

THE BATTLEFIELDER



ROTARY CLUB OF GETTYSBURG, PA

Gettysburg Hotel — Mondays at Noon



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PROGRAM



President Alex Hayes with Ellie Rice, Chido Munangagwa, Terry Adamik and Harry Stokes from Project Gaia.

Gaia, Inc. the 2013 Eisenhower Humanitarian Award. The last time Chido spoke to our club was in 2011. Today she is sharing what is happening back home and with Project Gaia, Inc.

Zimbabwe, having a population of 14 million, is located in southern Africa. It is home to one of the Seven Wonders of the World, Victoria Falls which borders Zimbabwe and Zambia. Zimbabwe is home to the big 5: lions, rhinos, leopards, buffalos and elephants. Recently one of the famous lions also lived there, Cecil the Lion. In 1980 Zimbabwe gained independence from Britain as a direct result of the working relationship between President Robert Mugabe and

Eric Gladhill introduced our guest speaker, Chido Munangagwa who is a native of Zimbabwe and came to the United States for her college education. She graduated from Gettysburg College where she studied Economics and minored in French. In her senior year, she was awarded a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship and went to pursue her Masters in Management at London Business School. She worked 3 years working for JPMorgan in New York and is currently working with Harry Stokes at Project Gaia, Inc. since the beginning of this year. At Project Gaia, Chido is a business analyst and works to help entrepreneurs in Africa with setting up their companies.

She thanked the club for awarding her the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship and for awarding Project

then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. His Excellency Robert Mugabe has served as president for the past 36 years, serving since December 1987. Zimbabwe is known for many things including its landscape, diverse wildlife and agricultural products such as wheat, tobacco and corn. The country was known as “the Bread Basket of Africa”.

In the 2000's things began to change to include land reform plan which redistributed the land. This created massive economic crisis, increased inflation and the country once known as the Bread Basket now had empty shelves. An example of how dire this crisis was, in May 2008, inflation was 230,000,000% and prices of goods and services was doubling every 24.7 hours. This extreme hardship drove many Zim-

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babweans to South Africa to purchase produce and food. These items were then brought back to Zimbabwe and resold in order to survive during this time of strife.

During this time many did not know what to do or who to turn to. The government was not providing for its people. Earlier this year, Pastor Evan Mawarire recorded a short video on his cellphone while holding the flag he aired many grievances, the hardships many face daily and called upon the government to be accountable and change. He posted this video to his Facebook page which went viral almost immediately. This movement is now known as the #This Flag campaign. Pastor Mawarire called for a peaceful demonstration, “stay away” for 1 day, literally closing down shops, businesses, schools, transportation and even the government. Pastor Mawarire was charged for inciting public violence and disturbing the peace followed by a charge of treason. On the day of his court appearance hundreds appeared showing their support and prayers. The day ended when all charges were dropped. Pastor Mawarire and his family now live in exile. This Flag movement is growing worldwide. Demonstrations have been held in the United Kingdom, South Africa, Kenya and Washington DC in support of Pastor Mawarire and the citizens of Zimbabwe.

Chido began working for Project Gaia, Inc. as an intern while a student at Gettysburg College. During this time she has helped PGI grow in providing an alternative cooking source for many families living in refugee camps in countries such as Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, etc. PGI promotes clean, safe, efficient cook stoves which burn ethanol and methanol (alcohol). The stoves, which were developed specifically to be user friendly, economical, efficient, safe and clean, utilize a canister which is filled and easily refilled with the alcohol fuel. This alternative style of cooking provides many benefits to women and children; such as health benefits of not breathing cancer causing smoke, decrease in illnesses, safe alternative fuel and quicker cooking time. Currently women would walk many miles, 4 to 6 hours daily collecting firewood. During this time they faced abuse, sexual assault or violence, especially in areas of conflict.

While women and children, particularly girls, gathered firewood, this prevented them from pursuing an education or becoming gainfully employed and providing another source of income to the family. PGI helps to educate women to use the stove and begin their own business which in turn generates income for the family and helps the local economy. The average cost of a single burner stove is \$20-\$25 and a double burner stove is \$55-\$60 in South Africa. Costs for the ethanol or fuel for the stoves varies greatly such as \$1.20 per liter in Zimbabwe to ten cents per liter in Kenya. As more distilleries are brought online, the cost of fuel decreases in proportion to demand.

