

Welcome to our 2025



**We are so glad
you could
join us tonight!**

January 25, 2025

PROJECT GETTYSBURG-LEÓN

It is with great pleasure that Project Gettysburg-León (PGL) welcomes you to the 2025 Fiesta and Auction! For 30 years, PGL has sponsored this chili dinner and auction as its major fundraising event. **Our goal for the 2025 Fiesta and Auction is to raise \$55,000 for PGL!**

We extend our sincere gratitude to the following people and organizations whose support has made the PGL Fiesta and Auction possible.

The Auction Committee: Their many hours of soliciting donations, cataloging, managing details, publicizing and coordinating the auction are truly appreciated:

Sheri Alms~Dottie Cairns ~ Lynn Cairns ~Lisa Clark~ Dave Crowner ~ Lexie Crowner ~ Joyce Ettenger ~ Laura Geesaman~ Laura James ~ Karl Mattson ~ Harriet Marritz ~ Jan Powers ~ Jeff Rioux ~ Trang Rioux ~ Allison Singley

PGL Members & Friends: The many who hit the streets, talked to their friends and family, and advocated for the beautiful items we compete for tonight!

Jimmy Peters & Family: our favorite auctioneers!

Auctioneer's Assistant: Paul Kellett

Auction Greeters: Dave Crowner and Baird Tipson

Silent Auction Manager: Allison Singley

Check Out Manager: Matt Crowner

Auction Volunteers & Staff: Gettysburg College Facilities, Instructional Technology, Athletics, Dining Services staff, the Center for Public Service team, Gettysburg College student volunteers, and other dedicated folks who hold Nicaragua in their hearts.

Our Donors

To all of our donors who so kindly gave their time, talents, and goods, we thank you! This event would be nothing without the many treasured items being auctioned off tonight.

Our Sponsors

To all of our generous sponsors (listed near the end of this booklet), we thank you for your willingness to support PGL by contributing to this event!

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Doors Open/Preview: 4:00 PM

Welcome/Dinner: 5:00 PM

Live Auction: 6:00 PM

Silent Auction Table Closing Schedule:

Dessert Table - 5:45

Table 1 - 6:00

Table 2 - 6:15

Table 3 - 6:30

Table 4 - 6:45

Table 5 - 7:00

Table 6 - 7:15

Fishbowl - 7:30

Specialty Items Table



**Stop by for some of Zach's honey made by the bees in
Karl Mattson's gorgeous garden!**

Suggested Donation: \$10, with honeycomb \$15

HOW TO PLAY

ITEMS ARE AUCTIONED USING THREE METHODS

LIVE AUCTION

The live auction starts promptly at 6:00 pm and runs continuously without an intermission. Use your personal bidding number to make your purchases. Be sure to keep track of the items you purchase! All items are sold "as is." No exchanges or refunds.

SILENT AUCTION

All items for the silent auction are displayed on tables and have a bid sheet beside them. To bid, place your bid number in the space provided. Many items have starting/minimum bids. Each change of the bid must exceed the current bid by **at least \$5.00**. If you do not increase your bid by the required amount your bid will be considered invalid. You may bid on an item as many times as you wish.

Tables will close at posted times throughout the evening. Winning bids will be decided by the last written bid on the sheet. If you have the winning bid, **please leave the bid sheet on the table, print your name** then remove the winning item after the winning bid has been recorded.

FISHBOWL AUCTION

Find a volunteer with a balloon to purchase an arm-length of tickets for \$10.00 or single tickets for \$1.00 each. Place your tickets in the fish bowls that interest you. If your number is pulled, you win! Please check the large bulletin boards near each table after 7:45 pm to find out which items you won!

PLEASE NOTE

Please pay for all purchased items at the end of the evening. Payments should be made at the cashier's table by cash, check, Master Card, or Visa. ***Please allow at least 30 minutes after the table closes before claiming your items and proceeding to the checkout.***

In the spirit of fair play, we remind all lucky winners to claim their winnings (gift certificates, services, dinners, etc.) by the stated expiration date or, if there is no stated date, by December 31, 2025. **Please do not ask our donors for changes to the service or package offered.** Thank you!

SILENT AUCTION

This year we have limited our silent auction to items with a value of \$50 or more.

The items are spread out onto six tables.

