



# The Dwight D. Eisenhower Society 2017-2018 Annual Report



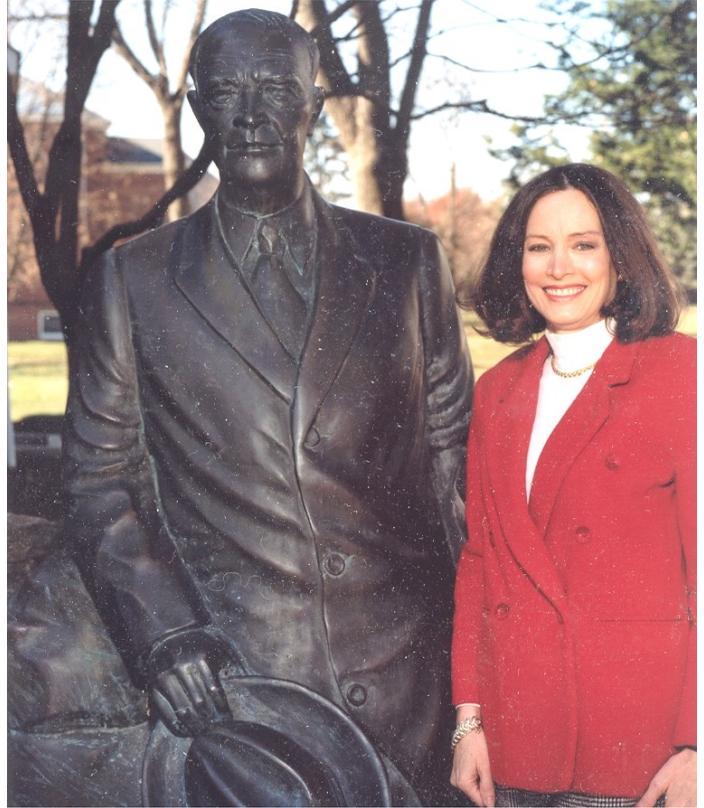
## *Our History*

Since its founding in 1969, the Eisenhower Society has worked to fulfill Mamie Eisenhower's request that the Society be "a perpetual living memorial to Ike." Over the years, the Society has conducted annual observances each October to remember Eisenhower's life and work. Guest speakers have included 38<sup>th</sup> President of the United States Gerald R. Ford, former National Security Advisor General Brent Scowcroft, former Pennsylvania Governor Richard Thornburgh and other notables. With careful management of donated funds by founders Charles Wolf and Henry Scharf, and Trustee Leroy Smith's donation, and later sale of the David Wills House, the Society established a modest endowment to perpetuate its endeavors.

In 1990 the Society commemorated the centennial of Eisenhower's birth in partnership with Gettysburg College and the Eisenhower National Historic Site, sponsoring events that received national media attention. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Society is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year in 2019 and continues to pursue its goal of perpetuating Eisenhower's legacy through its own educational programming, partnering with other Eisenhower legacy organizations and by granting funds to support and promote Eisenhower-related projects.

## *Our Mission*

The Society will promote the knowledge and understanding of the accomplishments of Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34<sup>th</sup> President of the United States and General of the Army; the code by which he lived; and the signal qualities that made him in his time the world's most trusted figure.



## *A Message from President Jacqueline White*

During the years that Dwight Eisenhower, along with his wife Mamie, lived in the only home they ever owned – in Gettysburg, PA – they came to be close friends with many of the town citizens. Upon the 1969 death of the famous Five-Star General and 34<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, several of these local residents formed a group, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society, to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of their friend and national hero.

Today, 50 years later, this Society proudly stands strong as a non-profit organization dedicated to educating today's Americans about Eisenhower's exceptional character and leadership qualities. Through the decades, we have achieved great success in our mission. From hosting Khrushchev's son to past President Gerald Ford at educational functions, to restoring and preserving historic Eisenhower artifacts, to supporting published historical books, videos and television programs, to teaching programs for both children and teachers, our Society has reached hundreds of thousands of Americans and citizens of the world. Much of this has been accomplished through our annual grant program which has distributed nearly one million dollars.