PGI does not directly provide the stove or fuel, but does partner with countries, foundations and other organizations worldwide in an advisory capacity to aide in distribution of stove, navigating through the vast governmental paperwork and further development of distilleries throughout these developing regions. At the current time the various governments control the production of the distilleries due to the fact that they are more interested in fuel blending.

PGI currently operates in 9 countries and assists with the operation of 4 micro distilleries. These distilleries use the countries own agricultural crops (corn, sugar, switchgrass, bitter molasses, etc.) brown coal, methane and other waste to produce the fuel for the stove. This entire project has aided in boosting the village economy and health, as well as globally by reducing the carbon footprint.

A final goal of Project Gaia, Inc. is to teach economies and world of the various alternative fuel choices that are available as fossil fuels are phased out or depleted globally.

Faithfully reported by:
Chris Kimple

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alex Hayes – Announced that the 4th Thursday Social this week is at the Adams County Winery, Chambersburg Street location.

John Kramb – two announcements.

- First, there will be a New/Prospective Member Orientation meeting following the regular Monday meeting on September 12.
- Second, many have asked how one can donate \$26.50 to help celebrate the Centennial of Rotary. To donate please write a check to Rotary and give it to John Kramb, or write a check and give it to Ken Farabaugh, or write a check and mail it to Rotary International. Many options!

John Van Meerbeke Gave the invocation

Songmaster Ron Bailey led us in singing “This is My Country”

Happy Bucks \$\$\$

\$ **John Kramb** \$1 welcoming Mark Grimm back after several weeks on leave of absence for medical reasons.

\$ **Mark Grimm** \$1 happy to be back and is now semi-bionic after receiving a new hip and knee.



Ken Farabaugh provided information on becoming a Paul Harris Fellow by donating \$1,000 to the Foundation. A sustaining member is one who continues to give \$100 per year to the Foundation. We are honored to have many sustaining members in the Rotary Club of Gettysburg. We also have several members who are members of the Paul Harris Society for pledging \$1,000 per year. **Scott Wehler** was recently named to the Paul Harris Society for pledging \$1,000 per year to the Rotary Foundation. Pictured above is **Ken Farabaugh** Foundation Chairman and **PDG John Kramb**, District Foundation Chairman presenting Scott Wehler with a certificate and Paul Harris pin commending him for his graciousness and giving to Rotary Foundation. Thank you Scott!

50-50 Winner Mark Persun

\$22

(Donated back to the Club)

Happy Birthday

Christina	Turley	8/27
Randall	Parmentier	8/29
Brad	Beegle	9/4
John	Van Meerbeke	9/14
James	Roach	9/29



ATTENDANCE

31 - Regular members

5 - 85 Club

1 Honorary member - Connie Farabaugh

Guests of the Club - Chido Munangagwa,
Ellie Rice, Terry Adamik and Harry
Stokes

Visiting Rotarians -
Mark and Ann Persun from Somerset, PA



COMING SOON

**8/29/2016 - Gianna Sullivan - Manasseh House
a transitional home for young men ages 21-26
who have aged out of the foster care and need
assistance.**

**9/5/2016 - NO MEETING - LABOR DAY
HOLIDAY!**

**9/12/2016 - Mike Feathers and Shari Brandt
classification talks**

**9/19/2016 – Chad-Alan Carr, Gettysburg
Community Theatre**

**9/26/2016 – Jackie Dwyer, Gettysburg Area
Recreational Authority**

10/03/2016 – Classification Talks

10/10/2016 – No meeting, Columbus Day

**10/17/2016 – Eisenhower Humanitarian
Award Presentation**

**Oct. 24 – Cookie Driscoll, interactive
presentation on getting out of debt**

Duty Rosters

Registration Desk

8/29 Scott Wehler
9/5 NO MEETING
9/12 Bob Gough

50/50

8/29 Randy Parmentier
9/5 NO MEETING
9/12 John Kramb

Invocation

8/29 Scott Wehler
9/5 NO MEETING
9/12 Eric Gladhill

Please be ready at the front desk at 11:30 a.m.

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