

Beegle, Curl, Defuge, Dilts, Farabaugh, Fitzpatrick, Flowers, Grim, Guinn, Hankey, Hans, Hutchison, Luckenbaugh, Moore, Murphy, Nelson-Small, Powley, J&W Railing, Ricker, Small, Snyder, Trostle, Weintraub, Williams (leave), Witherow.

Happy Birthday

BELATED

JANUARY GREETINGS TO:

- 1—Lois Starkey
- 2—Bill Sluck
- 3—Ron Crawford
- 4—Rob Leshner
- 7—Dick Peterson

COMING UP:

- 13—Kib Roulette (H)

Wish these friends a Happy Day!