



Oley Valley Business Association

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November Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, November 28, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. at the Yellow House Hotel**. Please call the Yellow House Hotel with your reservations. The speaker will be Jeff Zackon, Oley Valley School District superintendent. He will give a presentation on the proposed new community all-weather track. There will also be a "special guest" coming. Let's try to break all of our attendance records for this event.

Menu for November Meeting

*Monday, November 28, 2005
Oley Valley Business Association
Yellow House Hotel*

Flounder Monterey	\$16.95
Fillet of flounder stuffed with Monterey Jack cheese & crabmeat	
Chicken Marsala	\$16.25
Boneless breast of chicken sautéed with mushrooms in a wine demi-glace	
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$10.45
Filet Mignon	\$21.95
Eight tender ounces of charbroiled choice beef	

General Information

- All entrees include tossed salad, potato, and vegetable
- Beverages, soup and desserts will be available (separate)
- Please make reservations by calling the Yellow House at 610-689-9410. Please inform them of your choice of entrée at that time.

The Yellow House has graciously agreed to donate 20% of the evening's dinner receipts to the campaign for Oley Valley School District's new track.

December Mixer

Frank Morgan has arranged for an OVBA mixer at Golden Oaks on Thursday, December 15th, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**OVBA
Application**

If you are giving an OVBA application to someone interested in joining the association, please be sure to print out the latest version from our website. There is a link to access it at the top of the "new member" page.

**Treasurer's
Report**

*Oley Valley Business Association
Treasurer's Report*

Beginning Balance	\$3,702.08
Interest 10/31/05	.94
New Member (Homes in Berks)	35.00
SubTotal	\$3,738.02
Expenses	
Peripheral Systems #10466	15.13
Oley Legion Diner - 3 guest meals	12.40
Total Expenses	\$ 27.53
Balance as of 10/31/05	\$3,710.49

*Betty's Doggie Boutique, now known as "Oley Valley Pet Salon", owner Lori Gabel.

*Respectfully submitted,
Minerva S. Hoppes, Treasurer*

Minutes

General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 31, 2005

Call to Order

The October meeting of the Oley Valley Business Association was held at the Oley Legion Diner at 7 AM. President Bill Griffith called the meeting to order at 7:15 AM.

Minutes & Treasurer's Report

A motion to accept the minutes as published in the October newsletter was made by Mike McCarthy and seconded by Stu Kern. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Carol Meeker. The motion carried.

Attendance

The total attendance for the meeting was 11 members and 2 FBLA student guests. 10 member businesses were represented.

Program

This was a business-only meeting with no scheduled program.

Committee Reports

Program

The November meeting will be held at the Yellow House Hotel. Kevin Bieber reported that their plans for the speaker fell through due to a change in his employment, and the Committee was looking for a replacement.

December's meeting will be a lunchtime meeting, tentatively a round-table discussion, location to be determined. It was originally scheduled for December 26, but may be rescheduled due to the holiday.

Please check the website closer to the actual meeting dates for the final word on dates, times and locations, as well as the necessity to call for reservations.

Mixer

The mixer will be held on December 15, from 4:30 – 6:30 PM, in the "Farmhouse" at Golden Oaks.

Old Business

Township Signage

Marianne van der Velde was not in attendance, but will provide a follow-up at the next meeting.

Christmas in the Valley

No report.

Area Blood Drives

Carol Meeker reported that there would be a blood drive at Grace Lutheran in Spangsville on November 22. For information about other locations throughout the month, check out the Miller-Keystone Blood Center's website at: <http://www.giveapint.org>. Click on "Where are we Today?"

New Business

Nominating Committee

A Committee was formed with Tom Mitchell as Chair, who will contact members and hopefully present a slate of officers at the November meeting. If interested in helping or running for office, contact Tom.

FBLA

David Hoffman, FBLA Advisor at Oley Valley HS, reported that Oley is sponsoring the FBLA Spring Competition on January 25, 2006 (snow date February 1, 2006). There will potentially be 400 students at this countywide event, and they need non-biased adult volunteers to help judge the various performance competitions in areas such as Emerging Business Issues, Public Speaking and Job Interviews. It requires a 1-2 hour time commitment in the late afternoon. They would also appreciate gifts and/or advertising items (key chains, etc.) to give to the students. Anyone interested should contact David at the High School.

New High School Track

Kevin Bieber reported that he is on the committee to plan for an all-weather gated track at the High School, available to the whole community. The track team cannot currently host home events due to the cinder track. This could cost as much as \$450,000. The School Board has committed at least \$175,000 towards it, and asked that a committee be formed to see if they can raise the rest of the funds within the community. The committee is trying to firm up prices and will report back on how much will still need to be donated. They are hoping for donations from individuals and companies in the area. So far, National Penn has committed \$50,000 towards the project.

Membership

It was noted that new businesses in the area were not being contacted for membership in the Association because we don't currently have a Chair for the Membership Committee. If anyone is interested in serving on that Committee, please contact Bill Griffith.

It was discussed that in order for our Association to attract new members and give value to our existing members, we will need to sponsor more Community Projects that everyone can get excited about. So it was suggested that we send a survey to our members to determine what they would like to see as the Association's "Signature Event(s)" and if they would accept an increase in dues. Basically, if we want to take the Association to a whole new level, an increase in dues would certainly be necessary to accomplish that. Carol Meeker offered to send Bill a sample survey that was sent out by the Berks Mont Business Association (whose dues are currently \$75). Bill will review it, and produce a similar survey for our members. He suggested that we get this done within the next 2 weeks, to allow time before our new membership year in case it's determined that dues need to be increased.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stu Kern and seconded by Carol Meeker. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Morrow, Secretary

*Humor from
Tom Mitchell*

Top 8 Morons Of The Year

1. WILL THE REAL DUMMY PLEASE STAND UP? AT&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership. He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.
2. WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS: Police in Oakland, CA spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line, shouting, "Please come out and give yourself up."
3. WHAT WAS PLAN B??? An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines, wherein the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.
4. THE GETAWAY! A man walked into a Topeka, Kansas Kwik Stop and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.
5. DID I SAY THAT??? Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: "Give me all your money or I'll shoot", the man shouted, "that's not what I said!"
6. ARE WE COMMUNICATING??? A man spoke frantically into the phone: "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart". "Is this her first child?" the doctor asked. "No!" the man shouted, "This is her husband!"
7. NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED! In Modesto, CA, Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun. Unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket. (hellooooooo)!
8. THE GRAND FINALE!!! Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert, an hour east of Bakersfield, CA, some folks, new to boating, were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 foot boat, going. It was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power they applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted into a nearby marina, thinking someone there may be able to tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out-drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard.
(NOW REMEMBER...THIS IS TRUE.)

Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer!