

# Jefferson Ruritan Club



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## FEBRUARY 2014

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

#### *Willard "Bill" Brown*

Those who have been life-long residents of Jefferson, MD for 60+ years could probably tell a lot of stories about Bill. I heard a few at his funeral service, as well as at the reception following the service. I knew Bill enjoyed life and added to the character of this town. His memory will be long lasting for many who knew Bill well. Even for us short timers, Bill always put a smile on our faces. Most recently, seeing him move about town on his motorized scooter, he had no fear where he went and what time of the day he traveled.

Bill will be missed by Ruritans in Jeff. He was faithful at our carnival where he could be found at the tip jar table. At suppers, he generally sat on a stool at the dishwashing area drying dishes/silverware. He was quick with a story that brought joy to those around.

He is now at peace. God bless his soul.



-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); **Roy Comer** (Tranquility)

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

-**Barbara Clark** has been removed from our membership rolls. Barb noted she will continue to support the club as a volunteer whenever her services are needed. Thanks Barb for your past support.

-**Roy Comer** has been transferred from active to honorary member.

### BUILDING MANAGER NOTICE

To all members, spouses, volunteers and organizations:

*As you know the Ruritan strives to keep the facility in first class order and appealing to all users, customers and visitors. Recently, we had all the trim and doors painted. One of our primary rules for use of the Center is to NOT tape or tack anything to the walls, doors, trim and NOT hang anything from the light fixtures or ceiling. I remind everyone that I contract with to use the facility and try to monitor their decorations, etc. However, I have noticed that some of our local groups have neglected to follow these guidelines. Specifically, tape has been applied to the trim around the kitchen areas. Even the magic mending tape will pull the paint from the trim. Please keep these rules in mind and remind anyone using the facility if you see a violation. I have had many compliments from individuals and groups renting the Center and with your help we can keep it that way to minimize the cost to maintain. Thanks for your support.*

## JEFFERSON RURITAN IN THE PAST

### 50 Years Ago-February 1964

- Home Beautification Comm. granted approval to hold a veg. and flower garden contest in community
- Building Comm. granted authority to negotiate for purchase of 10 acres from Brown property as well as looking into possible purchase of land from Culler property

### 25 Years Ago – February 1989

- Approved ordering 20 tables and 2 table racks at cost of \$2700
- Concept approval for use of Center on Tuesdays for “Food for Friends” program
- Butchered 20 hogs
- Feb. program at meeting featured general manager of a new semi-pro baseball team coming to area (Frederick Keys)

## BOARD UPDATES

- Discussed possibility of establishing a farmers’ market in Jefferson. Agreed to further pursue, gathering more info and consider for 2015 implementation.
- Approved switching March 19 dinner meeting to Thurs., March 20 so we would not conflict with community Lent services
- Youth committee recommendation to donate \$200 to Skip Wizards for upcoming national competition trip to Long Beach, CA approved for club consideration



*Those Ruritans from Frederick County area that attended the Ruritan National Convention in Branson MO. (l to r):*

*Chuck Harp, Elaine Harp, John Lovell, Jo Lovell, Howard Spurrier (Johnsville), Opal Snyder (Johnsville), Don Foster (Mt. Pleasant), Trevella Foster (Mt. Pleasant), Randy Huffer (Burkittsville), Nelda Cassell, Butch Mentzer (Burkittsville), Larry Cassell, and Jim Rand (Burkittsville)*

## MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

Wed., Feb. 19, 2014

7:00pm – Dinner

### PROGRAM

Frederick County Sheriff

Chuck Jenkins





RURITAN DISTRICT &  
NATIONAL UPDATES



Potomac District of Ruritan National 2014 Club Presidents were recognized at the Feb. 1, 2014 Presidents' Night held at our Center. Note that our own President Charlie Clingan is center of picture. A good crowd was on hand for the annual event. Gov. Larry Cassell had honor of presenting Charlie a certificate received at Ruritan National Convention for our club being one of the top clubs for % of membership growth in 2013.

Thanks go out to our banquet committee for a wonderful meal. Heard a lot of comments from our guests regarding the meal, as well as the décor and maintenance of the Center.



Chair person needed for Business and Professions Committee. Contact Scott Easton if interested in serving.

## 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. 15<sup>th</sup>. However, prep work will be done Friday morning (Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>). Come by and lend a hand. If you have not been contacted to assist, SHOW UP anyhow. Always a job for everyone.

#### HOW IS NORMA?

*A SWEET GRANDMOTHER TELEPHONED St. Joseph's Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?" The operator said, "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number of the patient?" The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said, "Norma Findlay, Room 302." The operator replied, "Let me put you on hold while I check with the nurse's station for that room." After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said, "I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Norma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back normal and her physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow." The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good news." The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?" The grandmother said, "No, I'm Norma Findlay in room 302. No one tells me crap.*

**JEFFERSON RURITAN CENTER  
SCHEDULE**

**February**

- 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
- 24 Boy Scouts
- 27 Antique Tractor Club Meeting

**March**

- 2 JVFC Bonanza Bingo
- 3 Boy Scouts
- 7 JVFC 20/20 Drawing
- 8 Private Party (Banquet)
- 10 Boy Scouts
- 11 Ruritan Board Meeting (7pm)
- 13 4-H meeting
- 15 UCC Comm. Supper (12-5pm)
- 17 Boy Scouts/Brownies
- 20 **Ruritan Dinner Meeting (7pm)**  
**NOTE: Change from our regular 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wed. meeting to avoid conflicting  
with community Lent services**



**I had the privilege to bring in the MD flag during the opening ceremonies of the Ruritan National Convention in Branson, MO**

***FUTURE CLUB EVENTS***



**Mother/Daughter Banquet  
Wed., May 7, 2014**



***ROCK N' ROLL DANCE***  
*May 17, 2014*  
*Featuring Rock and Roll Relics*