Amy on the Move  

by Rebecca Barth

From the moment Amy Ellicott was born in Carbondale, IL, she has been on the move. Amy, who has three siblings, has lived in Illinois, New York, Vermont and Missouri (where she briefly attended college). While trying to figure out what she wanted to do with her life, Amy cashiered at a grocery store, worked as a preschool teacher for a daycare, did data entry for Blue Cross-Blue Shield, and worked as a secretary, a waitress, a concert coordinator, and in a nursing home and a hospital.

In April 2008, Amy moved to Gettysburg in order to live closer to her family, who moved here in 1996. Within two weeks, Amy began working at Ruby Tuesday as a waitress. By June, she was training other waitresses in the restaurant and by August was invited to attend a New Restaurant Opener Trainer Seminar at Ruby Tuesday Headquarters in Tennessee. Upon returning to Gettysburg, she received invitations to help open five restaurants in the East and did two international openings, one in Dubai and one in Cairo. Although Amy loved traveling and was invited to go back to Dubai and Cairo, she decided she did not want to spend that much time on the road.

Amy began working at the Bullet Hole in July 2009. Within two months, she was offered the position of Coordinator of the Dive, the new Smoothie/Juice Bar located in the Athletic Center.

Last year Amy was elected to the Support Staff Council and co-chairs the Employee Relations Committee. She helped to organize the Support Staff Recognition Reception that took place at the Majestic in January. The Support Staff Picnic is the next event to plan and she hopes they can make this year’s picnic memorable!

If she could live anywhere in the world, it would be Kenya. She went on a medical missions trip to Kenya several years ago and found it life changing. She also went on several animal safaris and got some amazing photos of African animals. When you see Amy, ask her about her baboon story!

If she could try anything and not fail, Amy would start an orphanage in Kenya where there are so many refugee children and the need is great.

Amy is a single mom to her daughter, Hannah, who is now 22 months. She loves being a mom and all the joys that it brings. She is very involved in her church, Bethel Assembly of God in Littlestown, singing on the worship team and choir and working in the nursery. Although she doesn’t really have a motto in life, Amy tries to always have a “can-do” attitude and that has helped her succeed to where she is today.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!
The SERVO team went undefeated and won the 2011 intramural basketball championship! Those college kids have nothing on team SERVO! STANDING: N Slaybaugh (Facilities Serv.), M Miller, J Wheeler, P Phanthy, N Jamison, A Peck, BJ Jones, A Keller, C Brodbeck. KNEELING: B Thompson, T Johnson.
Wedded Bliss: Paula and Jim Baer  
by Rebecca Barth

Paula Baer, Academic Administrative Assistant for Asian Studies, the Administrative Assistant for The Johnson Center for Creative Teaching and Learning, and a Co-coordinator for the Celebration Undergraduate Colloquium, has worked at Gettysburg College for seven years. Her husband, Jim, Building Trades Supervisor, has worked at the College for five years and has served as a member of the Support Staff Council for the past three years. Both feel that the campus community, no matter where they go, is what makes them feel very fortunate to be working here.

Paula and Jim have both lived in different parts of Pennsylvania, but they have lived in Adams County for the past ten years. They met in August 1982 in Estes Park, Colorado where they were both attending a National Youth Conference. Jim had his eye on a girl in Paula’s youth group and was carrying her luggage to their cabin. “Very gentleman-like, don’t you think?” asks Paula. As fate would have it, they both were selected to serve on the District Youth Committee and eventually started dating, and as they say, “The rest is history.”

Paula and Jim will celebrate 24 years of wedded bliss on May 2. They are blessed with two beautiful daughters. Jocelyn recently married a soldier this past September and moved to Georgia where she will return to college in May to finish her BA, and Olivia is attending York College and plans on getting a degree as a nuclear medicine technology assistant.

In addition to spending time with family, Jim and Paula also like to be outdoors. Jim likes hunting, fishing, playing volleyball and traveling to Germany. Paula loves to walk with Jim and their dog, Sonny, do a little gardening, and is currently working on her family genealogy. They have dear friends who live in Germany, which allowed them the amazing opportunity a few years ago to travel for five weeks through Germany and parts of Europe, and return a few years afterward for another short visit. Jim nearly made residence at Eagles Nest, and Paula and the girls received a quick education about spas in Austria. They absolutely love Europe and can’t wait to return.

During the summer, when Paula is on reduced hours, Jim is still hard at work. The shorter work week allows Paula an opportunity to spend time with her nieces and nephews. Paula and Jim also enjoy attending Gettysburg College sponsored events. We certainly enjoy having both Paula and Jim as colleagues!

