

# Jefferson Ruritan Club



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*In any moment of decision the best thing to do is the right thing,  
the next is the wrong thing,  
and the worst thing you can do is nothing.*

*Theodore Roosevelt*

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### REFLECTIONS ON ROY COMER

A fellow Ruritan and friend, **Roy Comer**, passed away and was buried at a lovely service on Wed., November 11, 2015. Roy joined our organization in 1988 after Joan and he built a beautiful home which looked out over Jefferson on Mountville Road.

Roy was highly respected in all facets of his life. Working in the local school system, he was dedicated to the youth through athletic programs in which he coached and later became the supervisor of physical education. He was a dedicated member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church located in Frederick. Most importantly, he was a loving husband, wonderful father to a son and two daughters, and a respected grandfather to eight grandsons.

During his tenure as a Ruritan, one could find him manning the ticket booth at the carnivals as well as being host at the community suppers. Roy enjoyed the fellowship of the Ruritan, always enjoying a good joke and displaying his appreciation to all who served the community in varied means.

Upon the death of his loving wife, Joan, Roy did eventually move into Tranquility of Fredericktowne. He had major heart surgery in 2002 and a few years later had a pacemaker implanted. Even with the heart issues, Roy remained active up until the last two years when he needed assisted care.

Our club honored Roy with a \$200 donation to the Wounded Warriors Project. Roy was a veteran and requested any memorials be given towards this fine organization.



Honored at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration were our charter (Ruritan Forever) members:

***Jack Lakin, Ralph Brown, Artie House, George Lakin & Charlie Smith***

Congratulations gentlemen....you laid a strong foundation for this fine organization.

NOTE: Thanks Ruritan Forever guys- they each donated \$100 towards our new chairs.

#### **BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER:**

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

#### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

We have an active membership application to act upon at the November meeting: ***Lisa Buohl***, sponsored by ***Jim Carpenter***. Lisa resides with her husband, Paul, at 4025 Manheim Ct., Jefferson, MD

Did you know that the Jefferson Ruritan Club is the fifth largest Ruritan in Ruritan National? Since our charter was signed in 1955 with 79 members, our club has maintained a high membership rate reaching 110 at one time. Currently, we are at 99 members. Let's see if we can increase this number over the next few months.

**HEALTH NOTES:** We have several members who are having health challenges that need to be kept in our thoughts and prayers. Certainly, we need to keep the ***Roy Comer*** family in our prayers as they deal with the loss of Roy. Also, continue to keep ***Luther Hargett*** in your thoughts as he resides with his daughter in Hagerstown. NOTE: Luther still makes sure he can attend our monthly meetings. Recently, ***Al Lescalleet's*** wife, ***Debbie***, received news that she would be facing treatments for cancer. Keep Debbie in your prayers as she faces head on the current health challenges.

## JEFFERSON RURITAN IN THE PAST

### 50 Years Ago – November 1965

- Agreed to provide \$100 to each member (up to four) who attend Ruritan National convention
- Approved renting a barn for \$35/month on Hershel Boyer Sr. farm to house the fire engine
- MD State Delegate William Houck spoke about taxes at November dinner meeting

### 25 Years Ago- November 1990

- 73 local senior citizens attended dinner meeting as club's guests. MHS jazz ensemble provided entertainment
- Repairs and upgrades were being completed on tennis court. There were problems with standing water on the court.
- Club received several awards at District Convention with club placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in community service for large clubs
- Betty Harvey was granted permission to use the Center to prepare taxes for senior citizens. This service by Betty was free.



**Phil & Liz Brohawn** received the “2015 Ruritan Couple of the Year” award at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. **President Scott** holds the plaque listing all the names of the past and present couples who have received the award.

## MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

Wed., November 18, 2015

7:00pm

### PROGRAM

Tim May

**We honor our local senior citizens on this evening providing them a Thanksgiving turkey dinner with all the trimmings.**

(Serving group- Jefferson United Church of Christ)

### **BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Support Valley Elementary School's annual Christmas stocking program with a donation of \$300. The program provides clothes/toys to children in need.
2. Accept *Lisa Buohl*, sponsored by *Jim Carpenter*, as an active member.

