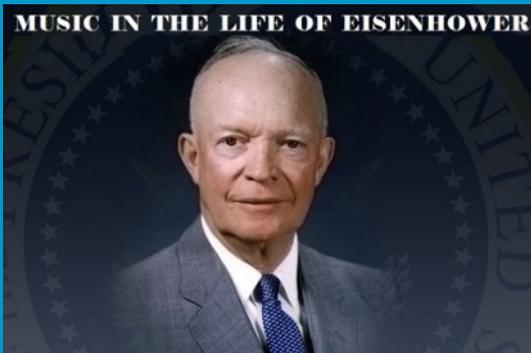


The Dwight D. Eisenhower Society

2019-2020 Annual Report



A Message from Vice-Chairman Walt Jones

An invitation to become a Trustee of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society, over thirty years ago, was a distinct honor and presented me with a set of opportunities to promote and extend to others – an understanding of what this true “icon” of the 20th century was all about.

I was acquainted with the President through his golf outings at the Gettysburg Country Club. At the age of 12 in 1958, I had a “young child's” concept of his fame and gravitas. I found him to be genuinely kind and of good humor always. That doesn't mean he couldn't be a little (or a lot) irritated with his golf game! Fast-forward to late 1990... as a Trustee, I felt the need to become more well-informed of the life and times of Gettysburg's most famous citizen. However, never could I accumulate the vast knowledge of some of our Trustees about the inclusive history of this “most-trusted figure of the 20th century.”

My full commitment, rather, has been the clarification of the man's personality, his character traits, behaviors and values. Understanding these personal qualities leads one to recognize his demonstrated leadership ability and outstanding service to his country.

In this Annual Report, we provide information of our dual goals of being a self-sustaining organization through the financial growth of our assets while providing the members and the public with enriching experiences. Our Society events and programs are enjoyed by many.

Our supporters are loyal and recognize our viability as we promote our Mission.

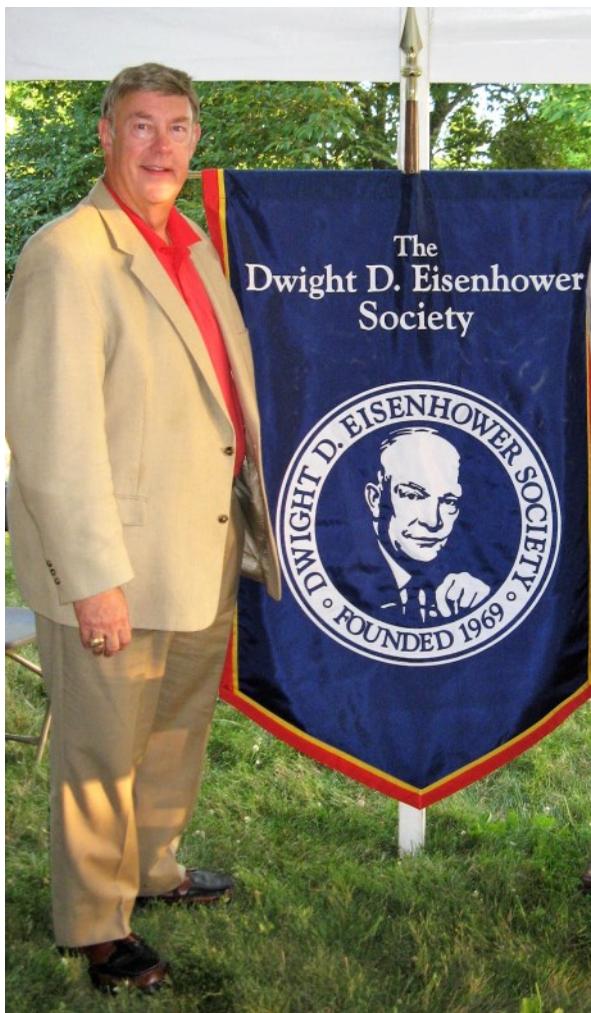
In 2019 we recognized the 50th Anniversary of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society. Historically, the Society has conducted outstanding programs with a list of participants such as Governors, Senators, Presidents, military leaders, entertainers, scholars, and educators. Our events are conducted often in partnership with Gettysburg College, Mount St. Mary's University and the National Park Service. In our celebration of those five decades, we remembered and reflected on the contributions of the many distinguished men and women who served as Trustees and Officers. We also gave thanks for our members and supporters.

