



The Battlefielder

ROTARY CLUB OF GETTYSBURG, PA
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NEXT MEETING — SEPTEMBER 24, 2007- GETTYSBURG HOTEL— NOON
Membership Committee will present their report

NO MEETING SEPTEMBER 17 — CLUB PICNIC ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

THIS WEEK'S MEETING — SEPTEMBER 10

At the gong of the bell President Mark opened the meeting by asking Jeffrey Gabel to lead the membership in a rousing version of "My Country Tis of Thee".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board Meeting will be September 27th instead of 28th.
- John Murphy briefly reviewed the history of Rotary and how the Gettysburg Chapter emerged.
- Rob Leshner mentioned the 2007 Eisenhower Award and its recipient, Dr. Olinger.
- Jim Sheen discussed how the membership will be receiving updates to the membership book. Information on members will be sent by email. The information can be printed off, hole punched and placed in the membership directory.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

After the sing along Mike Hanson reported attendance to be 56 Rotarians, 1 Honoraray

GUESTS

Todd Curl, guest of John Kramb
Mike Boyd, guest of Phil Murray

VISITING ROTARIANS

Suzanne Manuel and her husband
Gary from Corona, CA
Vern Leese— Littlestown
Helen Redding— ADG— Littlestown
Dennis & Tricia Kovacevich, DG—
Hanover

PROGRAM— A VISIT BY OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Assistant District Governor Helen Redding introduced District Governor Dennis A. Kovacevich. Dennis attended the University of Iowa and graduated from Drake University with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science. He received a Masters Degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Dennis is a Paul Harris Fellow.



DG Dennis & Tricia Kovacevich
and President Mark

He's actively involved in his community by serving on various boards such as Senior Vice Chair of the Hanover Chamber, Hanover Hospital Development Council, YMCA, and Hanover Family Center. He has also worked on other boards like Brethren Home, American Cancer Society and Partnership for Economic Development of York County. Dennis retired in April of 2007 from GSK as a Director of the Northeast Regional Site after 33 years of employment. He and his wife Tricia reside in Hanover. They have three married daughters and two grandsons. He is certainly an excellent example of Service Above Self!

Dennis mentioned how pleased he was to see how active our chapter is in providing numerous services to the community. He listed many of the excellent services provided by us. Among these are: Honduras Medical Mission, Salvation Army Bell ringing, Drive by Shootings, Hospice, Trash Pick Up, Dictionaries for Elementary Schools, RIF, College Schol-

arships, Susan Burns Education Center and the Dwight Eisenhower Award.

Dennis continued to outline many of the accomplishments of Rotary worldwide. Polio has been eradicated in all but four countries. Rotary constantly seeks to eliminate hunger, foster literacy (over 2 billion people worldwide can not read) and improve health care. He stated that 6,000 children die daily because of unsafe drinking water. It has been estimated that 1.2 billion do not have safe drinking water. Rotary is doing its part worldwide to help solve this health problem.

Rotary does what it can through its 1.2 million members, 32,000 clubs located in 200 countries, which are organized into 530 districts. He emphasized that you don't have to be skilled to go on missions abroad to help out. He shared his own experience when he had an opportunity to travel to a foreign land to help fami-

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Dennis went on to define the major duties of a District Governor. Generally, they are to encourage chapters to adhere to a belief of service above self by fostering the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. Some other duties involve organizing new chapters, promoting cordial relations among chapters and support district projects. He mentioned that each of us should have received his newsletter by now. He hopes that it will provide good information on Rotary events and give insight as to important matters relevant to Rotary members.

He closed his presentation by referring to a saying:
The Power of One: "If it is to be, it is up to me."

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY CHANGES

Next week we will include a list of changes so you can up-date your Membership Directory. **If you have any changes to your information, please let us know before next Monday.**

We welcomed two new members today, Bill Hall and John Phillips. **Please print and add the attached pages for your Directory.**



**SEE YOU AT
THE PICNIC
ON
SATURDAY**

Be sure to let Janet Dell know if you are coming.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 12 — Bill Kough
September 14 — John VanMeerbeke
September 15 — Phil Trostle

HAPPY BUCKS

- John Kramb was the first to open his wallet and raise awareness of what appeared to be an excellent turnout for the Gettysburg Wine Festival. He also enthusiastically announced the first day of grape harvest.
- Mr. Murphy commented on the win over Notre Dame by the Nittany Lions.
- Jim Sheen welcomed the District Governor.
- Ken Farabaugh raised a buck announcing that he had 13 students from 13 different countries for the Exchange Program.
- The visiting Manuals celebrated their 40th anniversary and the victory of Chargers football team,
- Kristine Witherow announced the marriage of her niece.
- Lois Starkey contributed \$14.00 in appreciation for winning the 50/50
- Jack Phillips announced the third generation of Phillips' to join Rotary with the induction of his son John into the club.



THE HOW TO OF ON-LINE MAKE-UPS

We all know that to maintain the membership requirements of Rotary we need to "make-up" the meetings we are unable to attend. The best and most rewarding way to "make-up" is to attend a meeting of a neighboring club. Friendships will be made and new ideas will be gathered. If the personal visit to another club's meeting is impossible, a new way of making up has been offered. It's the E-Club make up and Rob Leshner, an old hand at this, provides the following instructions for going online to keep our Rotary attendance up to date and improve our club standing in the District.

Make-ups may be done 14 days before or 14 days after a missed meeting.

TO DO AN ONLINE MAKE UP

1. Go to <http://www.rotary.org>
2. At Rotary International's Web page select the link for "Membership"
3. Along the Left hand column elect the link for "Continuing Member Education"
4. Select the link for Meeting Make-up
5. Toward the bottom of the page is a link for "[Rotary E-Club Pilot Project - list of clubs](#)"
6. When you click on this link it will take you to the list of E-Clubs where an online makeup can be done.

Some notes of caution: You will be asked to make a donation to Rotary International as part of the makeup process. This is generally done through the paypal system. You may use a credit card to make the donation. If you wish credit for this, Kathy must be notified by forwarding your confirmation email to her. Also, some clubs will not send you an E-Club makeup without a donation. If that is the case, be sure to notify Kathy that a make up occurred.

**REPORTED THIS WEEK BY PETE RICKER
THANK YOU**



WE MISSED YOU....

Beegle, Defuge (travel), Dell, Fitzpatrick, Glatfelter, Hankey, Hans (leave), Hutchison, Kough, McNair, Mosser, Murray, Peters, Powley, Roach, Trostle, Webster, Williams (leave)