## ***COUNTRY BREAKFAST***

Sat., December 5, 2015

7-11am

\$8 Adult; \$5 Child 5-10; Under 5 free

Featuring our own country sausage and fried country ham, pancakes, scrambled eggs, pudding, hominy, hash brown potatoes, juice/coffee/tea

**NOTE:** Help will be needed prior to, during and after the event. A signup sheet will be available at the Nov. meeting or contact Larry Cassell, Jim Morgan, or Scott Easton.

We need cooks, dining room assistants, and cleanup crew.

# **BOARD UPDATES**

1. 2015-16 snow removal contract has been awarded to Richard Shankle.
2. Several building & grounds needs have or are being addressed:
  - Cracks in tennis court have been filled
  - Wall in hallway next to kitchen been repaired (moisture caused some mold issues)
  - Purchased two portable sneeze guards for use at buffets (Health Dept. requirement)
  - Water heater in Center being replaced at cost of approximately \$7000 (current heater is going bad)
  - Fire suppression system over stove/fryers requires upgrade to meet fire marshal specs. Project will cost approximately \$3000.
3. 2016 Carnival has been scheduled for August 1-6, 2016. Snyder Amusements will return as our provider of rides.

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## ***BUTCHERING SCHEDULE***

Step up and lend a hand for this important event. NO experience necessary...

<b>Sat., Nov. 14</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Clean up pavilion</b>
<b>Sat., Nov. 21</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Set up butchering areas</b>
<b>Thurs., Dec. 3</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Hogs arrive- cut up and prep meat</b>
<b>Fri., Dec. 4</b>	<b>6am</b>	<b>Sausage, pudding and scrapple; fill orders</b>
<b>Sat., Dec. 5</b>	<b>8am-12pm</b>	<b>Orders picked up</b>



**ORDERS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN!!! Get a form at the meeting or  
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# RURITAN DISTRICT/NATIONAL NEWS

The Ruritan National Convention will be held January 7-10, 2016 in Jacksonville, FL. Info is available in the latest edition of the Ruritan Magazine. Be sure to register and contact hotel for room reservation. Let me know if you are planning on attending. At this time, **Chuck Harp (Elaine)**, **John Lovell Jr (Johanna)** and **Larry Cassell (Nelda)** will be attending.

If you would like to participate in the “goodie” bag project to help the homeless in Jacksonville, refer to the October club newsletter for details. Also, I will have info at the Nov. meeting. I would be very willing to take the goodie bags with me to Jacksonville.

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OUR 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION HELD ON OCTOBER 28, 2015 AT DUTCH’S DAUGHTER RESTAURANT WAS A WONDERFUL EVENING. THE FOOD WAS EXCELLENT, TALENTED ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED, AND PROGRAM VERY FITTING. OF SPECIAL NOTE WAS THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM BOOK. THIS BOOK IS A KEEPSAKE THAT ALL CLUB MEMBERS SHOULD READ AND REFLECT. ALSO, THE VIDEO OF “JEFFERSON RURITAN PAST AND PRESENT” WAS AN ADDED ATTRACTION THAT DREW A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION.

**THE PLANNING COMMITTEE UNDER LEADERSHIP OF JAY HOUSE DID A GREAT JOB. SERVING WITH JAY WERE ARTIE HOUSE, SCOTT EASTON, CHUCK HARP, JOHN LOVELL JR, LARRY CASSELL, PEPPER SCOTTO, NANCY CHERRY AND LARRY PUTMAN. THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPRECIATE THE MANY POSITIVE COMMENTS RECEIVED.**



**RURITAN NATIONAL PRESIDENT BOBBY BURTON AND LINDA NOTED TO ME THAT IT WAS A FITTING OCCASION FOR SUCH A GREAT ORGANIZATION THAT HAS SERVED ITS COMMUNITY IN A STELLAR MANNER FOR 60 YEARS.**

**BE PROUD OF BEING A RURITAN.....LET’S SHARE THIS EXPERIENCE WITH OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY.**