

Calendar Highlights

Monthly Dinner Meetings

3rd Wednesdays
(except for holiday conflicts)

February and December Butchering

Order the freshest pork around

Spring and Fall Community Suppers

12 - 5 pm

featuring fried oysters, country ham and
turkey served family style

June

Scholarship Awards

to outstanding high school students
Application deadline is April 1

July

Jefferson Carnival

A variety of fun for the whole family

October

Youth Halloween Party

providing a great time and safe environment
for kids

November

Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Citizens

All senior citizens in Jefferson area are wel-
comed to this feast



The community hog butchering is an occasion for good fellowship and raising money for the community.



The Jefferson Carnival provides a variety of entertainment and affords fundraising opportunities for all local organizations.

Jefferson Ruritan Club

Jefferson, Maryland



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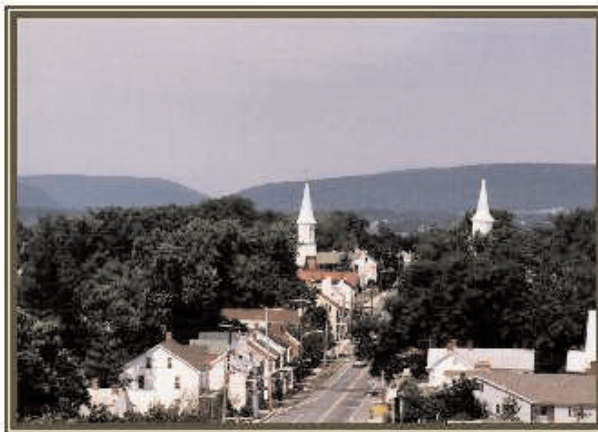
THE RURITAN ORGANIZATION

Ruritan National has nearly 32,000 members throughout the United States who work to improve more than 1,200 local communities. Since the organization's beginning in 1928, Ruritan Clubs have served America with Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service. Ruritan is a civic service organization made up of local clubs in urban areas, small towns and rural communities.

PURPOSE

Ruritan's purpose is to create a better understanding among people and through volunteer community service, make America's communities better places in which to live and work. The slogan of Ruritan is "Fellowship, Goodwill and Community Service." Club membership represents a cross-section of the community in which the club serves, and is not restrictive with regard to occupation, social position, or any other specific criteria.

Unlike most civic service organizations, Ruritan rarely has national programs. Rather, each club surveys its own community as to the needs of that community and then works to meet some of those needs. Nearly all clubs work locally with FFA, 4-H and other organizations serving youth. Nearly one in every three Ruritan clubs sponsors a Boy or Girl Scout unit.



Jefferson Ruritan Club

Our local organization was chartered on December 20, 1955. It has grown to be one of the largest and most active Ruritan Clubs in the nation. One of its own jewels is the Jefferson Ruritan Center, located at the intersection of Route 340 and Lander Road. The facility, adjacent to the fire hall, is central to many activities that occur in Jefferson.

Service Committees

Our club is governed by an eight member board of directors and has 16 service committees. The committees raise funds and provide a broad range of benefits to our community. The following is a partial list of projects completed by various committees in recent years.

Public Service

- Support the local fire company
- Organize the Jefferson Streetscape Project in cooperation with the State Highway Administration.
- Provide space for the park and ride commuter lot.
- Pay for street light
- Organize Neighborhood Watch meetings

Business & Professions

- Club membership directory
- Community web site (<http://Jeffersonmd.net>)
- Support Farm Safety Just4 Kids Camp
- Historical display of Jefferson trolley system

Environment

- Jefferson Trails Project - safely connecting our neighborhoods and countryside.
- Document Shredding & Electronic Recycling community benefit event
- Recycling center
- Maintain 5 acres with community center, pavilions, playground, tennis and basketball courts
- Rain barrel project
- Big Sweep
- Community meeting on global warming

Citizenship & Patriotism

- 24/7 lighted display of American flag
- Sponsor local youth to attend Freedom Foundations program
- Sponsor Random Acts of Kindness at BHS
- Provided food for wounded veterans golf tournament at VFW
- Candidates night
- Donated to Pt. of Rocks Founders Day Celebration

Social Concerns

- Grant scholarships each year since 1977 to graduating high school students
- Fundraisers for families that lost homes to fires
- Thanksgiving dinner for senior citizens
- Sponsor local Boy Scout troop
- Supply convalescent aides to those in need
- Support local churches (e.g., mission trips and Jefferson Food Bank)
- Mother/Daughter program
- Youth Halloween Party
- Support Safe and Sane program and other school projects
- Numerous donations to local organizations or individuals with special needs