This year we are celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the usual interesting and fun member events held every year – a picnic at the Eisenhower farm and October birthday commemoration plus a Gala Celebration Dinner on December 6, 2019. To view more about these and other anniversary events, visit our newly designed website-[dwrightdeisenhowersociety.org](http://dwrightdeisenhowersociety.org). Everyone is invited to celebrate our past and grow in the future!

## The Eisenhower Society's First Office

The Eisenhower Society was established in 1969 but it never had its own office. Society officers and board of trustee members worked out of their personal offices and homes. However, in the fall of 2017 the board decided to find an office space to use. Some of our requirements were reasonable rent, parking and visibility. To our good fortune, we were able to rent a space in what was the former "Hall of Presidents" building. Newly renovated, we are the first occupants of the space. It even has a statue of Eisenhower right outside!



Members of the board furnished the office. Trustee Duane and Linda Williams donated most of the furniture. We also bid on items at the Littlestown School District Rolling Acres Elementary School auction prior to demolition. Trustee Michael McGough, Vice Chairman Walton Jones, and Trustee Paul Shevchuk donated large framed reproduction portraits of General Eisenhower, President Eisenhower and Mrs. Eisenhower printed on canvas. President Jackie White donated a framed reproduction of Eisenhower's painting, *A Normandy Scene*. The Society owns the original and it is currently on loan to the Eisenhower National Historic Site.



Secretary Ken Weiler donated an electric fireplace insert to add to the ambiance of the office. Trustee Paul Shevchuk reworked a bookcase purchased at the auction so we have a place to keep reference books to answer visitor questions. Member Charles Teague and Trustee John Boyles donated about 60 Eisenhower books to add to the Society's collection. A four-sided bookcase purchased at the auction was refinished by member Lionel Wells and turned into an exhibit case. Trustee Paul Shevchuk and Executive Director Carol Hegeman worked together to develop text and mounts for Eisenhower Society artifacts. The only items actually purchased for the office were a new computer and desk.

The office is now the location of committee meetings, storage of Eisenhower Society archives and books, and a space to welcome visitors as they walk along Baltimore Street. We even had an unusual visitor one morning. A local black snake stopped by the front door!



## *Office Ribbon Cutting and Open House*



On April 19<sup>th</sup>, officers and members of the Eisenhower Society board of trustees welcomed guests representing local businesses, Destination Gettysburg, and local and state politicians to an official ribbon cutting for our new office. Some of the attendees gathered outside the office by the Eisenhower statue as Chairman Brigadier General Samuel K. Lessey cut the ribbon.

Afterward everyone enjoyed the office space and refreshments donated by trustee John Donovan and his wife Margery. Both Carol Hegeman and Jackie White talked about the history of the Eisenhower Society.

Then Trustee Priscilla Roberts donated some artifacts to the Society—an Eisenhower Barrington pitcher and photos and sand from Omaha Beach. As a young officer, her husband and former chairman of the Eisenhower Society, Major General J. Milnor Roberts, landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day.



## *A Part-Time Executive Director*

In November 2017, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society welcomed Carol Hegeman as its executive director. Carol brings a wealth of knowledge to the society on General Eisenhower. In 2015, she retired from the National Park Service after 42 years of service. During her time with the National Park Service, she served for 35 years as the first supervisory historian of Eisenhower National Historic Site and oversaw the interpretive and education programming at the site. The executive director position is part time, on average 15-20 hours a week. All members are welcome to stop at the office at 789 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, whenever Carol is in the office. Since her hours are limited, please call 717-398-2349 to confirm that she will be there to greet you.



