

Jefferson Ruritan Club



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2014 JEFFERSON RURITAN LEADERSHIP TEAM



Installed at the December Club meeting were the 2014 Club Officers (1 to r):
Gene Keller, 3rd yr. director; Frank Blank, 1st yr. director; Bill Six, 2nd yr. director; Larry Putman, treasurer; Larry Cassell, secretary; Mark "Scott" Easton, vice president; Charlie Clingan, president; Marshall Wisner, immediate past president; Randy Huffer, District Installation Officer.

Your club can only be as strong as its membership. We cannot rely on just a few. It takes a team effort. Committee chairs are currently being updated by Vice President Easton. Step up and volunteer your energy and time to serving the club. Ruritan is a working organization that supports fellowship, community service & goodwill.

For example.....

BUTCHERING

Our next major event

Mark your calendars and provide as much time as you can to support one of the club's major fundraisers. No experience necessary!

January

- 18** Set up butchering area (8:30am)
- 25** Hang hams (9:00am)
- 30** Butchering (2:00pm)
Dinner featuring roast beef and fried shrimp served to helpers
- 31** Butchering (6:00am)
Breakfast sandwiches and soup/sandwich lunch served to helpers

February

- 1** Butchering – sales (8:00am-12:00pm)
NOTE: JUMM having pancake breakfast in Center (7-11:00am)
- 16** Cooking hams (6:00am)



COME AND ENJOY THE FUN !!!

Orders for the Feb. 1, 2014 butchering are being accepted. Prices same as last time, as well as phone numbers used to place order.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

-Club birthdays (January): **Ralph Brown, Jim Carpenter, Bill Crummitt, Joe Dade, Nick Nichols, Dick Payne, Sherman Reeder & Butch Remsburg**



-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) and **Bill Brown** (Vindabona)
- **Roy Comer, Luther Hargett, Hen Lakin, Sherman Reeder, Brick Remsburg, Charlie Smith** and others

-2014 Club dues can now be paid. Dues are \$100, which includes meals. Associate membership dues are \$40 (pay for meals whenever attending a dinner meeting)

-**Dave Snyder** membership transferred from active to associate.

-The snow birds- **Larry Jones & Frank Hoffmaster** - have returned south for the winter.

JEFFERSON RURITAN IN THE PAST

50 Years Ago-January 1964

-Approved repairing and painting trash cans in town
-Audit of treasurer books found all accurate and well kept (Richard Grove was treasurer)

-81 active members on roll

25 Years Ago – January 1989

-86 active members on roll

-Dr. Rausch was speaker at meeting. Topic was devastating illness, AIDS

-Club considered new tables/chairs for Center
-Concept approval for establishing a “Food and Friends” program in Jefferson approved

BOARD UPDATES

- B&G update that interior painting of Center is being completed by Sam Pearson. *Looks great, Sam!*
- Meat slicer in Center being abused. Banquet committee has found meat slicer being left dirty after use by others. NOTE: If one uses any of the kitchen equipment, be sure it is properly cleaned and stored. Alternative is to place such items under lock and key.
- Request from Goodwill Industries to place a collection bin on grounds of Center denied.
- Directors considering switching March 19 dinner meeting to Thurs., Mar. 20 to avoid conflicting with community Wednesday night Lent services.

MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

Wed., Jan. 15, 2014

7:00pm – Dinner

PROGRAM

Committee Chr. Objectives/Finance meeting to follow business meeting.

All committee chairs and interested others asked to meet to plan 2014. Any ideas regarding possible fundraisers?



RURITAN DISTRICT & NATIONAL UPDATES



I recently had opportunity to visit site of first Ruritan Club in Holland, VA (Tidewater area)

- **Sat., Jan. 11, 2014** is the first cabinet meeting of 2014. It is being hosted by Johnsville Ruritan Club. Cabinet meeting starts at 10am, followed by luncheon. Cabinet officer training will occur after lunch. NOTE: Any new club officer who needs training can attend the 12:30pm training session. Contact **L. Cassell** if planning to attend this event.

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

-Add't date/time for club officer training has been scheduled for **Wed., Jan. 29, 2014**, hosted by State Line Ruritan Club. It will start at 6:30pm (no meal provided). ALL club officers should receive training, either at past convention, online through Ruritan.org, or at one of the make-up training sessions as noted.

-Annual District Presidents' Night will be held at our Center on **Sat., Feb. 1, 2014**. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm followed by program. A sign-up sheet will be available at our Jan. meeting for those interested in attending.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

COMMUNITY SUPPER

Featuring country ham, turkey and fried oysters

**Sat., February 15, 2014
12 – 5:00pm**



Another opportunity to step up and lend your club support. The event is held on Feb. 15th. However, the week prior involves preparation. A committee assignment with add'l info will be sent out at end of this month. If you wish to have a different assignment for the event, contact Vice President Easton.

JEFFERSON RURITAN CENTER SCHEDULE

January

- 13 Boy Scouts
- 15 **Club Membership Dinner Meeting**
- 20 Boy Scouts/Brownies
- 24 Bingo – Skip Wizards
- 26 Pinewood Derby
- 27 Boy Scouts
- 30/31 **Butchering**

February

- 1 **Butchering**
JUMM Pancake Breakfast (7-11am)
**Potomac District Presidents' Night
Banquet (6:30pm)**
- 3 Boy Scouts
- 7 Bingo – Knights of Columbus
- 9 Bingo – Dance Unlimited
- 10 Boy Scouts
- 11 **Board meeting (7pm)**
- 13 4H Meeting
- 13 – 14 **Community Supper prep**
- 15 **Comm. Supper (12-5pm)**
- 16 Private Party
- 17 Boy Scouts / Brownies
- 19 **Club Membership Dinner Meeting**
- 22 Sportsman Drawing
- 23 Bingo – Dance 24/7



A picture needing NO words....

THE FREEDOM THAT COMES WITH AGING

Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4am, or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50s, 60s & 70s, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost one, I will.

I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and I will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They too will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And, eventually, I remember the important things.

Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break, when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car. But broken hearts are what give us strength, understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine, sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair turned silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer the question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).