

# Monthly Board Report February 2024

# **Monthly Summary**



### **MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2024**

### **MARKETING**

- Website users, new users, sessions and page views all up vs. 2023 and 2022.
- PAID social media marketing campaign doubles impact during second month of implementation.
- Putting finishing touches on AC Blossom Belt and Black History Trail experiences.
- Hired Moellyn Ramos Yetsko as new Marketing Manager.

### **PARTNERSHIP**

- Three businesses have signed on as a partners of Destination Gettysburg:
  - Cashtown Inn
  - GettyPeds
  - Peter's Orchards
- Planning Annual Meeting on March 19 at Liberty Mountain Resort. Attendance estimated at 150
- Planning and scheduling educational sessions for partners throughout the year.

## **GROUPS/MEETINGS**

- ➤ Working with Mid-Atlantic Women's Motorcycle Rally for 2024 convention.
- Engaging Pennsylvania Bus Association and Maryland Motorcoach Association for possible 2025 marketplaces in Gettysburg.
- Working with Visit PA, other state DMOs for upcoming sales mission to Virginia and North Carolina.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

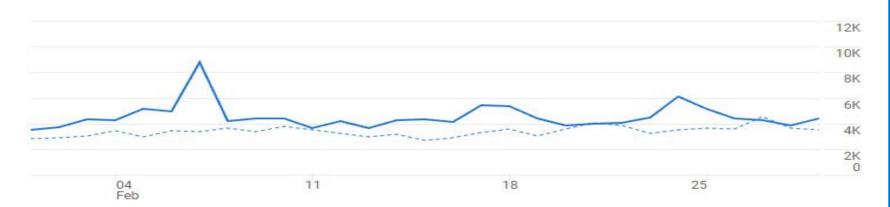
- Attracted a number of media placements for the Gettysburg Loves Love event on February 17.
- Launch of 2024 Adams
  County Pour Tour
  passport was picked up
  by numerous regional
  media outlets.
- Smithsonian Magazine publishes stories on Gettysburg's work to remember Black citizens (Lincoln Cemetery).

# DestinationGettysburg.com



#### **MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2024**

# **Monthly Website Traffic**



# **USERS**

2024 - 39,356 2023 - 36,126 2022 - 37,468

# **NEW USERS**

2024 - 38,497 2023 - 34,358 2022 - 35,956

## PAGE VIEWS

2024 - 131,332 2023 - 119,939 2022 - 132,011

# **SESSIONS**

2024 - 50,468 2023 - 43,944 2022 - 47,780

### AT A GLANCE

#### Acquisition:

- Organic Search 25,435
- Direct 5,237
- Display 2,745
- Paid Search 2,195
- Organic Social 1,244
- Referral 1.101
- Organic Video 266
- Paid Social 147

#### **Top Visited Pages**

- Homepage 13.782
- Event Calendar 7.432
- Things to Do Page 5,641

#### **Top Geo Locations**

- Pennsylvania 8,188
- New York 3,563
- Virginia 3,441
- Maryland 2,047
- Ohio 1,599
- Florida 1,528

#### Age Breakdown

• 18-24 - 336

• 45-54 - 1,030

• 25-34 - 611

• 55-64 - 1.128

• 35-44 - 700

• 65+ - 789

# **Digital/Video Marketing**



### **MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2024**













## **AT A GLANCE**

#### **Display**

- 1,201,659 Total Impressions Delivered
- .0.046% Click-Through Rate
- 3,256 Landing page visit totals
- 4,849 approximate DG Zone location visits by targets exposed to a banner, video and connected TV ad.

#### **Google AdWords**

- 14,866 Impression Total
- 14,866 Search Impressions
- 2,975 Clicks
- 20.01% Click-Through Rate
- YouTube Impressions Dark in Feb.

#### **Top Performing Search Keywords**

- visit gettysburg
- things to do in gettysburg
- best place to stay in gettysburg
- gettysburg camping

# **Print Advertising**



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Harrisburg Magazine

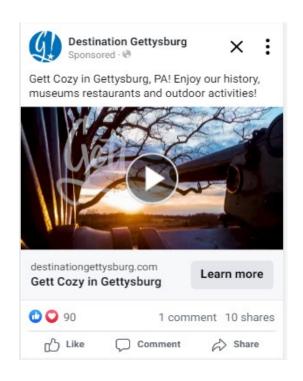


Pittsburgh Post Gazette

# **Paid Social Marketing**



### **MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2024**



### :15 DG Winter Video Asset



## **AT A GLANCE**

#### **Paid Social**

- 669,587 total impressions
- 464,118 reach
- 306 link clicks
- 0.05% click-through rate
- 181 landing page visit totals
- 174 post reactions
- 9 post shares
- 65,929 post engagements
- 482,594 total video plays
  - Video Plays at 25% 44,675
  - Video Plays at 50% 13,645
  - Video Plays at 75% 6,584
  - Video Plays at 100% 3,889

Note: Paid Social Started 01/17/2024 with One Video Asset.