## *Eisenhower Society Signs Pollinator Pledge*

In keeping with Eisenhower's ethic to leave the land better than he found it, the Eisenhower Society supported efforts by the Eisenhower National Historic Site and Gettysburg National Military Park to educate people about the importance of pollinators in food crop production and flowering trees and plants. Vice Chairman Walton Jones represented the Society at the signing. Encouraging conservation of habitat, limiting pesticide use and planting pollinator gardens to encourage bees, butterflies, birds, bats and insects are some of the initiatives of the program. Twenty-seven additional organizations in Gettysburg and Adams County participated in the pledge.



## *Honoring Retiring Trustees*

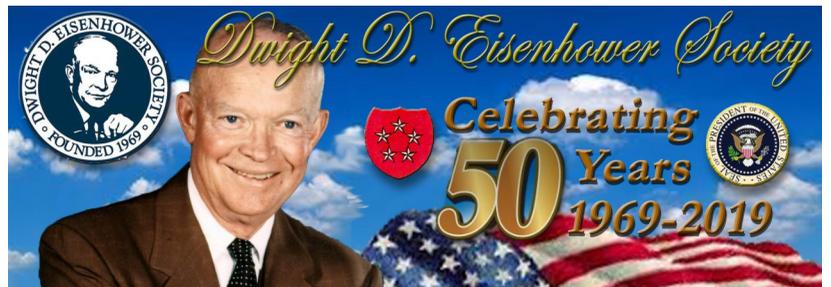
Eisenhower Society President Jacqueline White recently recognized retiring trustees John Donovan, on right, (15 years of service) and Kib Roulette (17 years of service) for their work on behalf of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society. Not pictured is retiring trustee Stephen Gibble who served on the board for 24 years. Thank you for your years of service to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society!



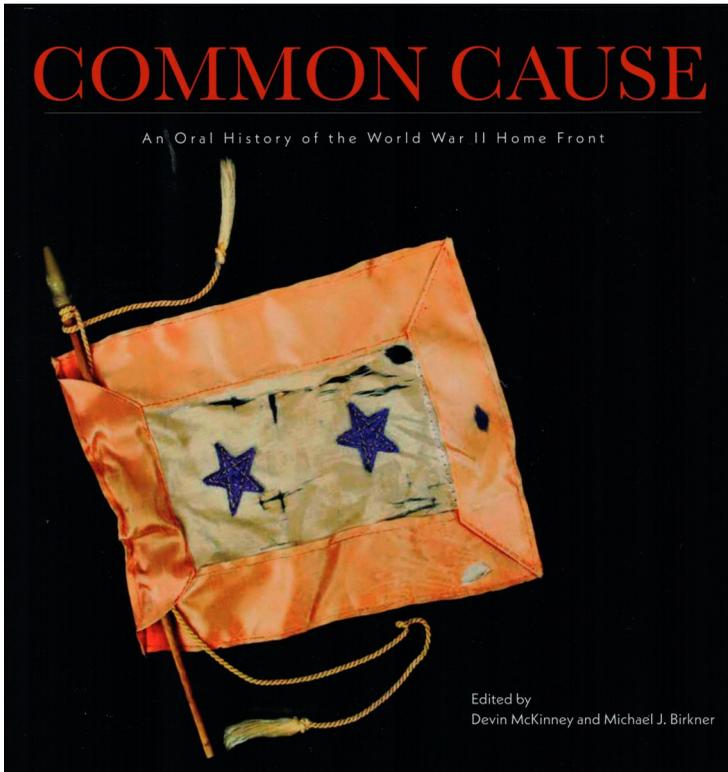
## *New eNewsletter For Members*

The Eisenhower Society inaugurated an e-newsletter in June 2018. The colorful masthead was designed by society president Jacqueline White. Jackie also designed our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo. Published four times a year, the newsletter includes upcoming society events, some Eisenhower history, Eisenhower quotes and trivia, news about the Eisenhower National Historic Site, and some background on featured trustees. It is delivered to email inboxes via our subscription with the Constant Contact email service. If you have not been getting the newsletter and want to, please send your name, address, telephone and email address to:

[info@dワイトdeisenhowersociety.org](mailto:info@dワイトdeisenhowersociety.org).



