

Jefferson Ruritan Club



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JEFFERSON'S VETERANS' MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Sun., Nov. 17, 2013 (1pm)



Work underway for the planned dedication of Jefferson's first veterans' memorial. Project planned by the Club's citizenship & patriotism committee, chaired by **Jay House**. Be sure to plan on attending. Pavers are still being sold for \$100. Contact Jay or get a form from Center (next to Boardroom door) and dedicate a paver to a loved one who served our country.

The following is a fitting tribute to Veterans (A true story)

In September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a History teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks. "Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?"

She replied, "You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk." They thought, "Well, maybe it's our grades." "No," she said.

"Maybe it's our behavior." She told them, "No, it's not even your behavior."

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. Kids called their parents to tell them what was happening and by early afternoon television crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom, Martha Cothren said, "Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you."

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of the classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven (27) U.S.

Veterans, all in uniform, walked into the classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit in those desks had been earned.

Martha said, "You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedom you have. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't forget it."



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

-Club birthdays (November):

JR Arnold, Frank Blank, Chris Dillon, Andy Lynn, Ben Mourad, Larry Remsburg & Gloria Shoemaker



-HEALTH NOTES...Keep the following and others in need in your thoughts and prayers as each face health challenges:

- Those members who are residing outside their home: **Richard Grove** (Tranquility) **Joe Long** (Homewood).
- **Bill Brown, Roy Comer, Luther Hargett, Hen Lakin, Sherman Reeder, Brick Remsburg, Charlie Smith** and others

JEFFERSON RURITAN IN THE PAST

50 Years Ago-November 1963

- Donated \$50 towards new playground equipment at Valley Elem. School (PTA project)
- Agreed to post names of members who were delinquent in club dues on bulletin board in meeting hall
- Sheriff of Frederick County, Horace Alexander, spoke on history of Frederick County Fair

25 Years Ago – November 1988

- Annual Ladies Night held with 55 ladies along with husbands in attendance. Bob and Sammie Hayas were recognized at banquet as “Couple of the Year”
- Donated funds to BHS band boosters and \$5000 to JVFC
- Completed installation of new playground equipment on Ruritan’s playground, receiving grant of \$1078 from Fred. Co. Parks and Rec.
- Eight members with spouses attended District convention held at Carlisle, PA

MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

Wed., Nov. 20, 2013

7:00pm – Dinner

Senior Citizen Appreciation Night

PROGRAM

“Strung Tight”

A bluegrass duo from Waynesboro, PA

Very **SHORT** business meeting to follow!

NOTE: Due to large crowd expected, please refrain from inviting guests to this meeting, except for those who are senior citizens.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLUB CONSIDERATION

Donate \$300 to Brunswick High School through RAK to support families in crisis during this upcoming Christmas season.

2013 Annual Club Banquet

Recognized at the Club’s annual banquet held at Dutch’s Restaurant was our 2013 Ruritan Couple of the Year:

Dave and Cheryl Remsburg



A good crowd was on hand at the Club’s banquet. “Si” from Duck Dynasty was present to assist President Marshall Wisner in presenting the “Couple of the Year” to **Cheryl and Dave Remsburg**. Congratulations !

Please excuse the four-letter words toward the end of the following story. I would have deleted them, but the story wouldn't be the same.

THE NEWLYWEDS

A young couple got married and went on their honeymoon. When they got back, the bride immediately called her mother. "Well," said her mother, "so how was the honeymoon?"

"Oh mama," she replied, "the honeymoon was wonderful! So romantic". Suddenly she burst out crying.

"But mama, as soon as we returned, Sam started using the most horrible language- things I'd never heard before! I mean, all those awful four-letter words! You've got to take me home! PLEASE MAMA!"

"Sarah, Sarah," her mother said, "calm down. You need to stay with your husband and work this out. Now, tell me, what could be so awful? What four-letter words?"

"Please don't make me tell you, mama," wept the daughter. "I'm so embarrassed, they're just too awful! COME GET ME, PLEASE!"

"Darling, baby, you must tell me what has you so upset. Tell your mother these horrible four-letter words!"

Sobbing, the bride said, "Oh mama....,he used words like:

DUST, WASH, IRON and COOK...."

"I'll pick you up in twenty minutes," said her mother.

BOARD UPDATES

-Building & Grounds chair requested that interior painting in Center (i.e. trim) be done by contractor so job can be completed in a quick and efficient manner. Bids will be solicited (any club member interested, contact Charlie Clingan).

-Environment chair Jim Carpenter reported that most recent recycling project netted club's scholarship fund \$744.16 and Able & Willing \$967.71. Committee will be considering request for a farmers' market in Jefferson May – October on Fridays (4-7pm).

-Randy Huffer will be installation officer from District to install our 2014 officers at the Dec. meeting.

