



The Dwight D. Eisenhower Society

2021-2022 Annual Report



Our History

Since its founding in 1969, the Society has worked to fulfill Mamie Eisenhower's request that it be "a perpetual living memorial to Ike." For over 50 years, the Society has conducted annual observances each October to remember Eisenhower's life and work. Guest speakers have included 38th 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 Henry Scharf and Charles Wolf, and 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 Eisenhower National Historic Site, sponsoring events that received national media attention. In 2019, the Society celebrated its 50th anniversary. Today we continue our goal of perpetuating Eisenhower's legacy through educational programs, partnering with Eisenhower legacy organizations and by granting funds to support Eisenhower-related projects.

A Message from Vice President Ruthmary McIlhenny

Dear Friends of Ike,

You have often seen the quote from Mamie Doud Eisenhower saying:

"I hope and pray that the Eisenhower Society becomes a perpetual living memorial to Ike."

With confidence the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society can say we have made Mamie's prayers and hopes come true for more than 50 years. The Society has awarded grants, and conducted education programs, activities, and events that have promoted the knowledge and understanding of the accomplishments of Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th president of the United States and General of the Army.

As Vice President, I am the liaison to the Eisenhower National Historic Site. The Society is proud of our role as the official Friend to the National Park Service Eisenhower Site. The Society considers it our duty and our privilege to support the house and grounds of the only home Ike and Mamie ever owned. We could not do what we do without the continued engagement and financial support of you, our members and our Board.

What does your membership mean to our Society? It means we have more people who "Like Ike." It means we have people sharing memories of Ike's times with family and friends. It means we have people planning to visit the Eisenhower Historic Site and attend our events. It means we have more people knowing about our grant programs, the books, films and educational programs we have supported. It means that people know and respect Ike and Mamie as real people. That they are just like us or our parents or our grandparents, who all did amazing things in their lifetime. It means people look at our website and Facebook posts, to learn more. Most of all, it means people feel the work the Society does is worth their time and financial support.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Society.

We hope to see you at the summer picnic, Eisenhower birthday commemoration, and member appreciation reception this year.

Ruthmary Z. McIlhenny, Vice President & Membership Chair

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.



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Our members of the Board of Trustees support the Society financially and donate time for leadership, committee work and volunteering.

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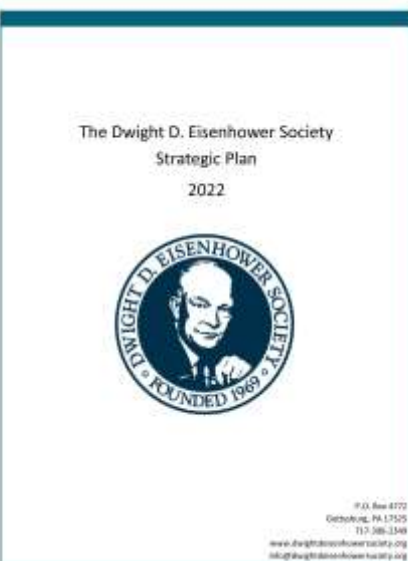
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The Society Welcomes New Trustees in November 2021



Eisenhower Society Events Return to a Pre-Pandemic Schedule

The Eisenhower Society offered all planned events in 2022 including the Member Appreciation Reception, the picnic at the Eisenhower National Historic Site and our commemoration of Eisenhower's birth in October.



We were also able to hold all three of our Board of Trustees meetings in person. It was nice to see everyone again. Members were always welcome to wear masks if they had health concerns. Members could also call in on a conference call to attend meetings.

Our New Strategic Plan is Approved

At the March 19th Board of Trustees meeting the 2022 Eisenhower Society Strategic Plan was reviewed and approved. At our July meeting President John Burt presented a chart assigning the different elements in the Strategic Plan to committee chairs and officers. The Society successfully completed most items in its 2017 plan, and we will move forward to complete items identified in this 2022 plan as well.