With an intensity of purpose, we look forward to further achieving our goals by conducting every element of our program free of politics, appreciating past and current events while always entertaining new and varied ideas to accomplish our goals. We are truly excited about what lies ahead for the Society. Ike had “high expectations” for himself and others. So does HIS Society!

Dr. Walton C. Jones, Vice-Chairman
Dwight D. Eisenhower Society

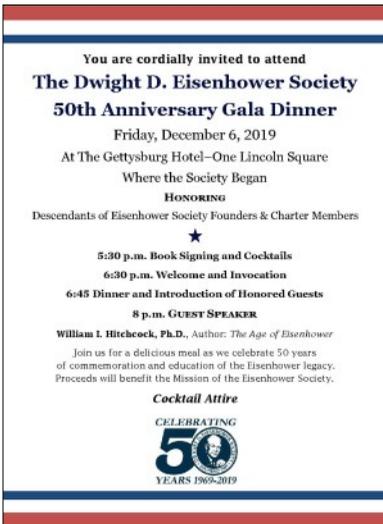
Our Mission

The Society will promote the knowledge and understanding of the accomplishments of Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th 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.



The Eisenhower Society Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary

The Eisenhower Society began November 2019 with continued preparations for the 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner in honor of the date that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania officially recognized our organization as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society.



We continued to receive sponsorships for the dinner as well as ticket sales. We also researched and located a number of descendants of the 20 original founders who signed the Eisenhower Society document of incorporation. We designed a 12-page program for the Gala evening. In addition to information about our guest speaker, sponsor list, program schedule, and a society history, we wrote short biographies of each founder and thanks to their descendants we were able to find a few photos to enhance their biographies.

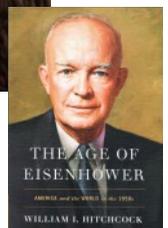
During the cocktail hour, Dr. William I. Hitchcock, author of the *Age of Eisenhower*, signed his books. After cocktails which featured the Eisenhower signature drinks—Ike's scotch and water and Mamie's Manhattan, Eisenhower Society Vice Chairman and Eisenhower granddaughter Susan Eisenhower welcomed the 87 attendees to the Gala. Our 97-year-old chairman, Brigadier General Samuel K. Lessey, Jr. greeted the audience with a few words as well. Dinner choices were Filet Mignon and Horseradish Encrusted Salmon or Breast of Chicken with Proscuitto & Gruyere.



After dinner, Executive Director Carol Hege-man presented a brief history of the Eisenhower Society. She acknowledged each of the descendants of the Eisenhower Society founders in attendance as well. Larson's Quality Inn was a life member of the organization and we were pleased to welcome Andrew Larson who has remained a Society supporter these past 50 years.



We then recognized Jacqueline White who had just stepped down after more than 21 years of service as the Eisenhower Society president. Finally, Society Trustee Dr. Michael Birkner introduced our guest speaker, historian Dr. William I. Hitchcock. Gala guests enjoyed his remarks and answers to questions afterward. We were fortunate that our local access television station, Community Media of South Central PA, filmed the program. The video is available on their website at <https://www.communitymedia.net/> Just enter Eisenhower Society in the search bar in the top right hand corner of the webpage.



Member Appreciation: An Event that Wasn't

You are invited to:

**Eisenhower Society
Member Appreciation Reception**

Sunday, March 22, 2020
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

G.A.R. Hall
53 East Middle Street
Gettysburg



Enjoy light refreshments
Chat with fellow members
At 3:00 p.m. enjoy
"Major Eisenhower's Neighborhood,"
a brief talk presented by Paul Shevchuk.
Learn little known facts about:
Eisenhower, the G.A.R. Hall &
the surrounding neighborhood.



Metered parking is \$1.00 an hour and available on the street and in two municipal parking lots close by. Bring quarters!

For accessibility information please call or email us.

