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## DESTINATION GETTYSBURG PENNSYLVANIA

### Adams County Travel Industry News

On Tuesday evening, Jim, Marty and I had the pleasure of going to the Destination Gettysburg annual dinner "A Look Back." The event was held at the new Liberty Mountain Resort Hotel and Conference Center. The complex is a great addition to the travel industry in Adams County with new hotel rooms, conference facilities, two restaurants, banquet facilities, spa, indoor pool and golf pro shop. I should also mention the fantastic views. Take the time stop in to take a look or have a beverage or dinner – you will be impressed.

At the dinner Destination Gettysburg President Norris Flowers announced that hotel stays in 2015 exceeded the 2013 150TH Anniversary year. I thought that was an interesting fact worth relating as the local travel industry works hard to diversify the platter of visitor opportunities; while also

increasing appeal to different demographics - including opportunities for millennial's.

Here are some other interesting Adams County travel facts. Last year visitors spent \$48M in lodging with a total of 450,164 rooms sold. The average daily rate of a hotel room was \$104.06. Visitors from 133 countries came to Adams County. The total amount of Pillow Tax collected in fiscal year 2015 was \$2,334,482.06.

Congratulations to Jackie White of the Dobbin House for being awarded the first annual Jim Getty Award for her contributions to the travel industry in Adams County. Thank you to Destination Gettysburg and all its members for making Adams County a great place to visit, live and work.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

The Information Technology Department recently deployed an additional backup storage appliance to increase the amount of storage space available for County backups. The Emergency Services building plays host to the County backup data center and the addition of the storage space allows for greater retention periods to store County data before it is deleted. The new storage appliance has doubled the amount of space available and will be used to help safeguard County data from loss or destruction. The IT Department continues to research modern technologies in the areas of disaster recovery and will promote migration to these newer technologies in the future.

In addition, the Sungard financial system is scheduled to be upgraded to the newest platform on Friday, April 22nd. The new platform was tested thoroughly within a test environment by core departments to ensure stability and functionality. The upgrade will provide patches to continue improving the functionality and stability of the Sungard system. The system is currently on the 14.X platform and will be upgraded to the 15.X platform. The IT Department, along with the core Sungard users, are working closely with Sungard to ensure that the upgrade is successful. Core departments will begin testing on the system following the upgrade to minimize any potential downtime. This upgrade will be the second major system upgrade since the Sungard system went live on January 1st, 2013.

# PLANS AVAILABLE FOR TWO ADAMS COUNTY BRIDGE PROJECTS

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) Rapid Bridge Replacement Project will begin this year in Adams County. Sixteen bridges are due for replacement under the project, with five being reconstructed in 2016, nine in 2017 and two in 2018.

The project contractor, Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners (PWKP) invites the public to view plans for the reconstruction of two bridges; one planned for replacement in the fall of 2016 and another planned for summer of 2017. The two bridges are **Heidlersburg Road (S.R. 0234) over Opossum Creek (JV-227) & Table Rock Road (S.R. 0394) over Conewago Creek (JV-228)**. You can view information on the projects at the Butler Twp Office, 2379 Table Rock Road, Biglerville, PA 17307 from March 16-31 on Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00 – 4:00PM.



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The bridge replacements are part of the Rapid Bridge Replacement Project, a Public-Private Partnership (P3) between PennDOT and Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners (PWKP) under which PWKP will finance, design, replace and maintain the bridges for 25 years. The P3 approach will allow PennDOT to replace the bridges more quickly while achieving significant savings and minimizing impact on motorists.

To see the bridges included in the statewide initiative and to learn more about the Rapid Bridge Replacement Project and P3 in Pennsylvania, visit [www.P3forPA.pa.gov](http://www.P3forPA.pa.gov). Additional information on the project, the team and how to bid on the project can be found at [www.PARapidBridges.com](http://www.PARapidBridges.com).

## Human Services Building Update

After consulting with Department Directors and the Human Services Building Core Design, as of this past Tuesday, Architect Crabtree & Rohrbaugh is preparing to take the proposed design back to all Department Directors within a week for their further review. After the Direc-

tors review, the resulting design will then go back to the Core Team and the Overall Team for final approval. We are attempting to stay on target for final design by the end of March, with bid specs completed by the end of April and bids returned by late May.

# WELLNESS & STEP NEWS

As most of you are aware our wellness program not only has a positive impact on your health; but also has a positive impact on the county health insurance programs. In Wellness Step news HR reports they received reports from 159 employees for week #2 and 141 employees increased their steps from week #1. There were 10 top prize winners for week #2 that had their choice of a Nutri Bullet or a Kindle Fire HD. The winners

Lloyd. Congratulations and keep on Stepping!

The Wellness Committee will also be offering free vouchers weekly to employees to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at our local Adams County Farmers Markets at Lincoln Square on Thursday's and the Outlets on Saturday's. Information will go out to department directors so we can ensure we have enough vouchers for everyone who is interested. Our wellness opportunities

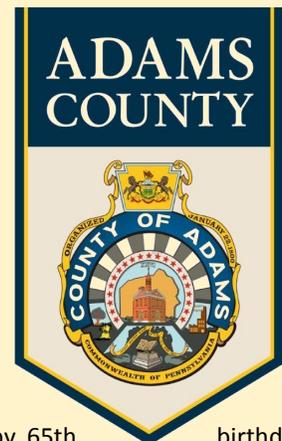


were Susan Hartley, John Lucabaugh, Cindy Sanderson, Darlene Resh, Shawn Miller, Rick Moyer, Kenneth Reisinger, Lisa Kasten, and Dennis Lentz. There were also 15 Random Prize Winners that included John Warner, Denny Harner, Stacie Weaver, Deb Musselman, Twila Turner, Kathy Smith, Danielle Helwig, Lisa Williams, Michael Sauble, Jason Pudleiner, Lisa Smith, Amy Lowery, John Wega & Paul

and activities are all possible with the reimbursements from Performance Health. The Board encourages all department directors and staff to support all wellness activities. The wellness committee has a year full of activities and opportunities for everyone.

## The END

It's only the middle of March and spring fever is in the air. While driving back the lane to my house, I was amazed to see that my neighbor's tulip tree was beginning to bloom. I also noticed the tulips on the Gettysburg square beginning to pop up. Although this makes me optimistic - I cannot help but recall the March 1993 Super Storm as the most significant blizzard I have ever witnessed. After three days at a standstill, I can recall the NPS having to get mega front end loaders from the stone quarry to open up Emmitsburg Road, the south end of the Park and the west end of the Park in the area of the Railroad Cut and the Peace Light. Despite that fading memory - I will still optimistically go ahead and get my lawnmowers tuned up.



Happy 65th birthday to my buddy Bob McIlhenny who voluntarily created and designed the county banner you see in the historic courtroom. On behalf of the Board, I wish everyone a wonderful Easter weekend next week. A reminder that Adams County offices will be closed next Friday. No matter what you do - get out there and experience all the historical, recreational, agricultural, natural and cultural opportunities that beautiful Adams County has to offer.