Please see each table to fully appreciate all the varied and beautiful donations.

Some of the wonderful items/experiences you could win:

Beautiful creations by talented local artists

Tickets to the new Lincoln Links mini-golf

2 orchestra seat tickets to New Orleans Song Book,
Majestic Theater, Feb 26, 2025, 7:30 pm

2 admission tickets to Longwood Gardens

Pickleball/Tennis Lessons

A romantic getaway package at the Gettysburg Hotel

Wonderful Nicaraguan art

And much more...

LIVE AUCTION

1. Pork on the Porch for 6-8

Josef Brandauer

This dinner for 6-8 is a wonderful culinary experience using regional ingredients. Enjoy dinner al fresco on the Brandauer's porch featuring Korean style BBQ with local pork, Adams County hard cider, and a delicious Austrian inspired dessert. Who can say "nein" to that?

2. Apple Variety Testing and Pick-Your-Own for 2-8

Tara and Phil Baugher

Enjoy an afternoon of "pick your own" apples in northern Adams county. You will be hosted by Phil and Tara Baugher in the Apple Variety trial at Adams County Nursery. Harvest fruit from trees that are being tested for introduction into commercial planting. We will welcome a group of 2-8 guests to taste and harvest up to 80 pounds of fruit. You will learn about the process of testing apple varieties from around the world. Please contact Phil to make arrangements for a time in September or early October.

3. Four (4) Box Seats and a Premium Parking Pass for a Baltimore Orioles Game

Jeffrey Blavatt

The tickets are for the Orioles vs. Cleveland Guardians game at Camden Yards on April 16, 2025. The box seats are next to the Orioles dugout.

4. Farm & Cidery Tour & Sampling for up to 10 People

Ben Kishbaugh of Big Hill Ciderworks

A farm and cidery tour for up to 10 people. Enjoy a walking tour of our orchards which showcases growing methods and varieties specific to our ciders. Take in views of spectacular Northern Adams County while learning how our business makes cider from the ground up. Tour through our cidery production space including pressing operations, fermentation, barrel aging, carbonation and bottling. Samplings of select ciders throughout. <https://www.bighillcider.com/>

5. Captivating Creatures Experience for up to 100 People

Adventure in Fun

You are bidding on a fun and educational experience at the location of your choice designed to encourage people to engage and interact with nature around them. This could be either a 45-minute premium deluxe interactive presentation with up to 12 species of live reptiles including a 5' American alligator or a 2 hour session of meet-and-greet with a photo opportunity with Goliath, our alligator. The show is filled with interesting facts and brief audience interaction with each animal. Designed for audiences of up to 100 people. <https://captivatingcreatures.com/>

6. Authentic Thai Dinner for 8

Got Chomchuen & Olivia Geesaman

Chef Got Chomchuen of Oh My Got Thai Food will prepare a 3-course meal of authentic Thai food for up to 8 people. Whether you have enjoyed Thai food for years or are looking to try something new you are sure to enjoy this delicious and flavorful cuisine. Food can be delivered to or served at your house. The menu will be made to suit your preferences.

7. VIP Experience At Ranch Hand Brewing for 4

Josh Johnson

Get an exclusive VIP tour of Ranch Hand Brewing's brewhouse in Eloy, AZ with Brewmaster, Josh Johnson, for a group of 4 people. The experience also includes a tasting, 4-pack of the beer of your choice, and swag. The brewhouse is only 45 minutes from Tucson and an hour from Phoenix. This is an exclusive opportunity as this is not open to the public. <https://www.ranchhandbrewing.com/>

8. Live Musical Performance for Your Event

Ben Wenk

Ben Wenk of Chuck Darwin and the Knuckle Draggers is happy to provide entertainment to the people who support PGL. From his early years cutting his teeth in Gettysburg coffee shops as a teenager to a six year run as Jam Night host at The Garryowen, Ben has been performing in Gettysburg for years. Comfortable in a variety of music styles and settings, this performance can be catered to whatever kind of event you are planning.

9. Tour of the Shultz House

Ashly Springsted

Get a tour of the Shultz house. Hear about the history and see the renovations of this historic property on a mutually agreed upon date.