Please RSVP by **March 17** to
Carol Hegeman at 717-398-2349
Or
info@dwighteisenhowersociety.org



The Eisenhower Society Program Committee under the chairmanship of Paul Shevchuk and with the help of Membership Committee Chair Ruthmary McIlhenny planned the first ever Member Appreciation Reception for Sunday afternoon, March 22. Envisioned as an opportunity for members to get to know each other and the Board of Trustees, it was scheduled to be held in the Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Gettysburg. The society planned displays about our 50th Anniversary events, and our grants program. A brief talk by trustee Paul Shevchuk was planned to discuss the use of the building by Eisenhower when he commanded Camp Colt, the Army Tank Training Center in 1918.

Plans were made for sangria and non-alcoholic drinks sponsored by Duane and Linda Williams and Robert and Ruthmary McIlhenny. Bite-sized foods to accompany the beverages were sponsored by Ken Weiler, Tony TenBarge, Priscilla Roberts, David Belcher and Dr. Walton Jones. Just a week before the event, the country went into Coronavirus pandemic lock down. Cancellation notices were emailed or phone calls made. Fortunately, the food order was not yet placed. Hopefully we can hold this event in the future.

Eisenhower Society Office Closes for Three Months

With work from home orders issued by the Governor, Executive Director Carol Hegeman packed up the most used files and accounts and headed home on March 17. Except for trips to the Post Office to pick up the mail, visits to the drive-up window at the bank, and a rare trip to the office to get a forgotten supply or print large numbers of documents, she did all the routine work of the society from her home office. Check signing by officers was done outside her house or by an open garage door following social distancing guidelines. The initial two-week work from home order was extended. It wasn't until June 15 that she reopened the office. Fortunately, Carol works alone most of the time, and she wore a mask when the occasional visitors stopped by the office. Our spacious office also allows for socially-distanced committee meetings with the option to call in to attend.

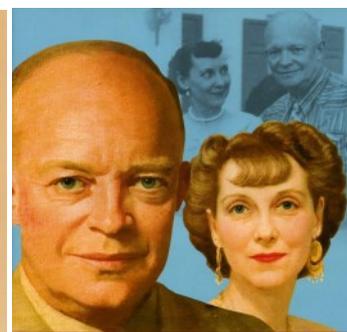


New Gifts for Membership Levels

The Eisenhower Society initiated membership gifts with the membership renewal mailing in January 2020. All members will now receive a membership card that provides a 10% discount at the Gettysburg National Military Park/Eisenhower National Historic Site Museum Store located in the Visitor Center. We appreciate Event Network's support of this benefit. Those joining or renewing at the two-star \$100 level have a choice of a copy of the *Eisenhower National Historic Site Museum Collection* book or *Korea: The Forgotten War* seminar proceedings. Both books were printed by the Eisenhower Society. Additional membership levels include options for a large, mounted full color Eisenhower Home photograph ready for display, private tours of the Eisenhower Home and an 11-inch miniature of the Eisenhower at Gettysburg statue, located on the Gettysburg College campus. For a full list of the member premiums visit our website: <https://www.dwighteisenhowersociety.org/ddes/>

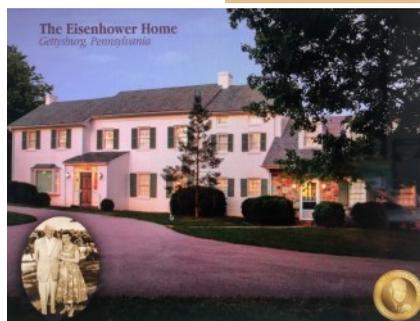


Eisenhower and Korea
The Forgotten War



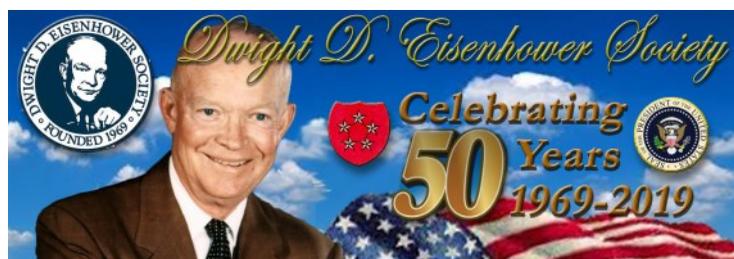
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Corona Virus Pandemic Increases Importance of Facebook Posts and Quarterly Electronic Newsletters

The Eisenhower Society Quarterly E-Newsletter, initiated in June 2018, has continued to provide a means of sharing Eisenhower Society news and Eisenhower history with members and others interesting in Eisenhower. We have also posted on our Facebook page about Society events and operations and Eisenhower history to keep in touch with our members and others. When the July 2020 Society picnic was cancelled because of the pandemic, the opportunity to taste Mamie's Devil's Food Cake would be missed, so we decided to feature some Eisenhower recipes on Facebook. If you are not receiving our newsletter, please let us know. And follow us on Facebook for the latest information.