## *Eisenhower Society Grants Make a Difference in 2018*



### **Home Front: Book of Oral Histories-\$4,100**

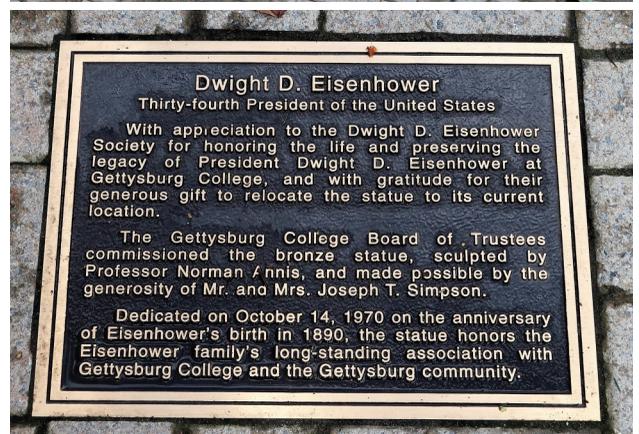
This grant funded the printing of the book, *Common Cause: An Oral History of the World War II Home Front*. This 140-page book is a collection of stories from the 1,500 World War II era interviews in the Gettysburg College Musselman Library archives that were conducted by students in the Historical Methods course taught by Dr. Michael Birkner. Editors Devin McKinney and Michael J. Birkner culled through the interview transcripts and selected excerpts from 139 interviews about life on the Home Front to capture this bygone era. The book is illustrated with historic photographs, letters and posters that were preserved and scanned in an earlier project funded by an Eisenhower Society grant between the Adams County Historical Society and Gettysburg College Special Collections. The book is available for sale at the Gettysburg College bookstore.

### **Eisenhower Oral History Project Completion and Digitization-\$4,384**

The Eisenhower Oral History project collected hundreds of hours of interviews from friends, family, employees and associates of General and Mrs. Eisenhower. This project is completing the editing of transcripts by auditing the taped interviews and properly formatting the transcripts. A Table of Contents is developed for each interview and all legal release forms are being acquired if needed. Once completed, interviews are converted to PDF format. This grant will complete the project and allow for the transcripts to be printed on acid-free paper and bound for use as books in the site library. The PDFs will be available on the internet for research use.

### **Eisenhower Statue Relocation and Plaque-\$5,000**

Eisenhower Society grant funds were used to assist the relocation and landscaping of the Eisenhower Statue located outside Eisenhower's post-presidential office at Gettysburg College. The building now serves as the admissions office. When a major expansion of the building was needed, the statue needed to be removed and stored for safe-keeping. When the addition was complete, funds were used to develop a small plaza, lighting, and landscaping. A plaque about the Society's role in commemorating Dwight D. Eisenhower was added.



## Internships at Eisenhower National Historic Site- \$6,000

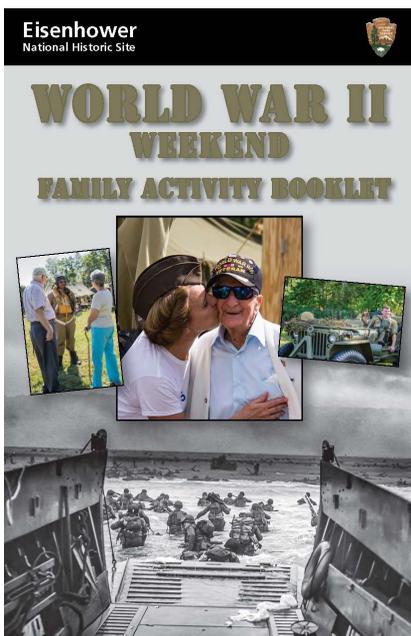
Grant funds provided living stipends to four interns for 12-week internships. Three interns presented in-depth talks and tours to 17,000 visitors. Their impact on visitors often included multiple contacts during the course of each visitor's tour. The curatorial intern cataloged archival photos, packed, cleaned, moved and unpacked show barn artifacts for proper storage, re-organized part of the curatorial storage area and developed a temporary exhibit about Eisenhower and Golf for display in the Reception Center.