# **Facebook and Instagram**



### **MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2024**

## **Facebook**



Reactions: 2.6K Comments: 116

Shares: 124

# Instagram



Views: 15,225 Likes: 777 Reach: 7,997 Comments: 48

## **FACEBOOK**

28 Posts 9,921 Engagements 471 Shares 50,407 Followers

### **INSTAGRAM**

41 Posts/Stories 5,258 Engagements 109,079 Reach 129,930 Impressions 11,071 Followers

# TikTok, Threads and X



### **MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2024**

## **TikTok**



Views: 147,602 Likes: 15,343 Comments: 470 Saves: 515

## **Threads**



Likes: 36 Replies: 1



Views: 1,268 Likes: 31 Reposts: 4 Comments: 5

### TIKTOK

6 Videos 10,401 Followers

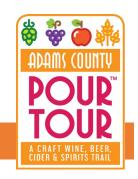
## **THREADS**

7 Posts 1,439 Followers

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10 Posts 7.935 Followers

# **Adams County Pour Tour**



### **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2024**

## **Facebook**

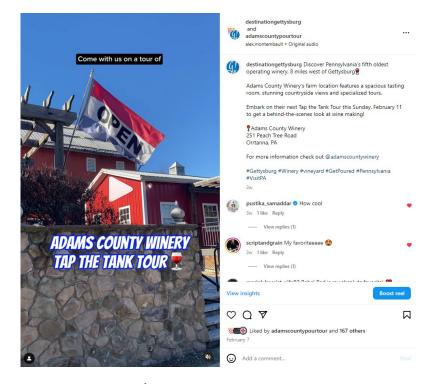




Reactions: 22 Shares: 9

Comments: 1

# Instagram



Views: 3,415 Likes: 168

Reach: 2,313

### **FACEBOOK**

9 Posts126 Engagements21 Shares1,932 Followers

#### **INSTAGRAM**

9 Posts 116 Engagements 1,151 Followers

# **Partnership**



### **MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2024**

# **Meetings/Visits with Current Partners**

- ➤ Blessing Restaurant/Blessing Pizza
- ➤ Loca Flora
- > Peters Orchard
- ➤ Mansion House 1757
- > Gettysburg Hotel
- ➤ Codori's House of Gifts
- ➤ Gettysburg Goods
- Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg
- ➤ Gettysburg Chocolate Market

- > Adams County Winery Gettysburg
- ➤ Gallery 30
- > A Lit'le Irish Too
- ➤ Buddy Boy Winery
- > Gettysburg Polish Pottery
- ➤ Lark
- > Nerd Herd
- > Sign of the Buck/Union Hotel
- ➤ Gettysburg Day Spa
- ➤ The Christmas Haus

- > Furs by Susan
- ➤ Blue and Gray Bar & Grill
- > GarryOwen Irish Pub
- > Hollabaugh Bros., Inc.
- > Country Curiosity Store
- ➤ The Days Inn
- > Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve
- > Silvershire Farms Carriage Rides
- > Shriver House Museum

# **Upcoming Partner Events**

➤ Annual Meeting - March 19 at Liberty Mountain Resort

### AT A GLANCE

#### Partnership

• 324 Total Partners

#### **New Partners**

- GettyPeds
- · Peter's Orchard
- Cashtown Inn (Restaurant)

#### Partner Engagement

• 26 Partner Meetings/Trainings

#### **Going Places Newsletter**

- February 14 41.4%
- February 28 39.6%

## **Leads on Potential Partners**

- > Hosta Hideaway
- ➤ Village Book and Table
- > Tommy Gilbert's Hobby Shop
- ➤ New Oxford Antique Stores
- ➤ Fiddlestix
- ➤ Lucky Paw
- > Sweeter Than Sap