10. Authentic Maine Lobster Feast for 4

Anne Ehrlich

Enjoy a gourmet coastal Maine dinner for up to 4 in our home or yours. The experience includes wild-caught lobsters fresh from Maine served with mouthwatering seafood sides, traditional Maine desserts, and beverages of your choice--all prepared by an authentic Maine-iac! Arranged at your convenience.

11. Signed Cleat from Buffalo Bills Quarterback Josh Allen

Buffalo Bills

This is a one-of-a-kind item from one of the NFL's top quarterbacks- Go Bills!

12. Marge Mattson Cherry Pie

Katy Mattson

This homemade pie with Adams County cherries, can be made and delivered anytime. An auction favorite!

13. VIP Mushroom Farm Experience for up to 4

Johnathon McGrain of Charming Meadow Mushrooms

Come see how a mushroom farm operates! Charming Meadow Mushrooms is right here in Gettysburg! Lab demonstration, farm tour, Q&A, harvest your own mushrooms, and take a grow kit home to grow your own. Up to 4 people.

14. NYC Gallery Tour for 6

Nils Folke Anderson

Join PGL art school co-founder Nils Folke Anderson to see a selection of the latest art on display in Chelsea galleries this spring. 3 hours on a Saturday afternoon. Date tbd.

15. Traditional Danish Dinner for 4

Allison Singley & Chris Fee

Enjoy a five-course dinner of traditional Danish foods. Each course is paired with wines from Wofford Acres Vineyards, a top-notch boutique winery in Camino, CA. This dinner is hosted at Allison's and Chris's home and best enjoyed in the warm weather.

16. Balloon Decor for Your Event

Adventure in Fun

Adventure In Fun provides unique balloon decorations that are high quality and cost effective with a modern flair. We specialize in turning the ordinary into extraordinary with custom designed balloon decor that will make your event unforgettable. We create the dramatic, the whimsical, the romantic and the fanciful for all your balloon decor needs. You are bidding on 4 standard columns or a standard arch and 2 columns.

<https://www.adventureinfun.com/>

17. Two Bridge Bike Ride & Lunch for 8

Steve and Faye Niebler

A casual bike ride around Gettysburg, featuring the Sachs Covered Bridge & the Eisenhower Bridge. Ride will start and end at the Gettysburg Rec Park and includes a delightful brunch or lunch for up to 8 people!

18. Burmese Dinner for 4-6 Delivered to Your Home

Janet Powers

Three courses of authentic Burmese food, a cross between Indian and Thai food, featuring seafood, meats, salad and beverages delivered to your home. Something new for the adventurous gourmand!

19. Wine Tasting of France for 6 - 10 People

Rich Rynders

Visit several of France's world-class wine regions and see for yourself why France remains the international benchmark for fine wine. Class includes a two hour wine tasting for 6-10 people, cheese tray and wine glasses (for tasting), at a mutually agreed upon date and location. Ooh la la!

20. Two Hours of Live Music by the band The Willys

Neil Ecker

The Willys will provide 2 hours of music at a date, time and location determined by the winner in consultation with the band. The Willys play a variety of music from classic rock to modern pop.

21. Chili Dinner with Fixin's for 6

Anne and Will Lane

This chili dinner (vegetarian or meat) for six delivered to your home, complete with cornbread, salad, and dessert. One-week notice requested. Easy, delicious dinner with friends!

22. Quilt of Your Choosing

Nell Matthews

Nell will make a quilt with your input for colors, pattern and size.

23. Stay in a Guest Cottage for 3 in Nicaragua

Greg Bowles and Mercedes Álvarez Valle

Stay in the guest cottage of PGL director Greg Bowles & his wife Mercedes in the foothills of the Mombacho volcano, a ten-minute taxi ride to the gorgeous Mombacho Volcano Nature Reserve and a twenty-minute taxi ride to the colonial city of Granada. The cottage is 100 feet from their house and has its own bathroom & shower. There is a bunk bed which sleeps one above and two below and air conditioning if needed. Mercedes manages a demo farm near the city of Masaya, and there would be an opportunity to visit there to see the work she does in sustainable agriculture, solar energy and butterfly conservation. Length of stay up for discussion.

24. Spanish Tapas for 8

Harriet and Don Marritz

Spanish tapas for 8 delivered to your home in the local area. A variety of delicious savory and sweet small plates, accompanied by Spanish wines and/or sangria is the perfect solution for your next gathering.

