Jefferson Ruritan Glub



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MARCH 2014

MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

Thurs., March 20, 2014 7:00pm – Dinner

NOTE: Our usual meeting night of the 3rd Wed. of the month has been changed for March to Thursday. This is to accommodate the Wednesday night Lent services in our local churches.

PROGRAM Annual visit by the front office of the Frederick Keys



Oyster patters busy trying to keep up to the demand at our February turkey, country ham and fried oyster supper. Despite the inclement weather, we served over 600. Great job!



Table of content customers at the annual Public Supper.



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

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

WORK DETAIL: Sat., March 29, 2014 to hang hams (8am) and clean-up pavilion (9am). Need all able bodies to assist!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



-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: Check with Treasurer Larry Putman regarding your status in payment of dues.

JEFFERSON RURITAN IN THE PAST 50 Years Ago-March1964

- Meeting held in JOUAM Hall with 66 members present
- 2 trash cans placed along main street in Jefferson, to be maintained by club
- Approved sponsoring little league again in Jefferson
- Program was Garland Guyton of FC Planning & Zoning Committee, who talked on sub-divisions and land use

25 Years Ago - March 1989

- Community public supper held netting \$2664.93
- Awarded contract to Kline's to install gutters, downspouts, soffit and fascia on pavilion at cost of \$1900
- Zone Gov. Paul Lewis presented Bob Handley a certificate for bringing in three new members

BOARD UPDATES

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS (To

be acted upon at March 20th meeting)
-Business & Professions
Donate \$100 to Frederick County Farm
Bureau to support their annual summer
Farm Safety Camp for Youth, held at the
Frederick County 4H Camp Center.

-Citizenship & Patriotism

Complete our commitment to the replacement of the MD obelisk at the Medal of Honor Grove, Valley Forge, PA by forwarding a \$250 donation to Potomac District of Ruritan National Medal of Honor Grove Fund. The commitment was for total of \$500.

-Social Development Support the Brunswick ES/ Valley ES combined Spring Festival with a donation of \$200 to help with cost.

-Social Development

Support the 9th Annual Frank Clevenger Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by Potomac District of Ruritan National by sponsoring a hole at cost of \$80 and sponsoring a team (foursome) at cost of \$280. Proceeds from the tournament support the Ruritan Foundation.

-Social Development

Sponsor local resident Stacy Lakin in her participation in a ½ marathon benefiting Leukemia / Lymphoma Society with a donation of \$100.

-Environment

Provide the Frederick County Nature Council a \$100 donation to assist with expenses in the development of a sensory trail at the Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center located off Sumantown Road. The donation will support the erection of interpretive trail signs along the 0.1 mile trail developed for the visually impaired and for children preK – 3rd grade.

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD

- Approved adding another category to rental of Center. This would allow for meetings of local non-profits to be held at Center at cost of \$100 per meeting.
- Discussed concept of a farmers' market in Jefferson. Need club member to be contact person and assist in developing guidelines for the market. Any takers? Contact Scott Easton for info.
- Directed B&G Committee to proceed with repairing wiring to front drive lights and outdoor message board.

JEFFERSON RURITAN CENTER SCHEDULE

March

- 15 UCC Comm. Supper (12-5pm)
- 17 Boy Scouts/Brownies
- 20 Ruritan Dinner Meeting (7pm)
 NOTE: Change from our regular 3rd
 Wed. meeting to avoid conflicting
 with community Lent services
- 22 Private Party
- 24 Boy Scouts
- 27 Antique Tractor Club Meeting
- 29 Work Detail: 8am Hang Hams; 9am Clean up pavilion and store butchering supplies

UCC Bingo

- 30 Boy Scout Court of Honor
- 31 Boy Scouts

April

- 7 Boy Scouts
- 8 Board Meeting (7pm)
 Boat Safety Class
- 9 Boat Safety Class
- 10 4H Meeting
- 11 Pamona Grange
- Wedding Reception
- 14 Boy Scouts
- 16 Ruritan Dinner Meeting (7pm)

DAD'S CAR IN THE WOODS

Little Johnny watched his daddy's car pass by the school playground and go into the woods. Curious, he followed the car and saw Daddy and Aunt Jane in a passionate embrace.

Little Johnny found this so exciting that he could hardly contain himself as he ran home and started to tell his mother. "Mummy, I was at the playground and I saw Daddy's car go into the woods with Aunt Jane. I went back to look and he was giving Aunt Jane a big kiss, and then he helped her take off her shirt. Then Aunt Jane helped Daddy take his pants off, then Aunt Jane...."

At this point Mummy cut him off and then said, "Johnny, this is such an interesting story, let's save the rest of it for supper time. I want to see the look on Daddy's face when you tell it tonight."

At the dinner table that evening, Mummy asked little Johnny to tell his story. Johnny started his story, "I was at the playground and I saw Daddy's car go into the woods with Aunt Jane. I went back to look and he was giving Aunt Jane a big kiss, then he helped her take off her shirt. Then Aunt Jane helped Daddy take his pants off, then Aunt Jane and Daddy started doing the same thing that Mummy and Uncle Bill used to do when Daddy was away on the oil rigs."

Mummy fainted!



SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

ZONE 3 MEETING held recently at the Bob Evan's Restaurant, Frederick MD featured appreciation of our veterans. Jefferson Ruritan was well represented at the meeting. A local disabled veteran, Adam Kisielewski (center), spoke on the support he has received in regaining some normalcy to his life after devastating injuries.



Ruritan National President Elliott Hogge has made supporting our veterans a focus for his year.

With the new memorial we have installed, there is still an opportunity to purchase an engraved paver for the memorial. Contact Jay House if interested in such.





Delegate Michael Hough placed a bill in the MD House of Delegates to decrease the yearly fee for processing food (i.e. butcherings) from \$400 to \$150. Several years back the fee was increased to \$400, impacting civic and nonprofit organizations such as ours. The bill amendment was successful in Senate side and now before House. I had privilege to testify before House Health and Government Operations Committee on Tues., March 11, 2014. Delegate Hough feels the bill will pass.

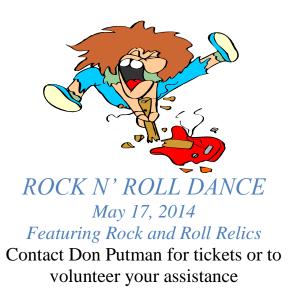
The next Potomac District of Ruritan National Cabinet meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2014 (6:30pm), hosted by Lewistown Ruritan Club at the Lewistown UMC. Contact Gov. Cassell by April 5, 2014 if attending. ALL Ruritan members are invited to attend cabinet meetings.

9th Annual Frank Clevenger Golf Tournament sponsored by Potomac District of Ruritan National is scheduled for Fri., May 30, 2014 at Maple Run Golf Course, Thurmont, MD. If you want to play on the club's foursome, contact me. Pending club approval, the fee will be paid by the club. Tee time is 9am and lunch

DISTRICT/NATIONAL UPDATES (con't) will be at Mountain Gate Restaurant following tournament.

Annual District Convention is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 1, 2014, hosted by Zone 5. It will be held at Hilton Double Tree Hotel in Annapolis, MD. More info coming. Mark your calendars.

Ruritan National Convention will be held at Sheraton Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC starting Jan. 15, 2015. Watch for your Ruritan Magazine to get further information. I already have info regarding making room reservation.



A FARMERS' MARKET?



The Board has been approached about the possibility of having a community Farmers' Market in Jefferson on our property. Several communities throughout Frederick Co. have such markets- Middletown being the closest. Our property is an excellent location for such a weekly market, which would operate one-day a week from April - October.

After some deliberation, the <u>concept</u> of such an endeavor would be considered to start in 2015. The Club would coordinate the program with a selected "Market Master" (generally one of the farmers), who basically works with the vendors and operates the market. We help establish the operating procedures and have a club member serve as the contact point for the club.

The project would be considered a positive community service project (business and professions committee). Farmers pay a small vendor fee which assist with covering any expenses (i.e. advertising). We basically provide the space and support the "Market Master".

Prior to moving further with the concept, there needs to be a club member who would be interested in being the club contact and work with the selected "Market Master" in establishing the operating procedures, which can be modeled after the Middletown Market. If you would like to consider taking on such a task, contact Scott Easton.

Again, no formal action has been taken, only concept approval. Once all 'ducks are in line', it will be brought before membership for consideration.