



The Battlefielder

ROTARY CLUB OF GETTYSBURG, PA
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NEXT MEETING — NOVEMBER 12, 2007- GETTYSBURG HOTEL- NOON

Healthy Adams County - Kathy Gaskin

THIS WEEK'S MEETING — NOVEMBER 5

On Monday, Carey Moore and Suzie Guinn led us in a round (and rousing rendition) of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." Naturally, Carey gave us a brief lecture on the history, author, and alternative stanzas.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and Four-Way Test, Lois Starkey led the invocation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jim Sheen reminded us of the upcoming commitment of our club to help with the bell-ringing for this year's Salvation Army Christmas Campaign. All you have to do is sign up, and you will be called to arrange for the time and date that is most convenient for you!
- Posters for the Capitol Steps! are available to display at appropriate places at your place of work or commerce.
- Christmas Party is coming!

ATTENDANCE

53 Rotarians
3 Honoraries

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Peter Chen and Alisa Shafar

GUESTS

Ron Bailey — guest of Jim Sheen
Susi Guinn — guest of Fred Guinn
Deb Goodling —
guest of Gary Rappoldt
Bettye Baker —
guest of Kristine Witherow

VISITING ROTARIANS

Kevin Cogan—Carlisle Sunrise
Terry Smiley—Carlisle Sunrise
Deb Goodling—York

PROGRAM

Ron Crawford introduced our featured speaker, Kevin Cogan, from the Carlisle Sunrise Club. He was in attendance with that club's president Terri Smiley.

"DROP IN THE BUCKET"

—An International Water Project Campaign, District 7390—

Rotary District 7390's clean water project began with the idea of a drop in a bucket. To make the point, speaker Kevin Cogan invited us to contribute each one nickel to demonstrate how a little goes a long way. In addition there was a bottle of clean water on the table for every Rotarian and guest. The bottles were labeled with a Rotary District 7390 logo, which included the mission statement of the District Water Project and critical information for understanding the needs of so many people.

He told the club about some pretty startling and unsettling statistics. Did you know that 6,000 people die every day for reasons related to lack of clean water? While 80% of the world's population has access to obtainable drinking water, fully 1-in-5, or 20% do not. The United Nations has declared the years 2005-2015 the "Water for Life Decade". 1.2 Billion people worldwide have no access to drinkable water.

But since Americans are willing to pay money for drinking water (it's a \$46,000,000,000 industry!), up to \$7.60 per gallon, we can sell water by the bottle and, with the profit, procure filters and systems for those who need it most.

For information on what some people are doing about it, check out www.watermissions.org and www.purewaterfortheworld.org

If water can be bottled for sale AT COST by the local spring water bottling company, as it has in the case of "Filson Water, LLC" in Carlisle, the \$1.00 bottle of water costs 25 cents to make with a potable profit of 75 cents

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THANK YOU**

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per bottle. As little as one bottle's proceeds can yield a minimum of 1,000 gallons of clean water every year. The average person requires two gallons of water per day. In some cases people have to hike and carry water at great distances, at 8 lbs. per gallon. Our district program will bring water closer to home for many people with simple, sustainable systems like slow-stand gravity water filters. Cogan said, "Simple technologies yield big results". We were encouraged to take part in this or a similar program, to help countless people in very tangible ways. If every Rotary member would sell one case, the results would be very impressive.

Kevin held our attention in the short time he had with us, and generated a good deal of discussion among the members after the meeting

BIRTHDAYS

Belated Happy Birthday to Brad Hoch whose birthday was November 4, not November 14 as we reported last week. Sorry, Brad.

SPECIAL WISHES

- For Phil Murray's recovery from surgery
- Sympathies to Norris Flowers, whose mother has passed away.

WE MISSED YOU

Flowers, Hoch, Hutchison, Lewis, McNair, Mosser, Murphy, Murray, D. Myers, Patrono, Phillips, Jr., J&W Railing, Snyder, Trostle, Wagaman, Weaver, Webster, Weintraub, Williams (leave)



HAPPY BUCKS

After the 50-50, there were a number of enthusiastic Happy Bucks. Among them:

- John Kramb—for the birth of a baby to one of his employees.
- Kelly Dilts—for the excellent services of the Gettysburg Hotel, General Manager (and fellow Rotarian) Phillip Murray, and the staff.
- New Member Bill Hall—\$9.00 for the Gettysburg High School Warrior
- Curt Musselman—for the Dallas Cowboys, and the 45th anniversary of the International Gift Festival.
- Larry Defuge—for Big Ten Football
- Jim Sheen—for the Salvation Army, fellow committee people, and the newsletter.
- Tom Ritter—for Notre Dame, beaten by the U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen, for the first time since Roger Staubach in 1963! The academy held no classes on Monday to celebrate.

Special Note was made of the Dictionary give-away program, and the warm response and thank-yous from the youngsters.