Gary Casteel Offers New Eisenhower Sculpture

At our Member Appreciation Reception on March 27th we unveiled a new Eisenhower sculpture! Sculptor Gary Casteel, well known for his civil war sculptures and other commissions, unveiled his new 8X10 inch bonded bronze bas relief plaque of General Eisenhower. With a hanger on the back, it is a perfect addition to a home or office for admirers of the General. Gary donates \$20.00 of each sale to the Eisenhower Society. We are pleased to have Casteel Sculptures, LLC as a new corporate sponsor. For information on ordering a plaque, visit: <https://www.dwighteisenhowsociety.org/ddes/news-and-plans/>.



Eisenhower Society Participates in Gettysburg Times Presidents' Day Insert

Our local newspaper, the Gettysburg Times, approached the Eisenhower Society to fund the Eisenhower half-page in the Presidents' Day insert they were printing. We viewed this as a good educational opportunity to share more about Eisenhower's presidential accomplishments with area residents and school children. The only problem was that the past information the Times had printed about Eisenhower was woefully inadequate and had errors in it. We agreed to fund the Eisenhower half page provided we could re-write the text to correct the errors and include some of Eisenhower's important Presidential accomplishments. Executive Director Carol Hegeman did the draft revision and consulted with Trustees Dr. Michael Birkner and Dr. Daun van Ee to see if they had any additions. With the limited space available we were quite pleased with the much-improved section. We also had space for a small informational ad about the Eisenhower Society. We even received a few new memberships after it was published!



DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

34th President of the United States (January 20, 1953 to January 20, 1961)
Nickname: "Ike"


Born: October 14, 1890, in Denison, Texas
Died: March 28, 1969, in Washington, D. C.

Father: David Jacob Eisenhower
Mother: Ida Elizabeth Stover Eisenhower
Married: Mamie Geneva Doud (1896-1979), on July 1, 1916
Children: Doud Dwight Eisenhower (1917-1921), John Sheldon Doud Eisenhower (1922-2013)


Religion: Presbyterian
Education: Graduated from U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. (1915)
Occupation: Military Officer; Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces in Europe; President, Columbia University; Supreme Commander of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); Author; Farmer.
Political Party: Republican

Presidential Salary: \$100,000/year + \$50,000 expense account


Notable Events:
1953 - Korean War Armistice signed; Gave "Atoms for Peace" Speech at United Nations.
1954 - Supreme Court ruled in Brown v. Board of Education that racially segregated schools are unconstitutional.
1955 - Attended Geneva Summit, proposed "Open Skies" policy with Soviet Union.
1956 - Signed legislation establishing the Interstate Highway System; Elected to second term.
1957 - Eisenhower Doctrine established economic and military aid to Middle East. Sent troops to Little Rock, Arkansas to enforce school desegregation. Signed first Civil Rights Law in 80 years.
1958 - Established the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
1959 - Alaska, Hawaii became 49th and 50th states. Soviet Premier Khrushchev visited United States for talks on Berlin Ultimatum. Eisenhower visited 11 Asian, European, and African countries.
1960 - U-2 spy plane shot down over Soviet Union, Khrushchev skuffled Paris Summit.
1961 - Gave Farewell Address warning of Military Industrial Complex, retired to his farm in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.




The Dwight D. Eisenhower Society invites you to like Ike.



For 50 years the Eisenhower Society has commemorated and educated the public about Dwight Eisenhower's leadership roles as soldier, president, citizen and statesman. Join us as we continue our efforts to educate others about the Eisenhower Legacy through educational programs, grants, scholarships and special events.



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A New Banner Freshens Up Our Website



After five years our website needed some updating. The cost of a total redesign was beyond our budget, but we wanted to refresh its look. Our Communications Coordinator John Joyce designed a new banner that appears on the top of each Eisenhower Society webpage. We also made a few color changes as well. We still maintain the easy-to-use dropdown menus to help our users navigate around our website. We thank our website designer Darla Blaesing, for getting the new banner to display properly on various desktop and mobile devices.

Donations Fund Much Needed Note Cards Featuring Eisenhower Painting

The Eisenhower Society is pleased to own an original Eisenhower oil painting. *Normandy Landscape* was painted by Eisenhower in late 1951 while he served as the commander of military forces for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. For the Christmas holidays that year, General Arthur Nevins, the Eisenhower Farms manager, and his wife Ann visited the Eisenhowers at their temporary home at Marnes-la-Coquette near Paris. Eisenhower finished the painting as they watched him. When Ike asked them what they thought he should do with it, Mrs. Nevins said she "could think of a fine way to dispose of it." With that, Eisenhower flipped the canvas over and painted a dedication to Ann from "her friend DDE." Years later Mrs. Nevins left the painting to the Eisenhower Society.