Rain, Snow, Sleet, Hail  
by Linda Miller

Thanks to all support staff who do their jobs and serve the campus community during the worst of weather conditions. Here are a few of those diehard employees who deliver the mail, clear the snow, set up our catered events, and move/deliver desks, water, paper, etc.

Moving Crew –
Brian Herrell and Brian Derr (who does not like his picture taken).

Ikon Mail Delivery –
Aaron Kingston.
Collecting Bears by Joyce Sprague

My obsession with bears probably began about twenty years ago when I donated a bunch of toys to charity without realizing the bag contained the small teddy I’d had since I was 8 months old. Some might say that the reason I now have over 300 bears in my collection is that I’m trying to fill the teddy-shaped hole in my heart! Some might even wonder what sane person would create an extra room in her new home so that her bears would have a nice place to live—but maybe they don’t know that teddies find storage boxes to be dark scary places!

Although each teddy has his or her own name and personality, I do realize they are not real, maybe. In any case, a few years ago I began hoping to see a flesh and blood black bear whenever my husband and I went camping or hiking on Skyline Drive. I’ve seldom been disappointed.

There is nothing more exciting, however, than to find one standing in your own backyard only four feet from your kitchen window, staring at the sunflower seeds in your birdfeeders. That was in September, just a month or so before the 300-400 pounder denned for the winter. It is now March—time for him to wake up and set his GPS for the Sprague birdfeeders. I hope he has a wife and kids. Wouldn’t it be nice to add a real baby bear, like the ones in this photo, to my collection? They’re too cute to cause me any problems, and all those stories about mama bears protecting their young are just folk tales, right?

Janet’s Post by President Riggs

If you live in the local community, you may be aware that there is a lot of planning going on with regard to the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, which begins this year and will continue until 2015. The year 2013 has special significance for all of us here in Gettysburg, as it marks the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address. Gettysburg College has launched its own planning effort with the commissioning of a 2013 planning committee, co-chaired by Executive Vice President Jane North and Professor of History Michael Birkner. The committee is currently collecting ideas about the role that Gettysburg College could play during this commemorative year. Specifically, we expect to host symposia and other programs illuminating aspects of the American Civil War and its aftermath, connect legacies of the Civil War with contemporary issues, and generally consider opportunities for 2013 that will help to increase Gettysburg College’s national visibility and academic reputation. Jane and Michael also participate on the town’s 2013 planning committee, and Director of the Civil War Institute Pete Carmichael is a member of both our campus planning committee and the state planning committee. These connections will allow for better coordination and integration of the planning processes. If you have ideas about Gettysburg College 2013 activities, please feel free to share them with Jane, Michael, or me.
MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MONEY

Are you taking advantage of all your bank has to offer? Here are some tips for what you can do to maximize your finances and get more out of a banking relationship:

Take the time to talk to a banker
If your banker doesn't take the time to ask if they can help make your day to day money management easier for you or how they can help you achieve your goals – then talk to another banker or even another bank. A good banker recognizes that not only can customers’ needs change over time but so can the bank’s offerings, and should be able to demonstrate how the latest products or services could better benefit you.

Loyalty Pays
Could consolidating accounts or services at one financial institution benefit you? Often, there are advantages to doing so – in the form of better interest rates, better rewards, reduced fees or added benefits. Find out how your bank “rewards” you for your business.

Take full advantage
Sign up for products or services that you may not currently be taking advantage of, or are new, which could benefit you.

For example, many banks offer time and money saving “automatic” services and online and mobile options, including:

- **Direct Deposit** of your pay for quicker, safer and easier access to your funds
- **Automatic savings** – making saving “automatic” can help you meet your savings goals
- **Online and Mobile Banking** – easily check your balances, transfer funds
- **Online Bill Payment and Statements** - access statements, view images of canceled checks, pay bills, and more
- **Alerts** - electronic notifications can let you know when you’re overdrawn or when a direct deposit is made to your account

A benefit of being a Gettysburg College employee

PNC Bank is offering an enhanced WorkPlace Banking program, effective March 27.

“We are so excited about the new program; it offers better money management options and benefits. We are looking forward to letting everyone, including Gettysburg College employees who may already be PNC customers, know how they could benefit from the enhanced WorkPlace Banking program,” explains Shannon Songer, a local WorkPlace Banking Business Development Officer at PNC.

To learn more, stop by any convenient PNC location, including the PNC Bank branches at 6 York (717-337-9011) or 245 Breckenridge (717-334-6552) streets and mention you’re an employee of Gettysburg College, or email shannon.songer@pnc.com for more information.

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**Upcoming Events:**

- May 17 – All-Campus Meeting (CUB Ballroom)
  - 1:30 – 3:00pm
- May 30 – Memorial Day

**Physical Fitness Classes listed at:**

http://www.gettysburg.edu/staff/

April 22 – Spring Holiday

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