

Jefferson Ruritan Club



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*Let go of the old, take hold of
the new and believe that this
year will be your
BEST YEAR YET*

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

-Club birthdays (December): *Lee Bussard, Dean Harper, Jim Lindley, Jim Morgan, Bill Six, Joe Stine & Juan Stull*

(NOTE: If you have been missed on birthday list, please notify me)



*Congratulations to **Mark Boyer** who was recently sworn in as a judge of the Washington County Circuit Court. The Honorable Mark Boyer has been a member of our club since 1996 and is the son of our beloved Mike Boyer (deceased) and Janey Boyer.*

“Mark, we all are very proud of you.”

MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

Wed., Dec. 21, 2016

7:00pm – Dinner

Serving Group:

Ruritan Ladies

PROGRAM

Christmas musical selections provided by our own Chiz and Evelyn Summers

Installation of 2017 Officers

-Two new member applications will be considered at an upcoming meeting.

1. **RYAN BLACKWOOD**
Sponsored by *Scott Easton*
for Youth Membership
Ryan resides at 4113 Sturbridge Ct.,
Jefferson, MD with his parents. He
attends Brunswick High School active in
sports (football/basketball) and a straight
'A' student. Ryan has been around
assisting at various club events.

2. **LAWRENCE BRAUN**
Sponsored by *Al Manus*
for active adult membership
Larry resides at 5319 Wye Creek Dr.,
Frederick, MD with his wife, Mary. He
is an active volunteer for the
Walkersville Southern Railroad and
enjoys working in carpentry/gardening.

It is everyone's responsibility to seek out people that would be an asset to our organization and the community. All it takes is a **PERSONAL INVITATION!**



RURITAN DISTRICT &
NATIONAL UPDATES

-Ruritan National Convention will be held **Jan. 19-22, 2017** in Kingsport, TN. If interested, see me. If you want to reserve a room, one needs to do so ASAP. At this time, the following have noted intentions of attending the convention: **Chuck Harp (Elaine), John Lovell (Jo), Nelda Cassell and Bill Six (Sue)**. I will be attending as a National Director.

CAUTION !!!

CONSTRUCTION ZONE



Our Building & Grounds Committee has had a very productive year. As a result, our Jefferson Community Center provides to all a very functional, clean and attractive facility that serves the community in varied ways. Charlie Clingan, chair, and committee members of B&G are commended for a job well done!!! Also, special thanks to Sam Pearson for the many tasks he took on.

Just recently, the entrance lights to our grounds and the outside message board are now illuminated at night. Thanks to Charlie, Dean Harper and JR Arnold, a company was contracted to reconnect a power supply to the entrance. Hopefully, we will now be able to light our wonderful Veterans' Memorial for all to enjoy 24/7.



Charlie and Dean looking on as the line were run under the macadam to front entrance. Quite an interesting process

DECEMBER PROJECTS

Thanks are extended to all who made our recent COUNTRY BUTCHERING and COUNTRY BREAKFAST successes. It was certainly a team effort and lots of good fellowship came along with the hard work.

A preliminary report noted a net profit of approximately \$6000 on the butchering and \$2000 on the breakfast.

Some sausage is still available for sale at \$10/5lb bag (frozen).

BUTCHERING



BREAKFAST



UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Feb. 2-4 Butchering
- Feb. 18 Community Supper
- Apr. 2 Quartermania

Mark your calendars now!

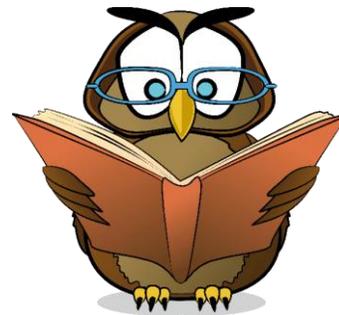
JEFFERSON RURITAN IN THE PAST

50 Years Ago-December 1966

- canned food collected at meeting and donated to Commission on Aging
- donated Christmas tree, decorations, fruit and candy to local family in need
- Tom Benfield installed the 1967 officers

25 Years Ago – December 1991

- motion was presented by Environment Committee to allow county to place a recycling collection bin on our grounds. The motion was tabled for further study and voted on in January.
- Chuck Harp awarded a \$50 savings bond for recruiting three new members in 1991
- Bruce Reeder, Frederick County Commissioner, was speaker at meeting providing some insight into county taxes
- Tom Benfield installed the 1992 officers



ARTIE'S JOKE BOOK

The limited edition of Artie's Joke Book is still available at a reasonable cost of \$10. Anyone desiring to purchase a copy may do so at the December 21, 2016 meeting.

What a wonderful Christmas gift it would make for a loved one.

Current goal is to sell at least 50 so the club can donate the proceeds of \$500 to the Patty Pollatos Fund in care of Kathryn Snider.

Check out following sample from the book:

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Husband takes the wife to her high school reunion. After meeting several of her friends and former school mates, they are sitting at a table where he is yawning and overly bored. The band cranks up and people are beginning to dance.

There's a guy on the dance floor living it large, break dancing, moon walking, back flips, buying drinks for people, the works!

Wife turns to her husband and says, "See that guy? 25 years ago he proposed to me and I turned him down."

Husband says, "Looks like he's still celebrating."

STREETSCAPE PROJECT



In case you have not heard, the Jefferson Streetscape Project has received funding and plans are moving ahead for beginning the project in 2017. It took a while for the government wheels to turn, but perseverance by a few (i.e. **Jim Carpenter**) prevailed and things are now moving along.