Cell Phone Tour Interprets Eisenhower National Historic Site

The Eisenhower National Historic Site closed for the year. Rangers worked from home and no one could access the site. By the summer, provision was made for visitors to drive to the site, park in the employee parking lot, and walk the grounds. The Eisenhower Home was not open for tours. Rangers did rove the grounds every so often to interact with visitors but no tours were presented. However, visitors could still get a self-guided tour while walking the grounds by using their phones to dial into the cell phone tour sponsored by the Eisenhower Society. By using each phone's speaker system, the entire family could listen in to the short narrative at each point of interest.



Eisenhower Society Grants Make a Difference in 2020



Music in the Life of Eisenhower - \$5,000

A "Music in the Life of Eisenhower" video program was produced by the Virginia Chamber Orchestra. It features music and narration from a live concert filmed prior to the pandemic integrated with recorded in-studio discussion by leading Eisenhower historians and students. In addition to the Virginia Chamber Orchestra under the direction of David Grandis, The Airmen of Note, which is the premier jazz ensemble of the U. S. Air Force, and the Pro Coro Singers from the Alexandria Choral Society performed. National Public Television's Robert Aubry Davis provided narration. Historians Dr. Michael Birkner and Timothy Rives answered student questions. These grant funds were used to fund the production of the video. The finished program was streamed on the internet during the pandemic. A 26-page study guide and a series of lesson plans were produced to support the video for educational use by libraries, museums and life-long learners. This program is available online at <https://www.vco.events/community/videos/>.



Taking on the Tyrants: An Oral History of the World War II Military - \$5,000

The staff of Gettysburg College's Musselman Library is producing a new publication based on the college's rich collection of 700 World War II era oral histories. *Taking on the Tyrants: An Oral History of the World War II Military*, designed as a companion book to *Common Cause: An Oral History of the World War II Home Front*, and edited by Dr. Michael Birkner and Devin McKinney, will examine the military side of the war effort. Production of the illustrated paperback has been delayed because of the Coronavirus pandemic as student workers were unable to work on campus in Spring 2020. Work did resume when upper-class students returned to in-person learning in Fall 2020. These funds will support the printing of the book.



Ike: 1941–1945 The Making of An American Hero - \$5,000

This grant allowed Contemporary Learning Systems to seek the participation of General Wesley Clark as the host and presenter of the TV documentary *Ike: The Making of An American Hero*. General Clark agreed to introduce the program and filming was scheduled for Spring 2020 at the new Eisenhower Memorial in Washington D.C. Filming was cancelled because of the pandemic. Instead, General Clark recorded an introduction for the film via Zoom. This temporary introduction did allow the film to premiere virtually on September 16, the week of the re-scheduled Eisenhower Memorial dedication, and on October 14 in remembrance of Eisenhower's birthday. When pandemic restrictions allow, live filming with General Clark will take place at the Eisenhower Memorial.

We're celebrating the anniversary of Supreme Commander Eisenhower's birthday with a 24-hour viewing of this new documentary!

HOSTED BY
Gen. Wesley Clark
(USA Ret.)
former Supreme Commander of NATO

October 14th
Beginning @ 12:01am EST

IKI: 1941-1945
The Making of an American Hero

A 75-minute Documentary
by George A. Colburn

Internships at Eisenhower National Historic Site - \$10,500

Five Eisenhower interns were selected for summer internships in January 2020, only to learn two months later that their internships were not possible because of the pandemic. The curatorial internship was cancelled as the historic site was closed and there was no way to access artifacts. Though one interpretive intern decided not to participate in a virtual internship, the three remaining interns had greatly modified experiences doing Eisenhower research from home and writing social media posts, adding metadata to make oral history transcripts accessible online, and writing web articles. A sixth winter/spring intern from Gettysburg College assisted with social media posts. Even her internship was curtailed when the college closed in mid-March. She continued to work virtually on a limited schedule while at home.