Thanks to generous donations from Eisenhower Society chairman Brigadier General Samuel K. Lessey and president emerita Jacqueline White we were able to have the painting professionally photographed and used the photograph to make 5" by 7" note cards. We use them as thank you notes and have also added them to our list of membership gifts.



Eisenhower Society Assists at World War II Weekend



As an official "Eisenhower NHS Friends" group, the Society staffed an outreach tent at World War II Weekend. In addition to telling visitors about the Eisenhower Society, we oversaw a donation box to collect funds to support next year's World War II Weekend. We collected \$537.00 over both days of the event. We presented the check to Site Manager Jana Friesen McCabe at the Society's annual Board of Trustees meeting in October.



Your donations fund World War II Weekend



The Society also garnered its youngest member to date as a result of World War II Weekend. James, a 7-year-old Eisenhower admirer from New Jersey who had thoroughly enjoyed everything at World War II Weekend, was signed up by his father!

Eisenhower Society Grants Make a Difference in 2022

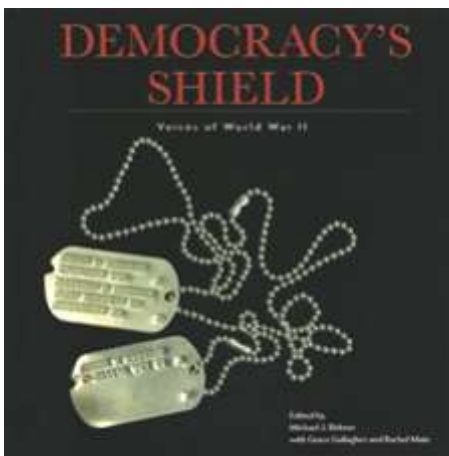
Organization	Project	Amount
Adams County Economic Education Foundation	Senior Self-Improvement Award	\$6,600
Adams County Historical Society	Eisenhower Exhibit Development	\$5,000
Starbright Media Corporation	Ike: American Hero	\$4,000
Eisenhower Institute	Inside Civil Rights	\$5,000
Eisenhower Institute	Washington Connections	\$3,000
Eisenhower Institute	Women and Leadership	\$2,500
Eisenhower National Historic Site	Internships	\$6,000
Eisenhower National Historic Site	Upholster Two Bergere Chairs	\$6,000
Gettysburg College	Eisenhower Scholars	\$1,000
Gettysburg College	Democracy's Shield Book	\$3,000
Total Grants Given in 2022		\$42,100

Eisenhower Exhibit Design for Adams County Historical Society Museum - \$5,000

The Adams County Historical Society received a grant to design an exhibit for the museum in the new history center they are constructing. The historical society staff provided a selection of artifacts from their museum collection to be included in the exhibit design. The staff also wrote the text for the exhibit. Working with a professional exhibit designer, Healy Kohler Design, draft panels of the exhibit were prepared for review, copy editing, and approval. Next the exhibit will move into the fabrication phase with the museum opening scheduled for Spring 2023. To learn more about this project visit <https://www.achs-pa.org/>.



Democracy's Shield: Voices of World War II - \$3,000



The staff of Gettysburg College's Musselman Library requested an additional \$3,000 for its new publication, *Democracy's Shield: Voices of World War II*, based on the college's rich collection of 700 World War II era oral histories. 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, *Democracy's Shield: Voices of World War II* has been under production for more than a year. The book has increased in size and scope as the oral histories proved a rich source of material. With production delays from the pandemic, increased costs for student workers, and increased prices for printing, the original grant was insufficient. This \$3,000 will allow 400 books to be printed.



Upholster Reproduction Chairs at Eisenhower NHS - \$6,000

The Eisenhower NHS Museum Curator wrote a statement of work for this project and prepared all supporting documentation. When the contract went out for bid a few questions necessitated the revision of the Statement of Work. The bid window was extended but no bids were received for the upholstery project. The project will be re-bid in 2023.

