

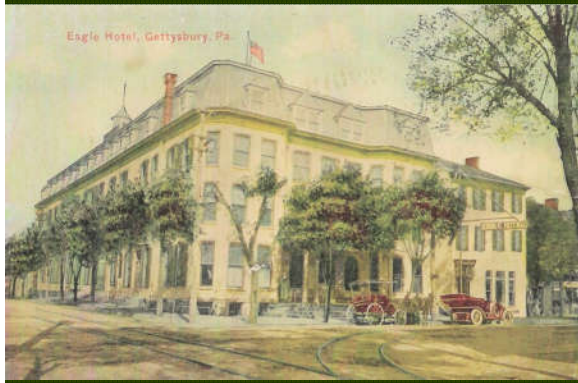
The Rotary Club of Gettysburg



100 Years of Service
To Adams County

A Club History

1920-2020



The Eagle Hotel in 1900



The Hoffman Hotel, York St.



Former YWCA Building on
Lincoln Square.

The Beginning

The Rotary Club of Gettysburg has tried to exemplify the Rotary slogans of "Service Above Self" and "He Profits Most Who Serves Best" through its 100 year history.

After preliminary assemblies dating from October 1, 1920, the chartering meeting and banquet were held at the Eagle hotel on the corner of Chambersburg and North Washington Streets November 15, 1920. The then district governor, John Rudisill of York, presented the Charter and addressed the over 125 Rotarians from Gettysburg, York, Baltimore, Chambersburg and Waynesboro who were present. The 20 charter members included M.C. Jones, Albert Bilheimer, C. William Beales, Allen B. Plank, George C. Fissel, C.A. Blocher, Edmund W. Thomas, W.F. Gilliland, Charles H. Huber, Frederic E. Greist, H.T. Weaver, William C. Tyson, Chester N. Gitt, John D. Keith, J. McCrea Dickson, Paxton Bigham, George F. Eberhart, Frank Peckman, S.F. Lehman and Paul Pontius.

The District Governor indicated that Gettysburg was the 770th club to be chartered by Rotary International which at the time included 77,000 members. The Gettysburg Club was chartered by the York Club. The Gettysburg Club in turn chartered the Littlestown Club in 1928.

The Club launched its first program of service to others by organizing a Rotary Boys Club for the betterment of youth in the community. This was followed in 1923 by a Crippled Children's Committee which in turn led to the establishment of the Adams County Crippled Children's Society. In the following two decades, the Rotary Club of Gettysburg was a contributing club both in service by its membership in funds to the Boy Scouts, charity and relief work, playground and recreational center promotion, World War II service activities such as War Bonds, Red Cross, Community War Chest and clothing salvage campaigns.





Old Holiday Inn on Baltimore St.



Gettysburg Hotel



The Later Years

In October of 1945, the club celebrated its 25th anniversary with a dinner at the Hotel Gettysburg. Mayor Theodore McKeldin of Baltimore was the featured speaker. In the years following the war, the Rotary Club continued to provide services to the community. It began, in the late 1940's, to support a Little League team. Funds were raised in these years through donations that benefited the Community Chest, the Red Cross, Adams County Heart Fund, the Adams County Free Library, and the Warner Hospital. The club formed a Scholarship Awards and Student Loans Committee to administer its fund for helping young people with their educational costs in 1956. A big help in that effort was a bequest by former club president Charles L. Eicholtz to create a permanent fund for that purpose. That fund has grown over time and presently has assets of over \$100,000.

During the 1960's and 1970's, the Rotary Club continued to expand its programs by sponsoring funding for the United Way, supporting Little League and the local hospital. In 1975, the club helped provide the first transportation for senior citizens and the disabled when it purchased a van equipped with a lift from Rotarian Don Warner. Adams Rescue Mission supplied the drivers for this service. Eventually the Hart Center took over responsibility for this program, and the van was donated to them.

Women first joined the club in 1988. The first female club president was Caroline Smith in 2000. Today, 23 of the club's 80 members are women.