25. Birding Field Trip with Two Experienced Birders for 6

Deb Siefken

Would you like to be able to identify the birds in your backyard or along the trails you hike? Here is your chance to learn from two experienced birders! They will join you and 5 of your friends on a birding trip at an agreed upon time and location. Trip length 2-3hrs, some binoculars provided.

26. Dinner with the President of Gettysburg College for 6-8

Bob and Susan Iuliano

When I was growing up, Sunday afternoon dinners (as we called them) were all about traditional Italian comfort food: spaghetti, meatballs, and a special dessert. The winning bidder will be invited, together with 6-8 of their friends, to the president's house for a recreation of that dinner: homemade pasta with the trimmings, garlic bread, and a tiramisu dessert. While I can't promise my mother's quality of cooking, I can promise good cheer and good company!

27. 3 Nights in Rehoboth Beach

Julie Ramsey and Bruce Bigelow

Enjoy three nights at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Just 3 hours from Gettysburg, Rehoboth offers beaches, shopping and excellent restaurants. The condo has two bedrooms, each with a queen bed, living room with fireplace, Jacuzzi bath and all the amenities. Schedule your 3 nights (weekend or weekday) at our mutual convenience, September-May.

28. Hike on the Appalachian Trail for up to 8

Ed and Janet Riggs

Hike with Appalachian Trail thru-hiker, Ed Riggs, and Janet Riggs, at Pine Grove Furnace. Length and difficulty to be determined. Includes a tour of the AT museum and snacks at the Riggs cabin (up to 8 people).

29. Create a Sacred Space with Gardening Design and Landscape Consultation

Liz Chronister and Joe Breighner

Retiring professionals, Joe Breighner, Botanist and Wildlife Enthusiast, and Liz Chronister, Gardener/Designer-over 55 years combined experience. Will include a 2-hour walkthrough, from native to conventional.

30. Red Beans and Rice for 8

Baird Tipson

A homemade dinner of red beans and rice, includes salad, cornbread, and dessert, for eight people. Will deliver it anywhere within 15 miles of Gettysburg!

31. Immersive Cider Experience for 4

Ben Wenk, Ploughman Cider

Tour the orchards and cellar at Three Springs Fruit Farm and Ploughman Cider. Sample from the tanks, learn about the methods that go into making Ploughman Cider. The experience will conclude with snacks and tastings at Ploughman Cider Taproom on Lincoln Square, Gettysburg. www.ploughmancider.com

32. Indian Dinner for 4-6 persons delivered to your home

Janet Powers

Full course Indian dinner with several main dishes cooked to your spicy specifications: (mild, medium, hot), choice of meats or veg, beer or wine. If you are a fan of Indian food, this is the dinner for you!

33. Cruise, Brews, and BBQ for 6

Joyce Ettenger & John Dufendach

You are invited to feast on John's smoked pulled pork, with local beers, accompanied by sides of cole slaw and mac & cheese, followed by a sunset boat cruise around Lake Heritage.

34. Name & Bottle Feed A Newborn Goat for 6

Suds from the Bucket/Gettysburg Goat Yoga

You get the exclusive opportunity to name and bottle feed one of our Spring 2025 babies during a private 30 minute cuddle session for you and up to 5 additional people!

35. Six Person Culinary Experience

Gary Brautigam, Julie Ramsey, Bruce Bigelow, Anita and Rod Tosten

Long time Executive chef of Gettysburg College, Gary Brautigam, will prepare a delicious and inspiring five course culinary experience for 6 guests. You will be treated to the warm hospitality of Anita and Rod Tosten at their home in northwest Adams County. Wine pairings supplied by Julie Ramsey and Bruce Bigelow. Guests will provide information on food allergies, etc. to be sure everything is to their liking. Date to be arranged!

36. Tamales for 8 to 10 two times in 2025

Brenda Reyes-Lúa

Homemade corn dough tamales filled with green sauce and chicken or pork steamed in a corn husk that will serve eight to ten people. Enjoy two deliveries of an "olla" de tamales: delivered two times in 2025. Dates to be determined between donor and winner, delivered anywhere in the Adams County area.