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

Grant funds were used to provide living stipends to one curatorial intern and two interpretive interns. The curatorial intern, Jacqueline Boutilier, separated TIF and JPG scans of 4,000 photographs into two files and used Adobe Bridge to add metadata to each of the JPG scans. The files can now be searched using key words. She also wrote Facebook posts and assisted the curator with several other projects. The interpretive interns, Annette Guild and Jared Linder, greeted visitors, and provided both formal and informal interpretation in the Eisenhower home and on the grounds. Annette researched, prepared, and presented interpretive programs on Mamie Eisenhower and the World War II soldiers buried in the National Cemetery. Jared researched and wrote several articles for the park website on farming operations and the vehicles displayed in the garage. Over 8,000 visitors benefited from their interpretive programs.



Dear Dwight D. Eisenhower Society,

I would like to extend my greatest thanks to you for giving me the opportunity and the means to complete my internship this summer. Working for the National Park Service has been a dream that I have had for most of my life, and being a historical interpretation intern at the Eisenhower National Historic Site has been an amazing experience that I will never forget. In addition to learning about the incredible life and legacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower, I have been able to greatly refine my skills in research, writing and public speaking. Never have I been able to demonstrate my passion for history to so many people, and it has been wonderful to meet visitors who came from all over the world to visit Gettysburg. I hope you continue this sponsorship for other students.

Sincerely, Annette Guild

Eisenhower Scholars at Gettysburg College - \$1,000



The Eisenhower Scholars program is a four-year program that focuses intensively in the first year on developing nonpartisan civic engagement experiences that highlight aspects of the Eisenhower legacy. Thirty-seven students began their experience the summer before their freshman year as they were mentored by older students. Students also engaged with Gettysburg community members to look at local problems and suggest solutions. The students always bring fresh perspectives to these local issues that provide community members with new ideas. These are presented in a public forum near the end of their freshman year. A myriad of other hands on, in person experiences help to instill leadership qualities in the participants.

Ike: The Making of An American Hero - \$4,000

This grant allowed Contemporary Learning Systems to complete the final editing and audio balancing for the TV documentary *Ike: The Making of An American Hero*. With the death of the previous narrator the entire narration needed to be re-recorded. The final editing and addition of music and sound effects, as well as some additional visual research, were needed to complete the project and distribute it for television broadcasting. With the death of producer and director Dr. George Colburn a few items remain to be completed.



More Grants **Dwight D. Eisenhower Senior Self-Improvement Award -- \$6,600**

The Eisenhower Society presented a \$6,600 check to the Adams County Economic Education Foundation to support the Dwight D. Eisenhower Senior Self-Improvement Awards. That check included a \$3,000 grant from the Adams County Bar Foundation. These funds were used to present cash awards to at-risk seniors from the six Adams County high schools who demonstrate 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 district selected students to be honored. The awards were presented to 27 students who succeeded in improving themselves and graduating from high school.



"I am inclined by nature to be optimistic about the capacity of a person to rise higher than he or she has thought possible once interest and ambition are aroused."

***Dwight D. Eisenhower,
At Ease: Stories I
Tell to Friends***

Eisenhower Institute: Washington Connections - \$3,000

Seventeen students participated in the program to immerse themselves in American politics, discuss and analyze pressing current issues, and engage in networking designed to help them prepare for careers in public service. Students were again able to travel to Washington, D. C. to have in-person experiences. The program also broadened to include a trip to Harrisburg for students to learn about state government. All programs emphasized productive discourse based on President Eisenhower's Middle Way approach to governing. One student noted "Stepping outside of my comfort zone and talking to people/reaching out to people really made a huge impact in gaining some more confidence."

Eisenhower Institute: Inside Civil Rights - \$5,000

Seven students and two Eisenhower Institute staff participated in the renamed project, Civil Rights and Social Change Study Trip. The trip included a visit to Memphis, Tennessee, where Rev. King was assassinated. Eisenhower Institute students interacted with eight students who desegregated the University of Memphis. Students visited Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, a site significant to President Eisenhower's civil rights legacy. Students participated in a simulation exercise about the Little Rock Crisis based on the Eisenhower Foundation's Five Star Leadership program to better understand crucial factors and decision points in Eisenhower's intervention. As a result, one student wrote, "I am actively teaching others about my experience and why it is so important to acknowledge this history that had been swept under the rug."