*Dear Eisenhower Society,*

*I would like to extend my greatest thanks to you for your generous sponsorship of my internship. The ability to work at such a valuable historic site with the National Park Service this summer means the world to me, and it is an experience I will never forget. I was able to learn an incredible amount about the remarkable life of Dwight D. Eisenhower and enjoyed the ability to explore my own interests as well. One such interest that I explored was the involvement of the Women's Army Corps in Eisenhower's life, which is a subject near and dear to my heart. It was beyond rewarding getting to share my love and passion for history and the story of those women with members of the public—without your generosity, I would not have had that chance.*

*Sincerely, Emily Timberlake*



## Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Project - \$3,000

These funds provided a stipend to a high school teacher to work at the Eisenhower National Historic Site to learn about Eisenhower history, educate visitors, make up-dates to the site's existing curriculum and develop new curriculum on various topics related to Eisenhower for other teachers to use. The teacher worked with staff and took the lead in developing a new Jr. Ranger book for the Eisenhower Site. He also developed a family activity guide booklet for World War II Weekend and edited the Great War Weekend family activity booklet. He developed and wrote a lesson plan for teachers on Eisenhower and Civil Rights, most specifically the Little Rock crisis. The curriculum and activity guides will be used for years to come and will benefit thousands of students and families.

## More Grants

### Support Agricultural Science Curriculum & Student Trips to Eisenhower National Historic Site - \$7,300

The grant supports environmental education for middle and high school students in the areas of soil, water, wildlife and forestry. This program allows students to learn about Eisenhower's ethic to leave the land better than he found it. It also provides transportation costs for students of the City of York School District to attend educational programs at the site. This school district has a very high percentage of low income and homeless students and cannot afford student field trips. These funds allow 8<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in the Agricultural Science program. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in Eisenhower: The Molding of a Leader, a character education curriculum, as they get on the right TRRACC like Ike to be Trustworthy, Respectful, Responsible, Accountable, Caring and a good Citizen.



### Dwight D. Eisenhower Senior Self-Improvement Award-\$5,000

*...far too often we write off a backward child as hopeless, a clumsy animal as worthless, a worn-out field as beyond restoration. [But] a difficult boy can become a fine man, an animal can respond to training, and the field can regain its fertility. —Dwight D. Eisenhower, At Ease*



These grant funds recognize and award positive growth and achievement of graduating seniors from six Adams County high schools who have had an "at risk" record in academics, attendance, attitude, behavior and school/community activities. These students nominate themselves and keep a record of improvement and commitment in all six areas. Each school selects five students to be honored at an annual awards breakfast. The awards are presented to thirty students who have succeeded in improving themselves.

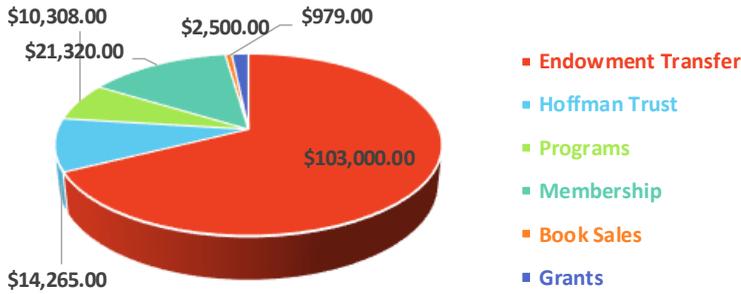
### Eisenhower Institute: Inside Civil Rights - \$3,000

During the 2017-2018 academic year, the students in the Eisenhower Institute's program, Inside Civil Rights made a trip to Little Rock, Arkansas to visit Central High School and the National Park Service Visitor Center there. They also visited other sites associated with African American history such as the Dreamland Ballroom, which often hosted musical groups that were part of the Chitlin Circuit. Nine students participated in the program. At the Eisenhower Institute end-of-year reception, the students were present to talk about their experiences and about 50 people were in attendance.

