



Oley Valley Business Association

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January 30th Meeting

There will be a post-holiday **mixer on Wednesday, January 30th hosted by the Oley Fire Company from 4 PM till 6:30 PM.** The Fire Company will be donating hors d'oeuvres and there will be a cash bar. For more information, please contact Frank Morgan @ 610-367-9000. We will take a short time to install the new officers at this meeting.

Please mark your calendar and plan on attending.

Message from Doug Kramer, OVBA President

I most certainly want to wish you all a great and prosperous year in 2008. Thank you all for your support the past year, especially the officers, directors and chairpersons who all have worked very hard behind the scenes. It truly was a fun year socializing with many of our members and getting to know several new members better during meetings. How encouraging it is to know the attitude and ambitions of the new officers for 2008. The OVBA can look forward to new growth in many ways!

The upcoming mixer on January 30th at the Oley Valley Fire Company will be a grand social event! Please bring a guest or encourage local businesses that are not currently members to join us and share in the Oley Valley business atmosphere and environment. As a reminder, those of you planning to bring a door prize, please contact Frank Morgan at 610-367-9000. Look for a flyer in the mail in the near future from Frank about the mixer particulars. While there will be a few minor housekeeping business matters to attend to at the mixer, this will be a time mostly for you to share your Oley Valley business thoughts and ideas with OVBA members, especially the new officers. See you there!

Douglas A. Kramer, President

2008 Yearly Membership Dues

Enclosed is your 2008 invoice (\$50.00, same as last year) for OVBA yearly membership dues. Please note that any business not paying their dues by March 15th will NOT be listed in the printed directory that is passed out at the Oley Fair.

**Nominating
Committee**

The report of the nomination committee for the 2008 officers of the OVBA is as follows:

President	Jim MacArthur
Vice President	Barbara Olszewski
Secretary	Marianne van der Velde
Treasurer	Kelly Blankenbiller
New Board of Director:	Roxanne Stauffer

**Meeting Minutes
Nov. 28, 2007**

The monthly meeting of the Oley Valley Business Association was held on November 28, 2007, at the Yellow House Hotel. Social hour was at 6 PM and dinner was at 6:30 PM. There were a total of 18 people in attendance, which included our guest speaker Judge Jeffrey Schmehl and his wife April.

President Kramer called the meeting to order approximately 7:30 PM, after dinner.

A motion to accept the minutes as published in the November newsletter was made by Oscar Egolf and seconded by Stu Kern. The motion passed.

There was no Treasurer's report in the November newsletter. The Audit Committee - consisting of Trish Hartline, Pam Weitzel and Oscar Egolf - met on November 26, and provided a summary of their findings. Oscar noted that Trish and Pam did an excellent, professional job on the audit.

As of this meeting, the Nominating Committee had not yet determined the list of nominees for next year's officers.

Introductions were made around the room. President Kramer followed with the reading of a few courtroom bloopers and then introduced Judge Schmehl.

Judge Schmehl encouraged everyone to fulfill their civic duties when they are summoned to serve on a jury. He briefly explained jury notices and the selection process. The "One Day, One Trail" policy was explained. There was information on who would receive the notifications to serve and what to do if you can't serve on the date you scheduled for.

Some statistics that were presented: 12,300 individuals were summoned to report last year for jury duty. There are approximately 6,900 cases that come before the court each year. Crimes are becoming more serious. There are too many guns on the streets and the number of your people on drugs continues to increase.

The Judge answered several great questions throughout his time and he also handed out a sheet on a scam warning that makes people believe that they missed jury duty and that they need to pay a fine. Some people, especially the elderly, are conned out of some money to pay for the bogus fine. The program was truly enjoyable and informative.

The next meeting will be a Mixer on January 30, 2008, 4:00 – 6:30 PM, at the Oley Fire Company Social Quarters.

A motion to adjourn was made by Oscar Egolf, and seconded by Carol Meeker.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Kramer & Sharon Morrow

*Treasurer's
Report*

Due to the fact we are in transition, there will be no Treasurer's Report for this month.

*Respectfully submitted
Kelly Blankenbiller, Treasurer*

Oley Valley Business Association
Executive Committee

26 November 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

The Audit Committee met today at 9:00 am at the Artist Cottage.

The Committee reviewed all financial materials concerning the year 2007 from January through October 15th.

All income was tracked from deposits to the check book register, to bank statements, and to the financial reports as posted on-line within the newsletters.

All disbursements were tracked from the check book register, to bank statements, to vender invoices or check requests, and to financial reports as posted on-line within the newsletters.

The committee finds all financial records in order and makes the following suggestions:

- There should be an invoice or a check request form in file for each disbursement. (we could not find documentation for Hefner Printing \$630.70, Oley Fair donation \$500, and Kevin Bieber lunch \$13.58)
- Financial reports should be generated based on a calendar month.
- Bookkeeping software should be used, providing clear and easy tracking.
(Trish Hartline has already spoken to Kelly Blankenbiller about assisting in this)
- Filing all financial documentation in a single loose leaf binder, by month, would make tracking easier.
- Scholarship Program: If donations exceed distributions, the scholarship monies should be held in a separate bank account to earn interest for the following year.

Again, the Audit Committee is happy to report that all financial records are in good order for the year 2007 through October 15th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Weitzel, Oscar Egolf, and Trish Hartline
OVBA Audit Committee