To the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society,

Thank you so much for the internship opportunities at Eisenhower National Historic Site. I learned so much about how to write for public history, engage people in an online history-based community, and more about Ike's life and career! I am so honored to have had this opportunity despite Covid-19. Learning and sharing history can still be done despite these challenges, and I am so thankful I was able to join the Eisenhower community this summer.

*"For every obstacle there is a is a solution. Persistence is the key.
The greatest mistake is giving up!" - President Eisenhower*

Thank you, Emma Bickford



Dwight D. Eisenhower Senior Self-Improvement Award -- \$1,540

The Eisenhower Society presented a \$5,000 check to the Adams County Economic Education Foundation to support the Dwight D. Eisenhower Senior Self-Improvement Awards. The \$5,000 in awards included the Society's \$1,540 as well as a \$2,500 grant received from the Adams County Bar Foundation and funds from book sales at First Annual World War II Conference donated by America's History, LLC (\$600) and Ostfront Publications (\$360). These cash awards were presented to at-risk seniors from the six Adams County high schools who demonstrated growth and achievement in academics, attendance, attitude, behavior, and school/community activities. The students nominated themselves and kept a record of improvement and commitment in all six areas. Each school selected five students to be honored. Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, students submitted their work virtually and received their awards via the mail. We were unable go get a group photo of the awardees, but three of the "most improved students" did submit personal photos. The awards were presented to 26 students who succeeded in improving themselves.



More Grants

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



The 12 students participating in Inside Civil Rights made a trip to the National Museum of African American History and to Little Rock, Arkansas to visit Central High School and related civil rights sites. These immersive learning experiences were completed just before Gettysburg College shut down because of the pandemic. As student Ethan Wilt said, "Little Rock was a capstone experience to the program. We learned so much, but we also integrated it into the real world as we talked about real lives, and looking at how inequalities can affect the structure of people's lives."

Eisenhower Institute: Washington Connections - \$3,000

This new program seeks to serve as a bridge for Gettysburg College students seeking a career in public service as Dwight Eisenhower did. Sixteen students participated in weekly seminars and attended a three-day capstone trip to network at government agencies with alumni that work for them in Washington DC. One student noted that the experience was "life-changing."



Eisenhower Institute: Strategy and Leadership in Transformational Times - \$3,000

Ten students learned the tenets of strategic leadership as exemplified by General and President Dwight Eisenhower and practiced how to apply them to contemporary issues with guidance from Susan Eisenhower. Unfortunately, the capstone trip to Normandy, France to study the D-Day landing was cancelled because of Covid-19. Susan Eisenhower continued to engage students remotely for the remainder of the semester.

Fielding Center for Presidential Leadership Study - \$5,250

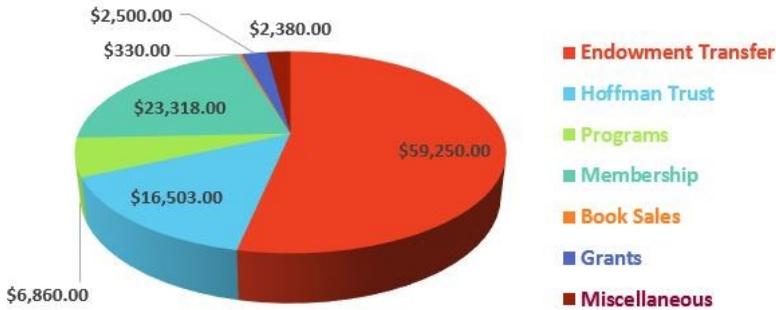
These grant funds paid for speaker honorariums for four programs.

- About 200 students attended a panel discussion with Dr. Chris Bolan, Dr. Joel Hillison and Col. Jared Haper, specialists in Middle East national security issues at the Army War college. The discussion focused on Middle East tension with the rising hegemony of Saudi Arabia and Iran in the region and the United States withdrawal from the Iran nuclear agreement.
- Two hundred fifty or more students attended a program presented by author and former CIA analyst Dr. David Priess to learn about the processes that can be used to end a presidency, from death to disability to impeachment to the 25th Amendment.
- A program presented by CBS White House Correspondent Major Garrett discussed changes that the Republican party has undergone during the Trump presidency. This program was standing room only with 300 students in attendance.
- Lastly, the program with former governor and Homeland Security secretary Tom Ridge was cancelled. Efforts to reschedule were unsuccessful and \$750 in grant funds were returned to the Eisenhower Society.

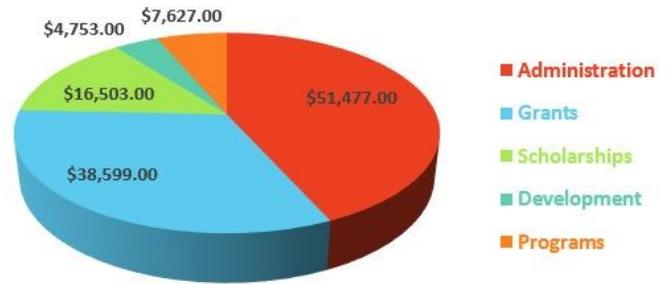


The Dwight D. Eisenhower Society Financial Reports

Income - November 2019 - October 2020
\$111,141

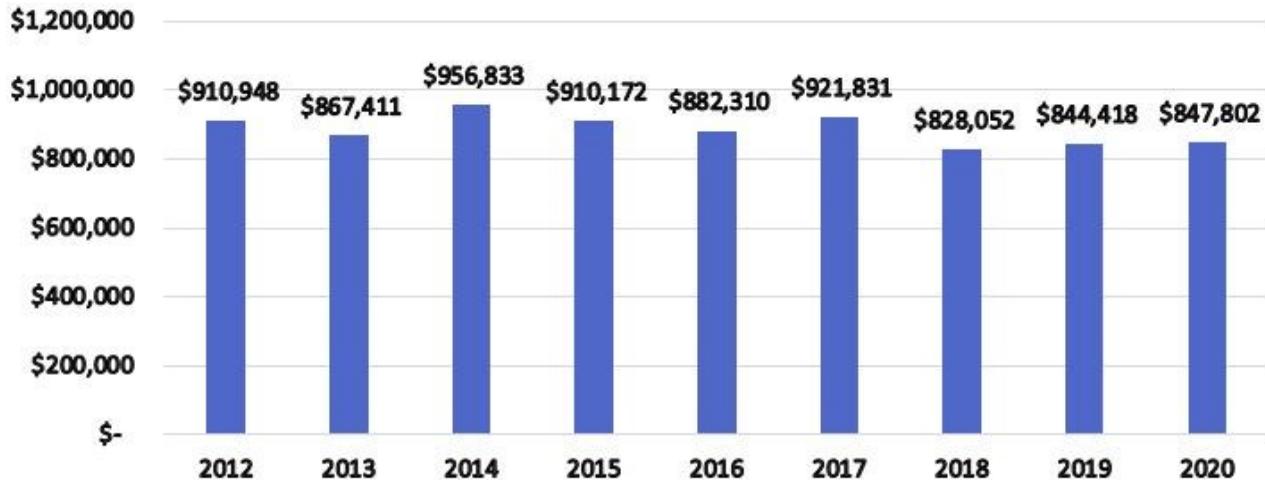


Expenses - November 2019 - October 2020
\$118,959



Note: Membership income includes \$10,855 Board of Trustees annual giving. Miscellaneous income includes the return of unused grants funds from the Eisenhower National Historic Site and cash donations made at the Eisenhower Society office.

Eisenhower Society Endowment as of October 31, 2020



Scholarships and Awards

In 2020, the Eisenhower Society presented scholarships totaling \$16,503 to four students at Gettysburg College. Funded through the Society by the Robert M. Hoffman Family Memorial Trust, this long-established program has benefitted dozens of students. The \$250 General Milnor Roberts ROTC Award donated by Priscilla Roberts, is presented yearly to a worthy ROTC student at Gettysburg College. In 2020, the recipient was Evan T. Tedesco. As a Lieutenant, 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 2019--October 2020

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

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Society Welcomes New Trustees

Two Star - \$100 or more

Donor names are redacted to preserve privacy.