The club has used a whole host of fundraising ideas over the past few decades. Fundraising projects have included joint sponsorship of an annual horse show, a circus, annual pasta dinners, pancake breakfasts, a play based on Abraham Lincoln, Battlefield Walk-a-thon, Criterium bike races, holiday raffles, a country music concert, Capitol Steps comedy shows, dodgeball tournaments, Christmas ornament sales, a wine event, and most recently lobster dinners, Oktoberfest celebrations and



CAMP CLEANUP



CREATING CHRISTMAS JOY



INTERACT CLUB GETS IN THE ACT

The club expanded its support of the local community in the 1980's. The club led efforts to expand the local library system by assisting with the raising of funds to allow the library to purchase its current facility on Baltimore Street. John Phillips led the effort in the 1985 to create the Adams County Foundation, a community foundation to benefit the citizens of Adams County. In 2007, the successor Adams County Community Foundation was formed and currently has assets of over \$14 Million.

The Club has operated a very successful youth exchange program in association with other Rotary Clubs around the world. Kay and Jay Schmitt began our efforts followed by Connie and Ken Farabaugh who have helped dozens of foreign young people visit Gettysburg as exchange students. They have also assisted dozens of young people from Adams County travel to Europe for a year as representatives of our community.

The Gettysburg Club has been a very active participant in the Group Study Exchange program. That program exchanges teams of roughly a half dozen young professionals between various areas around the world. Our club has hosted well over a dozen teams from around the world and given them a brief view of our historic town and life in Adams County.

Through these years, the club has been busy with many projects. They include:

- Purchase of a cart to help watering flowers in the downtown of Gettysburg
- Construction of a Tot Lot at the local park
- Construction of a pergola at the YWCA
- Support of a medical mission to Honduras
- Presentation at the local schools of programming from the Susan Byrnes Health Education Center
- Presentation of dictionaries annually to all the third grade students in the area
- Construction of a hospice room at the Gettysburg Hospital
- Donations to and support of Ruth's Harvest



PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR HAL
DUNKLEBERGER



PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN
KRAMB

- Support for International projects in Ghana and India
- Working with Wellspan Health, conducted drive thru flu shot clinics
- Held clean up days at the Girl Scout Camp Happy Valley
- For over 20 years, cleaned up trash along Route 30 as part of the PennDOT program
- Presentation of Scholarships to college bound area students
- Helped the United Way with their day of caring and Breakfast with Santa projects

Since 2015, the club has established two satellite clubs that work with the main club. On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month a satellite club meets at 4:30 pm at the Battlefield BrewWorks on the Hunterstown Road. In 2019, the former New Oxford Club joined with our club as a satellite club that meets at Rosie's in New Oxford at 7 AM on Tuesday mornings.

The club has met at a number of locations in the community. They first met at the Eagle Hotel beginning in 1920. From 1923-1928, they met at the Hoffman House. Beginning in 1930, for over 50 years, they met in the YWCA building on Lincoln Square. During all of this time, the club met Monday evenings. Upon their move to the Holiday Inn (now Inn 1863) on Baltimore Street in 1980, the club switched meeting times to noon time on Mondays. The club currently meets at the Gettysburg Hotel on Lincoln Square in Gettysburg.

Two of our club members have taken on the role of District Governor. Hal Dunkleberger served as district Governor in 1972-73, and John Kramb served in 2015-16.

The Rotary Club of Gettysburg continues on, 80 members strong, as it has for 100 years. The club continues to work to help the Gettysburg and New Oxford communities. The club continues its work to improve both the lives of the citizens of Adams County as well as offering help to our neighbors throughout the world.



The Eisenhower Humanitarian Award



The award was first presented in 1967 by the Palm Desert, California Chamber of Commerce, and the first honorees were President Eisenhower and Bob Hope. The award was conceived by Dr. Alloy Heyan, a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy, who was also a dentist and a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Following Eisenhower's death in 1969, the Palm Desert Rotary Club sponsored the award. The award ended when Dr. Heyan moved on to help form the Rancho Mirage Rotary Club. Now retired and living in Lancaster, PA Dr. Heyan brought his idea to the Gettysburg Rotary Club in 2002. Since that time, the Gettysburg Club has presented this award to a local citizen who has done outstanding humanitarian work.

Recipients of the Gettysburg Rotary Club's Dwight D. Eisenhower Award have been:

2003 Dr. Brad Hoch

2004 Rev. Karl J. Mattson

2005 Ernest Simpson

2006 Dr. Herman Stuempfle

2007 Dr. Paula Olinger

2008 Richard Waybright

2009 Nancy Forgang

2010 Connie Farabaugh

2011 Jennifer Weaver

2013 Harry Stokes

2014 John W. Phillips

2015 Dr. E. William Waring

2017 Ken Farabaugh

2018 Dr. Kirby Kiefer

2019 John G. Kramb

Youth Exchange



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For over 40 years, the Rotary Club of Gettysburg has hosted international exchange students in their junior or senior high school years. In return, students from Adams County have lived in foreign countries for 9 months with host parents under the guidance of an in-country Rotary Club. Students from Germany, France, Japan, Italy, Turkey, Venezuela and other countries have lived in the Gettysburg area and brought their cultural influence to Rotary, host parents, host siblings, and high school friends. Outbound students have had their lives changed, too. Some have even gone on to international careers such as in international health.

