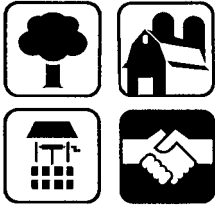


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October Meeting

Our next OVBA meeting (Monday, October 30th) will be a breakfast meeting at 7:00 a.m. at the Oley Legion Diner.

November Meeting

The November meeting will be November 27, 2006, at 7 PM at the Pleasantville Inn. The speaker will be State Representative Dennis Leh, with our annual update on what is happening in Harrisburg. This is always a very informative meeting and provides members with an opportunity to make their concerns known. It will also be Dennis' last time with us before leaving office. Plan to attend.

"Meet the Candidates" Notes

A "Meet the Candidates" event was held on September 25, 2006, replacing the monthly membership meeting. The event started shortly after 7 PM, in the Oley Valley Middle School Auditorium.

Approximately 21 people attended, in addition to the 2 candidates, with 14 OVBA members representing 12 businesses.

Attendees were introduced to the 2 candidates for Representative of the 130th Legislative District: Democrat Dave Kessler and Republican Billy Reed. Tom Mitchell served as Master of Ceremony in the absence of OVBA President Bill Griffith, and Stu Kern served as Facilitator.

Stu asked each of the candidates a series of questions relating to Crime, Urban Sprawl, Land Conservation, Insurance and Health Care, Property taxes and the funding of education, Harrisburg politics, and other relevant issues. Each candidate was given 3 minutes to respond to each question, with an additional 2 minutes for a rebuttal. At the end, the audience was given an opportunity to ask questions.

The event was handled very professionally, and we thank Stu for all his hard work in putting it together despite being busy with both his own and the OVBA booths at the Oley Fair. Thanks also to Peripheral Systems for designing and printing the flyers, which were placed around town and were also available at the OVBA booth at the Oley Fair. And thanks to Mike McCarthy for his help with publicizing the event through his media contacts. Although attendance was a disappointment, we feel it was beneficial for those who did attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Morrow, Secretary

*Notes from
Stu Kern,
Program
Committee Chair*

1. The October meeting will be a business meeting, at 7 AM, at the Oley Legion Diner.
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3. "Kudos" to Sharon Morrow and Minerva Hoppes for the award winning booth for the Oley Valley Business Association at the Oley Fair. The first place (blue ribbon) display that they designed, constructed and organized brought great credit to our organization. It was professional, interesting, and reflected an enormous amount of hard work. Thank you both for a job well done.
4. If anyone has not noticed, there are new Welcome to Oley signs on the roads entering Oley. They are well designed, attractive and go a long way to promoting our area. These were funded jointly by the Oley Valley Business Association and the Oley Valley Historical Association. Our thanks to Marianne van der Velde who coordinated the project for OVBA and got the job done. An excellent effort on our behalf!
5. Our condolences to Wilma Leininger on the passing of her husband Kenny, October 7, 2006.
6. Where were you? The Oley Valley Business Association sponsored a Meet the Candidates night at the Oley Valley Middle School September 25. Posters were placed throughout the area, news articles were placed, and announcements made. A total of 21 people bothered to show up. I bet more than that will gripe daily about whoever wins the election. So much for our commitment to democracy. Third world countries put us to shame when they turn out to support candidates and to vote.

Stu Kern

*Oley Fair
Committee Report
Submitted by
Minerva Hoppes*

I wish to express my greatest appreciation to the following people: Sharon and Mark Morrow, Stu and Ann Kern, and Oscar Egolf. With their help we were able to set up a great fair booth and win first "PRIZE" for inside community exhibit. The check for \$50.00 was really appreciated.

I also wish to thank everyone who volunteered to man the booth: Sharon Morrow, Kyle Blankenbiller, Pat Reitnauer, Scot and Linda Williams, Jane Houseman, Diana and John Casper, Stuart Mathias, Oscar Egolf, Wes Snyder, Marge Kraft, Wilma Leininger, Mary Ann Owens, Mike McCarthy, Scot Guldin and to Doug Kramer for helping with cleaning up. Please forgive me if I missed anyone.

Also, thank you very much to Jean Zimmerman from Peripheral Systems for her hard work compiling, printing and assembling the brochures that were ordered at the last minute, and to Scot and Linda Williams for volunteering the services of Peripheral Systems to make that happen. And thanks to Glick's Greenhouse for the chrysanthemums they donated for the booth.

