

# Jefferson Ruritan Club



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## DECEMBER 2017

### CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR SECTION FOR UPCOMING EVENTS/DETAILS

#### MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

-Club birthdays (December): *Lee Bussard, Dean Harper, Ryan Blackwood, Frank Blank, Brian Bowers, Ben Mourad, Larry Remsburg, Gloria Shoemaker & Juan Stull*

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

-Keep all members/spouses that are experiencing health issues in your thoughts/prayers. Latest reports:

*Jack Lakin* recovering from pneumonia  
*Carol Waple* is on the mend from broken leg.

*Scott Easton* had recent heart attack and having upcoming surgery

*Jay House* will be having knee replacement surgery

### MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

Wed., December 20, 2017

7:00pm – Dinner

Prepared and served by

Ruritan Ladies

INSTALLATION

2018 Club Officers

PROGRAM

Christmas music by our own Chiz and Evelyn Summers

#### BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

(to be presented for consideration at Dec. 20 meeting)

1. *New active membership application for Matthew Larson, sponsored by Juan Stull, be accepted.* (Matt resides at 3623 Fry Rd with his wife, Nikki. He is retired from Army and a certified physical therapist.)
2. *A large screen LED TV be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$1200 for use in Center.* (Will be used for programs at meetings, as well as streaming club events during club fundraisers)
3. *A surveillance system for the grounds of the Ruritan Center that includes cameras and monitor be purchased and installed at cost of \$1500.* (The system to be purchased is similar to one recently installed at Hemps Meats.)



RURITAN DISTRICT &  
NATIONAL UPDATES

RURITAN NATIONAL CONVENTION is scheduled January 18-21, 2018 at Charleston, SC. I am pleased to note that 7 (seven) members have registered to attend. If you plan on attending, let me know. Still not too late.

POTOMAC DISTRICT CABINET MEETING is scheduled for January 6, 2018 (9:00am) at the

Mt. Pleasant Ruritan Center. Need count of who is attending for lunch count.

POTOMAC DISTRICT CLUB PRESIDENTS' NIGHT is scheduled at our Center on Saturday, January 27, 2018 starting at 6:30pm. Let me know if you are planning on attending.



**The new Maryland obelisk at the Freedoms Foundation "Medal of Honor" Grove**

On the grounds of the Freedoms Foundation headquarters at Valley Forge, PA is a grove dedicated to the Medal of Honor recipients from the 50 States, as well as Puerto Rico and Washington DC. Each State has an acre dedicated to its recipients, which includes a 7' obelisk listing the names mounted on a 25' square brick plaza. Surrounding the plaza are markers noting each recipient.

Ruritan Clubs have been instrumental in maintaining the grounds over the years, as we did several years ago. During our visit, we found the MD obelisk in disrepair. Efforts were undertaken afterwards by our own John Lovell, who was the Potomac District Governor, to replace the obelisk. Funds were collected from MD Ruritan Clubs. It took a while, but with the help of a veterans group, MD is now standing tall with a new plaza and obelisk.

Currently, the grove is closed to the public as work is being done to make further

improvements at Freedoms Foundation. After it reopens, it would be a good field trip to take to honor our Medal of Honor recipients. There is a museum on the grounds dedicated to the Medal of Honor program.



## JEFFERSON RURITAN IN THE PAST

### 50 Years Ago- December 1967

-23 hogs were butchered

Party

-Purchased new wheelchair (\$110)

-Frank Zeintek, past District Gov. installed officers

### 25 Years Ago – December 1992

-Butchering held netting \$700

-Past National President Tom Benfield installed new officers: Charles Smith, president; Robert Galey, vice president.

## BUTCHERING/BREAKFAST

### Another successful project

Thanks to all who assisted. A preliminary financial report noted a combined profit of \$4870.90 for the December event.



*Our faithful meat cutters hard at work on the 35 hogs*



*40+ volunteers (non-members) assisted us in making quick work preparing the meat for sausage*



*Our smiling RAK Ruriteens graciously greeted the customers at our breakfast. Our newest member, Brian Bowers, got indoctrinated at this event, enjoying the fellowship working side-by-side with fellow club members*

**COUNTRY BUTCHERING AND BREAKFAST**

**February 3, 2017**

**To place orders for butchering, contact 301-473-7986 or 301-834-6165**

**Pick up orders 8am-12pm**

**JUMM BREAKFAST  
7 – 11AM**

**The importance of correct spelling...**

Even a typo can make your life hell....

A husband recently penned a short, romantic note to his wife while he was away on a fishing trip, and he missed one small ‘e’. No problem you might say.

Not so. This tiny error has caused him to seek police protection to enter his own house.

He wrote:

*Hi, darling. I'm enjoying and experiencing the best time of my whole life, and I wish you were her."*

Oops....

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



**DECEMBER**

20 Club dinner meeting (7pm)

**JANUARY**

- 6 Potomac District Cabinet meeting at Mt. Pleasant (9am)
- 9 Club Board meeting (7pm)
- 17 Club dinner meeting (7pm)
- 18-21 Ruritan National Convention, Charleston, SC
- 27 Potomac District Presidents' Night at Jefferson (6:30pm)

**FEBRUARY**

- 1 Butchering (2pm)
- 2 Butchering (6am)
- 3 Butchering (8am-12pm)  
JUMM Breakfast (7-11am)
- 13 Club Board Meeting (7pm)
- 17 Community Supper featuring country ham, fried oysters and turkey (12-5pm)
- 21 Club dinner meeting (7pm)

A NOTE FROM AN APPRECIATIVE  
CLUB MEMBER

*As most know, I am passing the pen as your club secretary to other very competent individuals: Jay and Susan. With a few years of interruptions since 1979, I have served as the club secretary for 30 years. It has been truly a rewarding experience, especially working with those club members who have stepped up over the years to serve in leadership positions on the Board. I have the utmost confidence in my fellow club members to keep serving to the betterment of our community, especially with the changes occurring within our community. We are more important now than ever before.*

*The support received as I pursue a different position in Ruritan at the National level only has been possible with the great support and encouragement received from each of you. I hope I can fulfill your expectations and make you proud.*

*Even as I expect a different schedule that may have me being absent from some of our club events, know that whenever possible, I will still be available to lend a hand.*

*As with any organization such as Ruritan, it takes a team effort to be successful. The following provides a good example how we must work together, supporting each other as we strive to continue to keep Jefferson a thriving community:*



***The great redwoods of California are one of the beautiful natural wonders of North America. These giant evergreens can grow to a towering 300 feet tall and live for hundreds of years. For all their magnificence, one would think the redwoods would require a deep root system to keep them upright. Instead, they have roots that spread out along the surface of the forest floor to capture all the moisture possible, intertwining with the roots of other redwoods in the grove. The interlocking roots securely support and sustain these giant sequoias when storms strike and fierce winds blow. The trees' survival depends on the combined support of one another.***

***When we stand together.....support one another.....encourage one another.....we become strong together, and like the giant redwoods, we keep growing taller.***

Thanks,  
*Larry*  
Larry Cassell  
Secretary