The club's involvement in foreign exchange began with the work of Rotarian Jay Schmitt and his wife Kay in the 1970's. As they moved into retirement, they recruited Ken and Connie Farabaugh to run the program in Gettysburg. Ken and Connie were leaders at the District level in promoting and growing the exchange program for 27 years. They prepared over 100 outbound students and worked with over 50 inbound students. They coordinated outings for all exchange students in the district at Camp Happy Valley, a girl scout camp near Fairfield. The Gettysburg Club would hold annual work days at the camp to help thank the scouts for the use of the camp facilities. When Ken and Connie decided to retire from their involvement, Eric and Trudy Gladhill stepped in to coordinate the Gettysburg club's program. This year Elizabeth Heidecker, a 2019 Gettysburg High School graduate, has been an exchange student in Belgium.



A SONG IN OUR HEARTS

Each week, the Rotarians in Gettysburg begin their meeting with a song. Jack Phillips and Jim McCowan led the singing for many years. Often, someone would play along on the piano. Today, Ron Bailey leads the singing a cappella.

RINGING THE BELL

Each Christmas season, members of the Rotary Club of Gettysburg join the Salvation Army in ringing the bell as part of the Kettle Drive. This is done at the Walmart in Gettysburg. Working with Rotarian Kib Roulette, members volunteer to help raise funds.



PENNDOT PARTNERS

For over 20 years, beginning in the late 1990's, the Rotary Club of Gettysburg has cleared trash along Route 30 just east of the Borough of Gettysburg. Club members have gathered on two Saturday morning each year to clear away roadside trash.

WALKING FOR A CAUSE

During the late 1980's and early 1990's, the club raised funds by conducting an annual walk-a-thon. The annual event occurred on the Gettysburg Battlefield and all proceeds were used to benefit local charities.



WALKERS FOR ROTARY — Gettysburg Rotary Club members and their friends pose before taking on a 10-kilometer Walk-a-thon to raise money for the club's charity fund

that is used to support many charitable organizations. The walk began at the Gettysburg High School last Sunday.

Adams County Community Foundation



One of the lasting initiatives of the Rotary Club of Gettysburg was its central role in the founding of what is now known as the Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF), a robust charitable community foundation with a permanent endowment in excess of \$14M and which in 2019 was responsible for over \$1.8M in charitable giving in the greater Adams County region.

During his 1984-85 term as Club President, Dr. Bradley R. Hoch challenged his Board to develop a project of lasting value to the community that would demonstrate "Service Above Self." Rotarian Jack Phillips advanced the idea of a community foundation, on the model of the Williamsport, Pennsylvania community foundation, to fulfill that vision. Rotarians Jack Phillips, Bradley Hoch, Louis Hatzes, Paul Renner, and James Tipton developed the framework, the Board endorsed the idea, and on November 12, 1985, the Adams County Foundation was created as a publicly supported charitable trust. Initial funding was provided by the Rotary Club of Gettysburg, the Rotary Club of Littlestown, and individual Rotarians and community leaders.

Though its initial assets, and thus its early grant making capacity, were modest, the Adams County Foundation immediately began making grants across the spectrum of activities bearing upon the quality of life in Adams County, Pennsylvania, to include civic, cultural, educational, economic, health, recreational and social services, as well as historic and environmental preservation.

For the next 22 years, Rotarian Jack Phillips nurtured the Adams County Foundation, serving as its Executive Director, managing its investments, and facilitating the work of the Distribution Committee, all without compensation. By 2008 the Adams County Foundation had just over \$400,000 in assets, but Jack realized that changes were needed to grow and expand its reach. He spearheaded the conversion of the entity from a charitable trust to the present ACCF, a non-profit corporation with a full-time staff and with the scope and authority that accrue as a recognized community foundation.

Slightly more than a decade later, the ACCF, guided by a dedicated board of 20 community members, is a key component and leader in Adams County. Certified under National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, the ACCF supports donors and invests in the community through scholarships, charitable grants, and the annual giving spree; it provides leadership through initiatives including @Home in Adams County; and it provides an investment infrastructure to support the charitable goals of individual donors and grow the permanent endowments of local nonprofits.

The ACCF is a lasting tribute to the vision of Brad Hoch, Jack Phillips and the Rotary Club of Gettysburg and demonstrates "Service above Self" in action.



Honduras Medical Mission

From 1991 to 2011, the Rotary Club of Gettysburg members participated in and often led twenty-one medical and dental missions to the profoundly impoverished Central American country, Honduras. The stated goal was to provide care to the “poorest of the poor.” Other mission participants came from throughout the United States and Canada, and ranged in number from fifteen to fifty, total mission numbers sometimes swelling to one hundred ten with the addition of Honduran volunteers. Hondurans Daniel and Ruth Castro were the in country leaders. Rotarians Brad Hoch and Dan Hans were mission co-leaders from the United States. The mission usually visited different mountain villages two years in a row. Early on, villages had no electricity, phone service or automobiles. Travel on horseback was common.

Local medical services were either non existent or rudimentary early on. Later, even with the arrival of Honduran health centers, medical supplies continued to be a major problem. Dr. Brad Hoch was the year by year medical director. As a pediatrician, he often saw 1,000 to 1,200 children in a ten day period, all with the aid of multiple ancillary workers around his exam area. The majority of children suffered from diseases of poverty — malnutrition, vitamin deficiency, and protein and calorie deprivation. Usually about fifteen percent of children had chronic illness — asthma, orthopedic deformity, genetic disease, and heart disease. About five percent had an acute, dangerous disease that required emergency treatment — septic hip, acute myelogenous leukemia, pneumonias, heart failure, supraventricular tachycardia, and osteomyelitis among others.



Honduras Medical Mission

Services included medical and dental care — repair of cavities, dental extraction, dental cleaning, pharmacy, physical therapy, free medicines, anti-parasite medication, and free food at lunchtime. Admission to mission care was nominal, around five cents US, but required by the Honduran ministry of health. No one was turned away due to inability to pay.

The Rotary Club provided financial aid each year to purchase medicines and other supplies. Often with donations and discount programs, upwards of \$100,000 retail value of medicines were taken to Honduras.

Rotarians who participated included, among others, Paul Ketterman, Bob McQuaide, Dan Hans and Dr. Brad Hoch.



United We Stand

The Rotary Club of Gettysburg has a long history of working with the United Way. Each year, the club takes part in serving breakfast with Santa at the Gettysburg Hotel. This is one of the top fund raising events each year for the United Way.

In addition, the club takes part each year in the Day of Caring event. Each year the United Way shifts which local group gets their support with this event. Club members volunteer and assist with each year's unique project.



New Oxford Rotarians

In 1994, local business and professional interests in New Oxford wanted to join a Rotary Club. Unfortunately, nearby clubs in both Gettysburg and Hanover met at noon time and that did not work for the New Oxford professionals. They formed their own club, meeting on Tuesday mornings at 7 AM, allowing them to be finished before 8 AM.

The new club had a significant number of educators as members. The early meeting time allowed them to attend and be involved in Rotary. With their influence, the new club focused very successfully on programs for students and youth. The New Oxford Club selected student of the month from both Conewago Valley and Bermudian Springs Schools. Students of the month were recognized at Club meetings along with their parents. In addition, they developed scholarship programs and started Interact clubs within the schools.

Fund raising efforts by the new club included the annual Mother's Day flower sales and Christmas wreath sales that were highly successful.

In 2019, the New Oxford Club elected to join with the Gettysburg Club as a satellite club. They continue to meet on Tuesday mornings at 7 AM at Rosie's in New Oxford



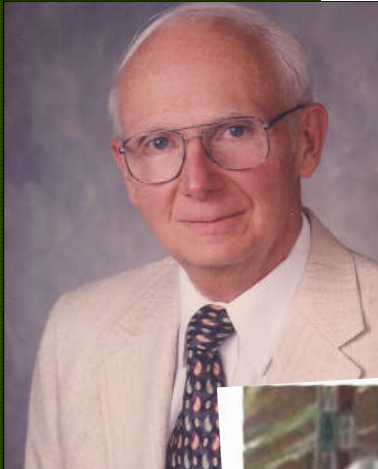
Wine for a Cause



For several years, the club held a fundraising event that featured a wine and cheese event. It was held at Hauser's Winery and at the Adams County Arts Council building in downtown Gettysburg.