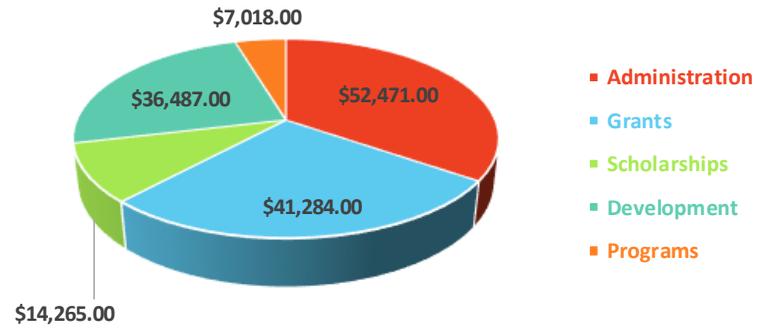


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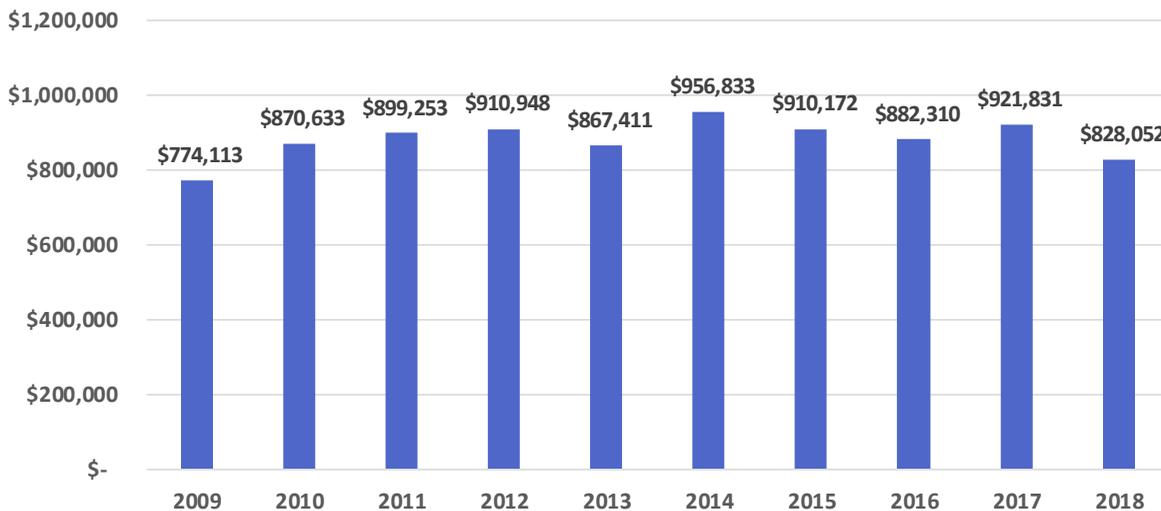
Income-November 2017-October 2018  
\$152,372



Expenses-November 2017-October 2018  
\$151,525



Eisenhower Society Endowment



## Scholarships and Awards

Each year the Eisenhower Society presents four scholarships totaling \$14,500 to deserving students at Gettysburg College. Funded through the Society by the Hoffman Trust, this long-established program has benefited dozens of college students. The \$250 General Milnor Roberts ROTC Award is presented yearly to a worthy ROTC student at Gettysburg College.



In 2018 two students were recognized. As a captain, Roberts landed in France on D-Day and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He served as the Chairman of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society for many years.



## *Annual Honor Roll of Donors--November 2017-October 2018*

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Society gratefully acknowledges the contributions of the following individuals, corporations, foundations and in-kind supporters whose generosity over the last year helped perpetuate Eisenhower's legacy of leadership through educational programs, grants, scholarships and special events.