Eisenhower Institute: Women and Leadership - \$2,500

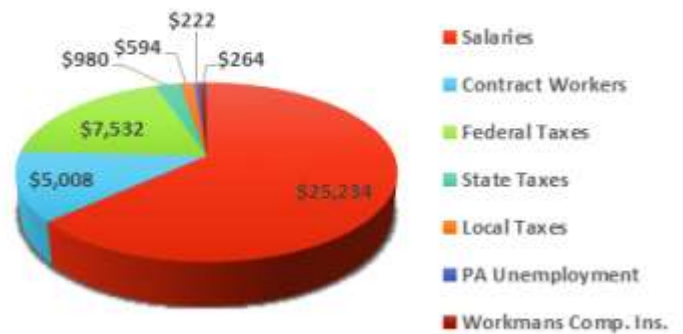
This program allowed 18 students to explore the intersections among gender and leadership in government, business, media, law, politics, science and athletics through weekly meetings and an overnight trip to Washington, D.C. Students were exposed to female policymakers, operations staff and others in the policy world. Eisenhower's leadership and civility was included throughout the program, mainly focusing on his decisions to include women in many areas of government and other fields.

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Society Financial Reports

Revenue - November 2021-October 2022
\$117,545



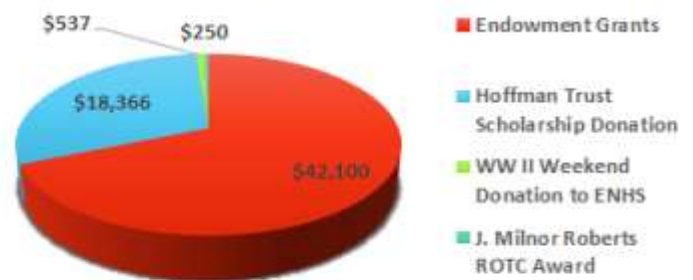
Personnel Expenses - Nov. 2021-Oct. 2022
\$39,834



Operations Expenses - Nov. 2021-Oct. 2022
\$24,520



Charitable Payouts - Nov. 2021-Oct. 2022
\$61,253



Scholarships and Awards

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Society presented \$18,366 for scholarships from the Robert M. Hoffman Family Memorial Trust to four Gettysburg College students: Ethan Wilt '23, Abigail Dryden '24, Micah Smith '25, and Madeline Swicord '26. Those students also received \$10,161 from the Eisenhower Memorial Scholarship Fund established by the Eisenhower Society in the 1980s and held in an endowment fund through Gettysburg College. Together these two funds provide substantial financial support for these students.

The Society gave the Major General James Milnor Roberts ROTC Award to Gettysburg College student Kendall Nehlig '23. The award is sponsored and presented by Mrs. Priscilla Roberts in memory of her husband. As a 25-year-old captain, Roberts landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day. He also served as chairman of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society from 1992-2008. To read Roberts' D-Day story in his own words visit: <https://www.dwighteisenhowersociety.org/ddes/wp-content/uploads/General-Milnor-Roberts-with-Photos.pdf>



Annual Honor Roll of Donors--November 2021-October 2022

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. We also thank our Trustees, 100% of whom contributed to the Society in the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Five Star – \$2,500 or more

Four Star - \$1,000 or more

Three Star- \$500 or more

Two Star - \$100 or more

**All donor names
have been redacted
for privacy.**

One Star – 35.00 or more

Friends – Under \$35

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Members Enjoy Themselves and Learn About Eisenhower

With the waning of the coronavirus pandemic the Program Committee planned a full range of activities for 2022. In March we held our first Member Appreciation Reception. We welcomed members to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Hall in Gettysburg. Members enjoyed fruit and cheese, cookies and cupcakes, Sangria and nonalcoholic beverages. We set up displays about our grant program and new membership levels and gifts. We also unveiled the 8 by 10-inch bas relief of General Eisenhower sculpted by Gary Casteel. He donates a portion of each purchase to the Eisenhower Society. After some welcome remarks by President John Burt and Membership Chair Ruthmary McIlhenny, Trustee Paul Shevchuk gave a short talk, Captain Eisenhower's Neighborhood, on the use of the GAR Hall and nearby buildings when Eisenhower commanded Camp Colt. Surprising to many, the GAR Hall served as the morgue for deceased soldiers during the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic. After the program, members returned to getting acquainted with other members. A delightful afternoon was had by all.