Youth Programs





Gettysburg Rotarian Helps Refugees

In 1983, Gettysburg Rotarian Jim Sheen and his wife Ellie traveled to Puerto Princesa on the Island of Palawan in the Philippines for four weeks to attend to the dental needs of the so called boat people who were refugees from southeast Asia. During the course of their stay, Jim had 727 office visits and examined 473 of the refugees. More than 610 other treatments, such as extractions and filling, were performed. He and Ellie held 19 dental education classes attended by 471 people..

The trip, sponsored by the Rotary International, was supported by the Gettysburg club. While the Sheen's were away, John Tully covered with Dr. Sheen's patients.



Past District Governor Helps with Polio

Past District Governor John Kramb has been busy traveling to India over the past few years. As a polio survivor, he is very interested in polio eradication efforts by Rotary International. In 2018, the Rotary Club of Gettysburg joined hands with the Rotary Club of Vijayawada-Downtown in India to build clean toilet facilities, and provide clean water and hand-wash stations for eight schools in Andhra Pradesh. Studies show that disease is greatly reduced by having these available. Past District Governor John Kramb is shown here visiting one of the schools to inspect the result of the \$90,000 project.



Scholarship Program

The Rotary Club of Gettysburg began its scholarship and student loan program in 1956 when it received a bequest from former club president Charles Eicholtz. Mr. Eicholtz had been the owner of The Eicholtz Company located in New Oxford known for selling office equipment and typewriters. Following his bequest, the club formed a Scholarship Award and Student Loan Committee.



The initial bequest of just over \$4,000 grew to over \$100,000 over the years as the funds were managed by ACNB Bank. The program was converted to a Scholarship only program in the early 1990's. The Rotary Club of Gettysburg added to its funding efforts in 2010 when it established the Rotary Club Benevolent Fund as part of the Adams County Community Foundation. This fund, begun with an initial donation of \$10,000, is used, in part, to fund additional scholarships. That fund presently has a balance over \$50,000.

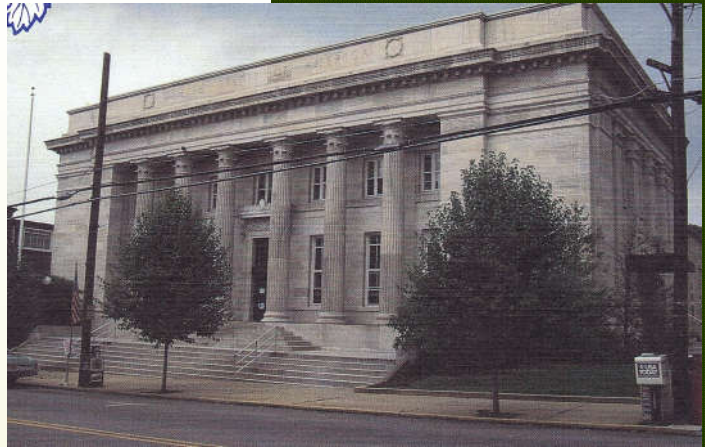
Beginning in 2019, sponsor dollars received at the club's Lobster Dinner have been added to the pool of funds used each year to present scholarships. In 2019, \$9,000 in scholarships was awarded by the club.



Benevolent Fund Founders

Adams County Library

In 1989, the Rotary Club of Gettysburg led the way when the local community library decided to purchase the vacant former Post Office building in Gettysburg to serve as its main library building. Led by Rotarian Dan Murray and other club members, the club assisted in reaching the \$1.25 million goal.



Capitol Steps

From 2005 through 2009, the Rotary Club of Gettysburg sponsored the comedy show The Capitol Steps at the Majestic Theater. Club President Bill Kough, working with Jeffrey Gable at the Majestic Theater, conceived of bringing this exciting comedy show to Gettysburg. The show had two performances on Saturday and a dinner between shows was available.