**Presidential – \$5,000 or more**

**One Star – 35.00 or more**

**The Eisenhower Society Board of Trustees gives generously of their time through leadership, committee work and volunteering as well as financial support for the Society mission.**

**Four Star - \$1,000 or more**

**Three Star- \$500 or more**

**Two Star - \$100 or more**

Donor names have  
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### *Eisenhower Society Grants and Scholarships*

Since the Eisenhower Society began giving grants and scholarships in the 1990s, a total of \$846,000 has supported a variety of educational programs from the film, *Eisenhower's Secret War*, to a conference commemorating Khrushchev's visit at President Eisenhower's farm, to scholarships for Gettysburg College students, to Eisenhower farm visits by crew members of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69).

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## *Members Enjoy Themselves and Learn About Eisenhower*

**In June, Eisenhower Society members were invited to participate in a Camp Colt Walking Tour** on the Gettysburg battlefield. Camp Colt, located on the fields of Pickett's Charge, was the U. S. Army's Tank Corps Training Center and Captain Dwight D. Eisenhower was its commander. An intrepid group of members spent two hours with retired National Park Service employee and Eisenhower Society Trustee Paul Shevchuk, walking the fields, looking at historic photographs and learning about Eisenhower's challenges in training over 10,000 soldiers that passed through Camp Colt, from lack of tanks, to problems with local barkeeps serving soldiers alcohol, to the Spanish Influenza brought to the camp when new soldiers arrived.



**In July, members and their guests attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Eisenhower Society Picnic** at the Eisenhower National Historic Site. It was a cold and rainy day, as 150 people gathered to participate in Eisenhower home tours, a talk by a park intern, dinner featuring some of General Eisenhower's favorite foods and a concert by the West Point Alumni Glee Club. Unfortunately, the deluge of rain (three inches during the picnic) meant the putting green contest and flag ceremony were cancelled. Everyone enjoyed the food prepared by Ragged Edge catering and a glass of wine courtesy of Duane and Linda Williams. Our special thanks to David and Cynthia Salisbury for sponsoring the putting contest. The cancelled contest will happen in 2019!



## *More Activities*

**In October the annual Dwight D. Eisenhower Society wreath-laying** was held at Gettysburg College. Rainy weather forced the program inside the auditorium in the new admissions office addition. Members reflected on readings from Eisenhower's books. Four scholarships and two ROTC awards were presented. Fortunately, the weather cleared and awardees were able to pose for photographs at the Eisenhower Statue. After a luncheon at the Dobbin House Tavern, society members and guests enjoyed a Powerpoint program by historian Dr. Edward Lengel on the Eisenhowers' life in the White House. He described Mamie Eisenhower's efforts in decorating and upgrading the furnishings. Most surprisingly, he noted that Mamie Eisenhower secured a donation of one of the original copies of the Gettysburg Address for the White House!



## *Development Activities*



**In May, the Society hosted Ike, the Farmer.** We reached out to the agricultural community to share the work of the Society. The Eisenhower Farm 2 Show Barn was the venue for a program presented by R. John Dawes, Executive Director of the Foundation for PA Watersheds, who served with the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy. He and his wife Katie are the owners of a championship herd of Angus cattle. John purchased Huntingdon Farm in 1970 with Penn State professor Herman Purdy, who was a friend and advisor to President Eisenhower as he developed his Angus herd at Eisenhower Farms. John provided a unique insight on a different aspect of General Eisenhower's life –

his successful and award-winning Angus cattle. John even recollected his visit to the Eisenhower Farm for a cattle sale as a young boy. Most importantly, John emphasized Eisenhower's lasting role in improving the Angus cattle breed.

Guests then travelled to the Eisenhower Reception Center to enjoy good food and wine. Our thanks to sponsors Brown Advisory, Dr. William Aldrich, Duane and Linda Williams and Jake Schindel of the Ragged Edge Coffee Shop who catered the delicious beef hors d'oeuvres for a reduced price.

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