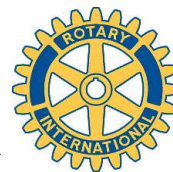




# The Battlefielder

ROTARY CLUB OF GETTYSBURG, PA  
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## NEXT MEETING — OCTOBER 22, 2007- GETTYSBURG HOTEL— NOON

The program will be by Nitzie Flores-Hildago, who was in France last year as an Exchange Student.

## THIS WEEK'S MEETING — OCTOBER 15

Scott Wehler called the October 15th meeting to order in President Mark's absence. John Murphy led the club in a rousing rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, having selected it as being most appropriate for the day's program, and BJ Small provided the invocation.

### ATTENDANCE

51 Rotarians  
3 Honoraries

### INTERACT

Danielle Strausbaugh  
Felicia Orendorff

### GUESTS

Jane Gough- guest of Bob Gough  
Vickie Corbett- guest of BJ Small  
Nancy Cushing-Daniels and  
Paula Olinger -guests of Club  
Jarrad Hedges -guest of BJ Small  
Linda Sluck-guest of Bill Sluck  
Todd Curl - guest of John Kramb

### VISITING ROTARIANS

Al Heyen — Lancaster  
Helen Carver— Lancaster  
Caroline Raider— Lancaster  
Carl & Pat Kanaskie — Millersville  
Michelle DuBond— Waukesha, WI  
Paul Burkhart — Carlisle

**50/50** was drawn by guest-of-honor Dr. Paula Olinger, and won by Linda Sluck, an early anniversary gift from Rotary

### ANNUAL EISENHOWER HUMANITARIAN AWARD GIVEN

The day's program was the presentation of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dwight D. Eisenhower Humanitarian Award by the Gettysburg Rotary Club. Master of Ceremonies Ken Farabaugh traced the history of the Humanitarian Award from its conception by Dr. Alloy Heyen in the 1960s to its first presentation by the Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce in 1968 to Dwight Eisenhower and Bob Hope. Renamed the Eisenhower Humanitarian Award in 1969 after Eisenhower's death, the Chamber continued the tradition for five more years. The current award, under the auspices of our club, is the result of a suggestion Al Heyen, now a Lancaster resident, made during the 2002 Rotary District Conference. The award recognizes an individual's outstanding accomplishments in public service, contributions to a more peaceful world, and/or contributions to humanity locally or globally. Past winners are Brad Hoch, Karl Mattson, Ernie Simpson, and Herm Stuempfle, Jr.

Mike Birkner framed the award by noting that Sunday was Eisenhower's 117<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary, and that while born in a time of horse and buggy, Eisenhower led us into the space age. Eisenhower was remembered for his smile, love of golf, and leadership, both military and political, but always underpinning his actions was Eisenhower's strong belief that education and personal interaction between peoples of various backgrounds was the key to a better world. An Eisenhower Humanitarian Award, especially one sponsored by Rotary, Mike stated, makes perfect sense given his commitment to world peace, commitment to dialogue, and commitment to a set of rules very similar in spirit to the Four Way Test.

Nancy Cushing-Daniels, Chairperson and Associate Professor of Spanish at Gettysburg College, introduced Dr. Paula Olinger with two anecdotes. The first, based on a meeting with "eminent scholar" Tom Lathrop, pointed out that Dr. Olinger is an eminent scholar herself, but doesn't affect the airs that some eminent scholars do and remains very humble and generous. The second, centered on the conversion of the family homestead into El Centro, spoke to Dr. Olinger's complete integration of her personal and professional lives.

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

Dr. Olinger opened her remarks by borrowing from the Dalai Lama, stating that deep down inside we are all alike and are looking for the same thing, happiness, but that we often go about it the wrong way. The key, she said, is that doing for others will result in our happiness.

She traced the 10 year history of El Centro, noting that most of the early students were African American, but that El Centro, along with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward neighborhood, has become largely Mexican. El Centro currently supports about 50 students from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to middle school, Monday through Thursday, in an environment that provides mentoring, tutoring, and language classes, and affiliated programs provide English language classes for the children's parents as well.

Dr. Olinger, noting the recent emphasis on immigration reform, stated that while there are probably some undocumented workers in the community, most are documented and all, except for a very few receiving cash payments, pay taxes and contribute to social security, often under fake social security numbers. She emphasized that the children, none of whom had a say in their being in America and many of whom are American citizens, were her heroes, never quite fitting in with either the American or Mexican communities and always with enormous responsibilities beyond their years, such as serving as translators for their families in landlord/tenant or other matters. Dr. Olinger's daughter has been serving as Executive Director but is leaving for a career in public education; Dr. Olinger encouraged the audience to assist in the identification of a new Executive Director and to volunteer to serve as mentors, tutors, and members of the board for El Centro.

After her remarks, Randy Parmentier recognized Dr. Olinger as a Paul Harris Fellow. Two proclamations, sponsored by Representative Dan Moul and Senator Terry Punt, were presented, and Dr. Olinger's name will be added to the Eisenhower Humanitarian Award exhibit in the Eisenhower Room at the Adams County Library, Gettysburg.



### HAPPY BUCKS

- Jeff Gabel for the opportunity to see his dear old friend, Lex McMillen, now President of Albright College. Lex spoke fondly of the size and vitality the Gettysburg Rotary Club.
- Bill Railing and Dale Dickey each contributed a happy buck for Monday morning's Gettysburg Times editorial "Park Service Snubs the Family that Feeds It," and for the Editorial Board's willingness to tackle the issue.
- Bill Sluck (with wife Linda present as a witness) gave a happy buck for their upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- Sharon DeOms for her oldest daughters 21<sup>st</sup> birthday (or more apropos to the program, birth anniversary!)
- Fred Guinn in thanks to Dr. Al Heyen, for bringing his Eisenhower Humanitarian Award concept to our club.
- Al Heyen, in thanks to the Gettysburg Rotary Club for resurrecting the award!
- Kristine Witherow for a recent speaking opportunity.

### DISTRICT 7390 BUS TRIP TO THE RI/UN DAY, NOV. 3

JUST RECEIVED FROM MELISSA BRUCK at the DISTRICT OFFICE:

*Just a final reminder about UN Day! The deadline to register is Saturday, October 20th! There are still seats available on the bus. Please send your registrations in immediately.*

If interested in going, contact Melissa immediately.

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Attached is the invitation letter.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 18 — Jerry Weintraub  
20 — Ed Luckenbaugh  
22 — Darlene Brown  
23 — Jennifer Railing

### WE MISSED YOU....

Dell, Fitzpatrick, Grim, Hall, Hans, Hockley, Kramb, Leshner, Lewis, McNair, Moore, Mosser, Murray, Phillips, Sr., Ritter, Sheen, Snyder, Starkey, Trostle, Wagaman, Webster, Williams (leave)