THE CLUB IN 1984



THE CLUB IN 1995

Grant Program

In 2015, the Rotary Club of Gettysburg began working with Rotary District 7390 here in central Pennsylvania to make annual awards of approximately \$5,000 to support a community project. Over the past few years, the following were completed through this program:

- A new pergola at the Gettysburg YWCA
- A new computer for Gettysburg Cares
- Food for Ruth's Harvest
- Start up costs for a new dental program for low income citizens in Adams County

The project that was awarded for the 2019-20 Rotary year was granted to the Seminary Ridge Museum. This \$5,000 grant was awarded in September 2019 to underwrite visits for Adams County schools to Seminary Ridge Museum. With the COVID-19 crisis, Rotary Club and museum leadership developed a way to still bring museum programming to students, harnessing the power of virtual learning. Seven of the museum's popular on-site programs are being amended to digital format and will be made accessible to Adams County teachers by the middle of April. The offerings explore the long reaches of the Civil War era in the areas of slavery and race, and physical and emotional human costs. All programming encourages participants to discuss 19th century issues in the context of the present day.

With the events of spring of 2020, Educators have had to create new ways to engage with students across time and space. The museum is at the forefront of new ideas and methods in digital learning.



PASTA MAGIC



LOBSTER TEAMWORK



DODGEBALL AT REC PARK



PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS

1920—1929

M.C.Jones—1920
A.B.Plank—1921
Frank C. Peckman—1922
Samuel G. Spanger—1923
Edmund W. Thomas—1924
William A. Miller—1925
John D. Keith—1926
Arthur R. Jones—1927
Earl. J. Bowman—1928
John D. Lippy—1929

1930—1939

M. Hadley Fisher—1930
Eugene V. Bulleit—1931
Frederick E. Griest—1932
Daniel C. Jacobs—1933
N.B. Schnurman—1934
H. Wilbur Baker—1935
J. Price Oyler—1936
J. I. Burgoon—1937
E. A. Myer—1938
Charles L. Eicholtz—1939

1940—1949

Rasmus S. Saby—1940
Edward Strausbaugh—1941
Paul A. Kinsey—1942
Frederick Tilberg—1943
Walter T. Africa—1944
James S. Cairns—1945
Chester N. Gitt—1946
C. Harold Johnson—1947
Mares Sherman—1948
W. G. Weaver—1949

1950—1959

Kenneth L. Smoke—1950
Bruce N. Wolff—1951
Richard Dreas—1952
John D. Teeter—1953
Roy H. Hammond—1954
Philip M. Jones—1955
John E. Hostetter—1956
Harold A. Dunkelberger- 1957
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1960—1969

William A. Lentz—1960
Richard A. Newsham—1961
Clark A. Smith—1962
Robert A. MacAskill—1963
C. William Harbaugh—1964
Stanley Hull—1965
G. Henry Roth—1966
Wilbur P. Plank—1967
Shelby A. Robert, Jr.—1968
Chester Jarvis—1969

PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS

1970—1979

James D. Sheen—1970
Roland S. Stephen—1971
Clarence A. Benson—1972
William F. Railing—1973
John J. Tully—1974
David E. Freet—1975
David L. Lewis—1976
Randall L. Saxon—1977
B. C. Robbins—1978
C. Donald Warner—1979

1980—1989

James J. Tipton—1980
Ronald L. Hankey—1981
Russell S. Rosenberger—1982
Paul E. Renner—1983
Bradley R. Hoch—1984
John M. Tomko—1985
Gary L. Lowe—1986
Joerd F. Kaufman and
Richard M. Kreisher—1987
Paul H. Ketterman—1988
Richard G. Kief and
Russell A. Springsted—1989

1990—1999

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Roy D. Fauth—1991
Edward A. Szoke—1992
James R. Cullison, Jr.—1993
James R. Ekdahl—1994
Dale L. Dickey—1995
Edwin R. Peterson—1996
Carey A. Moore—1997
Robert J. Small—1998
John A. Murphy—1999

2000 - 2009

Caroline Smith—2000
Kenneth Farabaugh, Jr.—2001
Thomas A. Ritter—2002
Robert McQuaide—2003
Michael Birkner—2004
William Kough—2005
Robert J Small—2006
Mark Grim—2007
Scott Wehler— 2008
John Kramb—2009

2010 - 2019

Eric Gladhill—2010
Carl Ricker —2011
Mike Hanson—2012
David Laughman—2013
Sharon DeOms Geleta-2014
John VanMeerbeke-2015
Alex Hayes - 2016
Deb Geesey—2017
Bill Braun -2018
Brad Hoch—2019



DICTIONARY DISTRIBUTION

The Rotary Club of Gettysburg has been distributing dictionaries to third grade students for almost 20 years. Currently students within the Gettysburg, Upper Adams, Fairfield, Conewago Valley, and Bermudian Springs School systems are eligible including students at private and parochial schools.



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