Membership applications were also handed out, about 24 and I have already gotten two back.

Thank you also to the generous donations of gift certificates from some of our members. Thru your kindness we were able to have a successful contest and give out nine prizes. See the attached list of donations and winners.

Thanks again everyone and I hope you tell all your fiends and business associates how much fun volunteering is and we will have a lot more volunteers next year. See you at our next meeting.

*Contest Donations
and
Winners*

OLEY VALLEY BUSINESSES

NOW AND THEN

PRIZES - GIFT CERTIFICATES DONATED by

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|----|---|---------|
| 1. | YELLOW HOUSE HOTEL
Ralph P Lorah – Oley | \$25.00 |
| 2. | EMILY'S
Sandy Frederick – Fleetwood | \$25.00 |
| 3. | UNION JACKS INN
Noreen Ernst – Reading | \$25.00 |
| 4. | OLEY VALLEY INN
Eleanor Keys – Blandon | \$25.00 |
| 5. | OLEY LEGION DINER
Atville Hawk – Boyertown | \$15.00 |
| 6. | OLEY TURNPIKE DAIRY
Kyle Blankenbiller – Oley | \$15.00 |
| 7. | M & M SANDWICH SHOP
Marge Robinson – Oley | \$15.00 |
| 8. | HISTORIC PLEASANTVILLE INN
Scot Williams – Reading | \$15.00 |
| 9. | PLEASANTVILLE DINER
Wilma Leininger – Oley | \$15.00 |

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$4,028.17
Interest: 8/30/06 = \$1.85, 9/30/06 = \$1.01	<u>2.86</u>
Sub Total	\$4,031.03
Expenses	
Minerva Hoppes-picture frames for Oley Fair	57.18
9/14/04 National Penn Bank open new acct.	3,000.00
9/30/06 National Penn Bank to close Leesport acct.	973.85
Total Expenses	\$4,031.03
Balance as of 9/30/06	
Leesport Bank Account	\$ -0-
National Penn Bank beginning balance	\$3,000.00
Oley Fair booth prize	50.00
New member: Pine Lane Nursery	50.00
New member: Cynthia Turner, Tupperware	50.00
Leesport Bank closing balance transfer	<u>973.85</u>
Sub Total	\$4,123.85
Expenses	
Check order	27.75
Graber Lettering, Inc. - 1/2 cost for signs	1,650.00
Oley Fire Co for year round Oley Fair booth rental	100.00
Peripheral Systems, Inc #11042	18.16
Peripheral Systems, Inc #11097 (250 brochures)	<u>283.95</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,079.86
Balance as of 10/15/2006	\$2,043.99

Respectfully submitted
Minerva S Hoppes, Treasurer

*Humor from
Tom Mitchell*

The Fairy

A married couple in their early 60s was out celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary in a quiet, romantic little restaurant.

Suddenly, a tiny yet beautiful fairy appeared on their table and said, "For being such an exemplary married couple and for being faithful to each other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish."

"Oh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband" said the wife.

The fairy waved her magic wand and poof! - two tickets for the Queen Mary II luxury liner appeared in her hands.

Then it was the husband's turn.

He thought for a moment and said: "Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me."

The wife and the fairy were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish...So the fairy waved her magic wand and - poof! The husband became 92 years old.

The moral of the story: Men who are ungrateful bums should remember fairies are female.

*More Humor
from
Tom Mitchell*

Subject: Management Training

An Indian walks into a cafe with a shotgun in one hand pulling a male buffalo with the other. He says to the waiter, "Want coffee."

The waiter says, "Sure chief, coming right up." He gets the Indian a tall mug of coffee. The Indian drinks the coffee down in one gulp, turns and blasts the buffalo with the shotgun, causing parts of the animal to splatter every where, then just walks out.

The next morning the Indian returns. He has his shotgun in one hand pulling another male buffalo with the other. He walks up to the counter and says to the waiter, "Want coffee." The waiter says, "Whoa, Tonto! We're still cleaning up your mess from yesterday. What was all that about, anyway?"

(hang on, this is really good..... .)

The Indian smiles and proudly says, "Training for upper management position: Come in, drink coffee, shoot the bull, leave mess for others to clean up, disappear for rest of day."