The Eisenhower Society Summer Picnic was again held at the Eisenhower National Historic Site. Our theme for the picnic was 1950s popular culture. Guests had the option to dress in 1950s attire and participate in 1950s popular culture trivia. Our entertainment, the Buzz Jones Quartet, featured 1950s music. Picnic attendees had an opportunity to tour the Eisenhower Home, participate in a putting contest on the Eisenhower putting green and listen to a ranger program about Eisenhower and Korea. Our caterer, the Ragged Edge Coffee House, prepared some of Ike and Mamie's favorite foods including Angus beef sliders and Mamie's apple pie recipe. New this year we served chicken baked in one of Eisenhower's barbecue sauce recipes. He had four barbecue sauce recipes, so next year we will try another. Guests could also enjoy a glass of wine if they wished.

After the previous year's dangerous weather, the National Park Service requested that we develop a plan for severe weather. Fortunately, our caterer and entertainers were amenable to having Sunday as a severe weather date. When guests purchased their tickets, they were reminded that we wouldn't know until the Thursday before the event which day the picnic would be held. Also, we could not offer refunds if they couldn't attend as our contracts needed to be honored. Fortunately, we were able to go forward with the picnic on Saturday, July 16.

We thank our picnic sponsors: David and Cynithia Salisbury for the putting contest, Duane and Linda Williams for the wine, and David Belcher, Jacqueline White, Daun van Ee, Michael Birkner, Priscilla Roberts, and Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association for the picnic and Buzz Jones Quartet. Intern dinner sponsors were Ruthmary and Bob McIlhenny, Tony TenBarge and Bill Sterrett. Gettysburg Dairy Queen donated the Trivia prizes. Other door prizes were provided by Gettysburg Eddie's, Gettysburg Heritage Center, World War II: American Experience Museum, Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association, Furs by Susan, Priscilla Roberts and Carol Hegeman.



More Activities to Commemorate Eisenhower

On October 15, the Eisenhower Society Board of Trustees met for our annual meeting at the Dobbin House. In addition to the standard business of the Society, new members were elected to the Board of Trustees and we said farewell to those leaving the board. Elections of officers also occurred.

Then the Trustees and members of the public assembled at the *Eisenhower at Gettysburg* statue at Gettysburg College. After the presentation of the colors by the Allied Veterans, we commemorated Eisenhower with readings from his works. We also presented the Robert M. Hoffman Family Memorial Trust scholarship funds to four Gettysburg College students. Then Priscilla Roberts presented the J. Milnor Roberts ROTC Award. We concluded our program with a wreath laying, retired the colors and listened to "Taps."

Trustees and guests returned to the Dobbin House for a delicious buffet. Then Trustee Priscilla Roberts presented funds to Robin Wagner, Dean of Musselman Library at Gettysburg College, to establish the Major General J. Milnor and Priscilla Bruce Roberts Endowed Internship Fund. General Roberts served as Eisenhower Society Chairman of the Board for 17 years. Our luncheon speaker, Trustee Dr. Michael Birkner, Professor of History at Gettysburg College presented his enjoyable talk, "Eisenhower's Recreation and Relationships." A book signing for *Democracy's Shield: Voices of World War II* followed.



Development Activities

The Eisenhower Society participated in the Adams County Community Foundation Giving Spree on November 5, 2021. The Eisenhower Society received \$8,708.91 at the Spree including a percentage match of funds. These funds were turned over to the Society for operational needs. We also received \$1,278.08 in donations for our Eisenhower Society endowment at the Community Foundation. In the future this will provide income for the Society. Thanks to all who donated.

The Eisenhower Society received a \$3,000 grant 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.

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