POTOMAC DISTRICT of RURITAN NATIONAL

Convention

Nov. 2, 2013

The Jefferson Ruritan Club was well represented at the District's annual convention. Personally, I want to express my gratitude to all our club members for supporting me over the years to the point where I now felt ability/ need to step up and serve as the 2014 District Governor. Our club had the largest delegation at this year's convention.



Regarding community service awards, we received at the convention the following for community activities from Sept.1, 2012– Aug. 31, 2013:

- **GOLD**
Public Service
Citizenship & Patriotism
Social Development
- **BRONZE**
Environment



RURITAN DISTRICT & NATIONAL UPDATES

-District Cabinet meeting will be held at Cozy Restaurant, Thurmont MD on **Sat., Dec. 7, 2013** starting at 6pm. Cabinet meetings are open to all Ruritan members. If interested in attending, contact me at 244-344-2217 or pappapcass@comcast.net.

-Ruritan National Convention will be held **Jan. 23-25, 2014** in Branson, Missouri. If interested, see me.

**UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- Wed., Nov. 20, 2013 (7pm)
This is our regular monthly dinner meeting in which we invite senior citizens of the Jefferson area to join us for a Thanksgiving dinner. Special music will be provided by "Strung Tight"
- Sat, Nov. 23, 2013 (8:30am)
Set up pavilion for butchering
- Tues., Dec. 3, 2013 (6:00pm)
Bone hams
- Wed., Dec. 4, 2013 (7am)
Cook hams
- ***Butchering Schedule***
Thurs., Dec. 5 (2pm - ?)
Cut-up of meats and prep for cooking
Dinner served to volunteers
Fri., Dec. 6 (6am -?)
Sausage making, cooking, preparing orders
Lunch served to volunteers
Sat., Dec. 7 (8am-Noon)
Picking up orders / Sales
- Streetscape public meeting at Center (6:30pm)

MEAT ORDERS are now being taken. DO NOT wait too long to place an order. Call 301-473-7986, 301-834-6165 or 301-473-4814 now if you want to order.

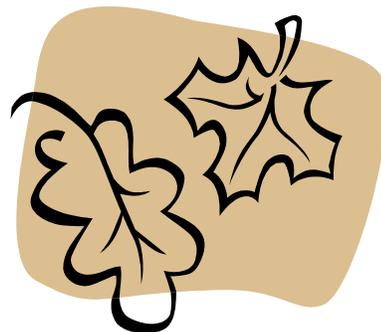
STREETSCAPE

MD SHA invites you to attend an important public meeting to update you on the project status and engineering design concept for road improvements, which will incorporate a two mile stretch of MD Route 180 from US340 to Old Holter Rd. The meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 in the Jefferson Ruritan Community Center.

The purpose of this meeting is to ensure the past concept still address the concerns of the community. As part of the meeting, an opportunity will be provided for interested individuals, associations and citizen groups to offer input and/or provide comments on the project, including possible pedestrian safety enhancements, drainage concerns, etc.

The information of the past public meetings can be found at <http://JeffersonMd.net/Streetscape>.

The above was sent out in a letter from SHA. This project was undertaken by our environment committee, chair by **Jim Carpenter**, more than ten years ago. It now is finally being taken on for completion. Let's show up and support this project that will only enhance our community.



Random Acts of Kindness Club

came through again for us by coordinating the community's annual children's Halloween party at the Ruritan Center. Estimated crowd of 100 children, all in costume, enjoyed lots of games and plenty of treats. Thanks go out to ***Al Lescalleet*** and his students for another job well done.



JEFFERSON RURITAN CENTER SCHEDULE

November

- 14 4-H Meeting
- 15 JVFC Apple Dumpling Cooking
- 16 Public Sale (**Ruritan – food**)
- 17 **Veterans' Memorial Dedication**
- 18 Boy Scouts / Brownies
- 20 **Ruritan Meeting (7pm)**
- 22 Bingo – FWCC
- 25 Boy Scouts
- 30 Wedding Reception (**Buffet**)

December

- 1 Comm. Tree Lighting
- 2 Boy Scouts
- 5-7 **Ruritan Butchering**
- 9 Boy Scouts
- 10 **Ruritan Bd. Meeting (7pm)**
- 11 **Streetscape Public Meeting**



LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2014

President	<i>Charlie Clingan</i>
Vice President	<i>Mark "Scott" Easton</i>
Secretary	<i>Larry Cassell</i>
Treasurer	<i>Larry Putman</i>
1st Yr. Director	<i>Frank Blank</i>
2nd Yr. Director	<i>Bill Six</i>
3rd Yr. Director	<i>Gene Keller</i>

Support the team by stepping up and volunteering your time and talent to endeavors by our club to better the community in which we live.

Thanks to ***Price Kaler*** for serving as a Director for the past three years.