



Oley Valley Business Association

P.O. Box 25

Oley, PA 19547-0025

www.oleyvalleybiz.org

President's Message

Hi to everyone!

The meeting at the Oley Fire Co. was well attended. Chief White's presentation included the most up-to-date information, and he answered some challenging questions. Some tips:

- If you get stopped for speeding or if you have an accident, don't argue about your speed or about whether the accident is your fault.
- Don't be afraid to call the police if you think you may need them.

The final Covered Bridge meeting will be on May 18, 2004. Everything is going smoothly.

See you at the next meeting.

Respectfully,

Wilma Leininger

May Meeting

The next meeting of the Oley Valley Business Association will be at **7:00 a.m. on Monday, May 24, 2004 at the Pleasantville Diner.**

OVBA Cares

Please keep President Wilma Leininger in your thoughts and prayers. She is coping with the recent death of her sister, the serious illnesses of other family members and unexpected financial burdens.

Minutes

General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2004

Call to Order

The April meeting of the Oley Valley Business Association was held at the Oley Fire Company. The meeting was called to order by President Leininger at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

A motion was made to accept the March minutes by John Varady and seconded by Gary Custer. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Minerva Hoppes. Motion was made by Dorice Lessard to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Cindy MacFetrich. Motion carried.

Attendance

The total attendance for the meeting was 24 including members and guests.

Old Business

Pleasantville Bridge:

Lloyd Hopkins reported that the bridge should be completed on time. Approximately 40-45 vendor booths have been rented. Volunteers are still needed for the day, interested parties should contact Lloyd. Two jets supposedly will be flying overhead, there will be a craft show and food festival. The dedication ceremony from 11-12:30 will be preceded by a parade. John Bressler will perform at 5:30 with an auction after the show. Festivities will end at 10:00 with fireworks.

Pot Pie Dinner:

Wilma reported that \$7,455.00 is the total amount to be shared by the four recipient families. Again, she noted that the pot pie dinner was a success and that they had to turn away people because they ran out of food.

Scholarship:

Chairperson Kramer reported that a candidate was selected and thanked Debbie Reitnour for gathering the scholarship applications for presentation to the selection committee. The selection committee was comprised of Minerva Hoppes, Amy Kohut, Wilma Leininger and Doug Kramer. There were twelve applicants, it was a very difficult choice to select the recipient. The name will be withheld until the night of the High School Awards Banquet. However, the name was passed onto the High School Guidance Department, which will notify the individual that he or she will be receiving an award, without any specifics. Amy Kohut reported that we received \$84.00 from the used ink cartridge collection, which be added to the scholarship, bringing the total to more than \$1,000.00.

Mixer:

Wilma reminded the general membership of the mixer to be held on May 27 from 4:30-6:30 at the Historic Pleasantville Inn and that a notice will be sent out by Frank Morgan reminding people of the mixer and requesting door prizes.

Oley Valley Fair:

Doug Kramer had no report on the Oley Fair, but will setting up a meeting in the near future. Kevin Bieber is to be contacted to gain access to the exhibit booth so that it can be modified.

New Business

New Members:

Minerva Hoppes announced new members who are Fleetwood Satellite and Golden Oaks.

OVBA Guide:

John Varady announced that the OVBA Guide is forthcoming and attention should be paid to deadlines for getting information to the newspaper.

Guest Speaker:

Chief David White of the Oley Township Police Department was the guest speaker who spoke to the general membership on his background and a little history of the township police force. The Chief is trained in accident reconstruction and is certified as an instructor for non-lethal restraint i.e., handcuffs, sprays. Currently the force employs four fulltime and six part time officers, has three patrol vehicles and a bike patrol. They are active in the DARE program for the fourth year. The police force spends quite a bit of time with the schools to nail down policies for plans of action which include bomb drills, lockdown drills and drug searches. He noted that the town is pretty alive during the day, but pretty quiet in the evening. There is a lot of passing traffic through the community because of 662 and 73. Periodically there are check points set up within the township. They also keep a particular eye on truck traffic and try to ensure the safety of the community by random inspections of trucks. In closing, Chief White stated that the police force is very active in working with schools, businesses, individual residents and has been very pleased with how things are going in the community. Chief White also noted his interest in starting a crime watch. There will be more on that in the near future. A question and answer period followed where he addressed questions concerning reports from private citizens, security for businesses, not only in the community, but outside of the village as well, mailbox vandalism, cooperation with other police forces and computer technology, reconstruction of accidents, posting of speed limits, drugs in school and various drugs used in schools.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. by John Varady and seconded by Debbie Reitnour. Motion carried. The next meeting will be a breakfast meeting at the Pleasantville Diner at 7:00 a.m. on May 24. This will be a business meeting to discuss bridge day activities.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Douglas A. Kramer, Secretary*

*Treasurer's
Report*

Beginning Balance	04/15/04	\$4,441.04
Deposits		75.00
Interest		.00
Sub Total		\$4,516.04
Expenses		
Peripheral Systems Inc		13.85
Oley Valley Fair Association		120.00
Blaine Shriver (one salad)		2.00
Ending Balance	5/15/04	\$4,380.19

*Humor from
Tom Mitchell*

A Little Known Fact of History

Most people don't know that back in 1912, Hellmann's mayonnaise was manufactured in England.

In fact, the Titanic was carrying 12,000 jars of the condiment scheduled for delivery in Vera Cruz, Mexico, which was to be the next port of call for the great ship after its stop in New York.

This would have been the largest single shipment of mayonnaise ever delivered to Mexico. But as we know the great ship did not make it to New York. The ship hit an iceberg and sank and the cargo was forever lost.

The people of Mexico, who were crazy about mayonnaise, and were eagerly awaiting its delivery were disconsolate at the loss. Their anguish was so great, that they declared a National Day of Mourning which they still observe to this day. The National Day of Mourning occurs each year on May 5th and is known of course as Sinko de Mayo.