- > Ploughman Cider
- > Kip & Idle Home
- Deja Brew
- > Mai Noodle House
- ➤ Presidents Coffee
- > Collectors' Choice Antiques Gallery
- Zelma's Emporium

# **Groups and Meetings Market**



#### **MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2024**

# **Sales and Marketing Highlights**

- > Followed up with all ABA appointments
- > Meeting with Mid Atlantic Women's Motorcycle Rally for 2024 convention
- > Attended MPIMP education and networking event
- > Greeted Rill's Bus staff FAM visit
- > Hosted Lancaster and Hershey teams to recap 2023-2024 Keystone Crossroads initiatives
- ➤ Call with PBA to review 2025 Annual Meeting Proposal
- > Call with the Girl Scouts to review details for 2024 Girl Scout Day
- > Sales Mission planning call with PA Tourism Team
- ➤ Hosted MMA for site visit for 2025 marketplace
- ➤ Partner Meeting with Gettysburg Hotel

# **Upcoming Marketplaces**

- ➤ PASAE Connections March 21-22
- ➤ PBA Marketplace March 25-26
- > PA Sales Mission April 1-5
- > PA Tourism RTO event April 24

#### AT A GLANCE

#### **Engagement:**

Group Tour - 100 contacts Meetings Market - 25 contacts

RFPs Sent: 5, totaling 600 Room Nights

#### **Upcoming Communications:**

- April Meetings Market Newsletter
- May Group Market Newsletter

# **Media and Communications**



## **MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2023**

# **Monthly Media Coverage**

**Total Placements**: 69

#### **Noteworthy Stories**:

(\*Notes Stories Made Possible Through DG Efforts)

Historic Places to Visit in Pennsylvania
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- ➤ \*Couples Renew Vows in Gettysburg
- ➤ Black Civil War Veterans in Gburg; Lincoln Cemetery
- ➤ \*Destination Gettysburg Launches 2024 Pour Tour
- ➤ \*Destination Gettysburg Launches Annual Pour Tour
- ➤ What to Do on President's Day in Central Pa.
- > Travel: Gettysburg's Lasting Impact on its Citizens
- ➤ Pennsylvania's Historic Hiking Sites
- > Guide to Sobriety-Friendly Destinations in Pa.

Yahoo! News/ABC 27
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Smithsonian Magazine

Patriot-News/Pennlive.com

ABC27.com

Fox 43/Fox43.com

HistoryNet.com

Scranton Times-Tribune

The World or Bust

#### National

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Southcentral Pa.

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Northeastern Pa.

Unspecified

### **AT A GLANCE**

#### Consumer Communications

Contact List - 77.332 names

Consumer Newsletter February - 27.1%

#### **Upcoming Media Pitches:**

- Spring Travel
- Blossom Trail
- Black History Trail
- Summer Vacations

### **Upcoming Media Visits:**

- Annick Lenoir-Peek, The Common Traveler
- Michael Grosberg, The Lonely Planet

# **Visitor Services**



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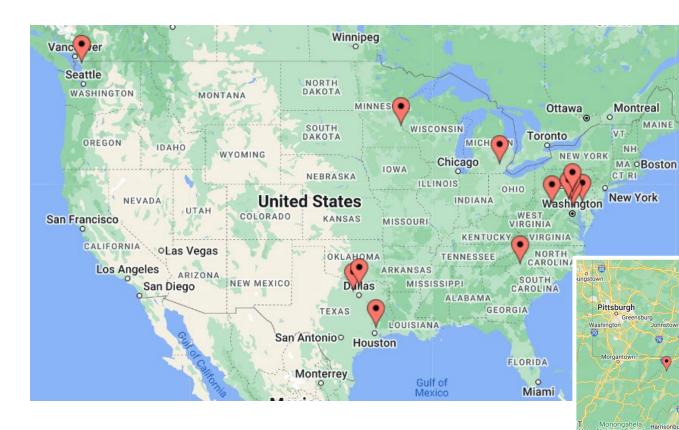
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PENNSYLVANIA

Fredericksburg

DELAWARE

# Our visitors, by ZIP Code ...



## **AT A GLANCE**

## **Visitors Requesting Info:**

Visitor Center/Admin - 125

#### Most frequent topics/questions:

- Where are other museums?
- What's in Downtown Gettysburg?
- Walking paths around Gettysburg?

Guides Distributed: 16.120

#### VS on the Road:

• AAA Travel Show - Lehigh Valley, Pa.