37. Himalayan Dinner at a Nepali Professional Chef Subarna Sijapati and Scholar of South Asian Culture and Religion Megan Adamson Sijapati's Home in Gettysburg

Subarna Sijapati & Megan Adamson Sijapati

Come enjoy a traditional 5-course Himalayan dinner in the home kitchen of a local Nepali professional chef who was born and raised in Kathmandu, Nepal. Meal will include dinner for four adults. You will be exploring true Himalayan cuisine with unique spices and flavors (*all dietary needs – vegetarian, vegan, etc.- will be accommodated) and lots of good stories about life and cuisine in the Himalayas.

38. Mexican Dinner for 6

Nell and Hugh Matthews

Roasted pork, rice, beans, guacamole, pico de gallo, homemade tortillas, margaritas, cold beer, dessert. Enjoy this meal with us at our new home!

39. Stay in a Silo Near Harper's Ferry

Caprice Webb

Wild and Wonderful Silos is a place where nature, country and modern touches meet in the great outdoor mountains of Harpers Ferry West Virginia! You will experience staying in a fully renovated silo while enjoying peace and quiet in the woods. Four guests can enjoy one weeknight stay in a one bedroom silo with two beds and one bath- a unique experience for sure! <https://wildandwonderfulsilos.com/>

40. Party Package from Adventure in Fun

Adventure in Fun

\$500 gift certificate towards a Party Entertainment package with your choice of balloon sculpting, face painting, glitter tattoos, airbrush tattoos, caricatures, henna, costume characters & more.

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41. Your Choice of a Gettysburg Histories Tour for up to 25 People

Debra Sandoe McCauslin

Choose from ten tour/portrayal options from Gettysburg Histories, such as stories of the Underground Railroad in Quaker Valley. Meet some of Gettysburg's African-American families. Visit mysterious Yellow Hill Cemetery, hear about U. S. Colored Troops once buried there, and learn how the church was maliciously burned.

<https://www.gettysburghistories.com/>

42. New Orleans Inspired Gumbo Dinner for 6

James Swope and Scott Robertson

Enjoy this dinner at the unique home of James Swope and Scott Robertson in what "locals" will know as the Schubart House, designed and built by Richard Schubart for his family in 1957. It is unique in Adams County and built in the Mid-Century Modern style. Dinner will include an appetizer, the main entree of seafood gumbo, rice and cornbread, a dessert and wine, sparkling water and coffee.

43. Sail on the Chesapeake Bay

Dave Crowner

Up to four guests will sail on Dave Crowner's beautiful 35 foot sailboat on the Chesapeake Bay and up the Patapsco River to Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Take the helm like an experienced sailor!

44. Celebrate Spring with the Mattsons for 6-8

Karl, Katy & Noah Mattson

Join Noah, Karl and Katy Mattson to celebrate spring with a May Day high tea. We will provide heavy appetizers and light spirits in Karl's garden for 6-8 people.

45. Two 1-person Glider Rides in Fairfield, PA

Mid-Atlantic Soaring Assoc.

You'll fly with an FAA-licensed commercial glider pilot from the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association in one of our gliders for a 20-30 minute flight in Fairfield, PA. Weight limit: 240 lbs. per person

[Glider Rides - Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association](#)

46. Weeklong Stay on Kiawah Island, SC for 6

Angela and Steve Kohler

Enjoy a stay in this canal front three-bedroom, three-bath villa on Kiawah Island, SC, just a short walk from the beach that is regularly voted one of the best in the US. Great biking trails, beautiful scenery, world class golf and tennis, and easy access to amazing restaurants and spas. Less than an hour drive from historic Charleston. Will work with the winner to find an available week between mid-August 2025 and mid-May 2026.

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*Thank you,
Karl Mattson,*

for sharing your inspiration and drive to make PGL a possibility and so many more projects that have expanded the world of countless students and community members over many years. Also, the garden that you and Marge created and shared, is a gift to all of us.

DOTTIE AND LYNN CAIRNS



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PGL immerses students and area community members in developing communities in Nicaragua to raise awareness of the realities and complexities of unjust economic structures and development policies. **PGL** also develops and supports programs in Nicaragua and the United States, which promote efforts to establish justice and human dignity through education and personal exchange.

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www.gettysburg-leon.org

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Good programs! Good food! Good friends! Everyone is welcome to attend!
First Sunday of the month, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Contact Dave Crowner with questions, dandpcrowner@comcast.net

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