Trustees support the Society financially and donate time for leadership, committee work and volunteering.

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Members Had Fewer Opportunities to Learn About Eisenhower

The Program Committee planned a full range of member activities for 2020. Everything changed in mid-March with the Coronavirus lock down. The member appreciation event was cancelled and the premiere of *Ike: The Making of an American Hero* was postponed from May until September. With no possibility of an in-person premiere, a virtual event was planned.

The Eisenhower Society received a request for our Speaker's Bureau program on Dwight



Eisenhower and the history of the Eisenhower Society. Trustee Dr. Michael Birkner presented the program via Zoom to the Old Baldy Civil War Roundtable from Philadelphia with about 30 members attending.



Sadly, the Eisenhower Society Summer Picnic usually held at the Eisenhower National Historic Site was cancelled for safety reasons during the pandemic. We all missed the putting contest on the Eisenhower's putting green and enjoying some of the Eisenhowers' favorite foods.



The Eisenhower Board of Trustees did meet in person for their annual meeting at the Dobbin House Restaurant on October 17. About 18 board members attended in person with another half dozen calling in by conference call. Mask wearing and social distancing guidelines were followed. We said farewell to Trustee John Butterfield who served for 11 years.



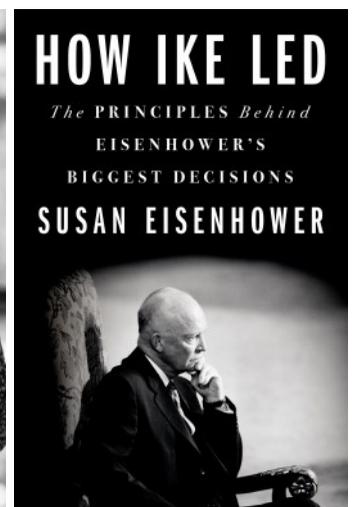
With the Gettysburg College campus in lock-down, we were unable to do our traditional wreath-laying and scholarship presentation at the Eisenhower Statue. Fortunately, we had one scholarship student able to pose for a photo opportunity.

We were all looking forward to our planned luncheon and book signing with Ike's granddaughter Susan Eisenhower who was to speak about her new book, *How Ike Led*. With the luncheon cancelled, Susan graciously offered to sign book plates and mail them to any members requesting them.

The Program Committee hopes for a reduction of Covid-19 and a better year in 2021.



Miranda Harple



More Activities

The Eisenhower Society Board of Trustees decided to direct some of their individual donations to the Eisenhower Society to support the Adams County Community Foundation Covid-19 Relief & Recovery Fund. This fund was established to support local nonprofits providing critical services for economic security so that basic human needs could be met. In 1918, when Dwight Eisenhower commanded Camp Colt, the Army Tank Training Camp on the Gettysburg battlefield, the Spanish Influenza pandemic spread to the camp with the transfer of soldiers from Camp Devins in Massachusetts. Soon the Camp Hospital was overwhelmed. The citizens of Gettysburg stepped forward to assist Eisenhower and his soldiers providing additional hospital space at St. Francis Xavier School. The Eisenhower Society board thought it would be appropriate during this pandemic to return the favor. \$4,000 was donated by the Society. Two board members also made additional donations to match the Eisenhower Society donation.



Development Activities

The Eisenhower Society participated in the Adams County Community Foundation Giving Spree on November 7, 2019. We were among 80 nonprofits from the county, who set up a table at the Gettysburg Area Middle School to accept donations. The advantage of receiving donations at the Giving Spree was the percentage match provided to all participants to enhance the overall donations of the day. There were also 1,000 gold coins valued at \$10 each given to those attending the Spree. Coin holders donated their coins to the nonprofit of their choice, further enhancing the fundraising effort. A total of \$10,602.63 was raised at the Spree including \$857.63 in additional matching funds.



The Eisenhower Society was also pleased to receive a grant of **\$2,500 from the Adams County Bar Foundation** to support the Dwight D. Eisenhower Senior Self-Improvement Awards. These funds continue the Society's efforts to support at-risk students. **America's History, LLC** and **Ostfront Publications, LLC** donated the proceeds of their book sales at the First Annual World War II Conference held in Gettysburg in November 2019. These funds were donated to support the Self-Improvement Awards as well.

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