



Oley Valley Business Association

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October 31st. Meeting

Our next OVBA meeting will be a Business Meeting at the **Artist Cottage** (directions below). Breakfast 7- 7:30 AM. Meeting starts at 7:30 AM.

Our Hostess, Trish Hartline, will be setting out quite a spread for us - a buffet breakfast that includes:

Scrambled Eggs
Sausage
Bacon
French Toast
Creamed Dried Beef with Toast
Roasted Potatoes
Fruit Tray
Assorted Muffins & Bagels with spreads
Juice
Coffee & Tea

The cost will be only \$7. If you've considered taking an associate, friend or spouse to one of the OVBA meetings, this would be THE one to do that. Your visitors, if not interested in the meeting, can relax after breakfast and enjoy the tranquility of the garden and surroundings at the Artist Cottage.

Directions: Take Friedensburg Road, past the Vo-Tech, Elementary and Middle schools on the left and traveling approx. 2.5 miles toward 5 points. Go past Old State Road on your **left** and then make the next left onto a gravel drive. Sign at end of drive reads 1943 and it will have an American Flag attached. Take the driveway to the end, passing the first house and garage. Parking at the Cottage is limited and some folks may need to park in the field and walk up the lane past the garden to the Cottage. Watch for signs or someone giving directions.

This requires reservations! PLEASE CALL Sharon at 610-987-6555 or email: smorrow@dejazzd.com by Friday, October 26 so we can give Trish a count.

Upcoming Meetings

*Wednesday, Nov. 28th – Dinner at 6:30 pm – Yellow House Hotel
(Social time beginning at 6:00 pm)*

Speaker: Judge Jeffrey Schmehl will talk about the impact that crime has on businesses in the County.

Please mark your calendar and plan on attending.

*Message from
Doug Kramer,
OVBA President*

Another great Oley Fair! Kevin Bieber, you and your committees and all the volunteers are to be commended for making the Oley Fair a great success. A bit of trivia, the french fry stand sold approximately four and a half tons of fries. Thanks to all who helped with the OVBA booth, not only in setting it up and dismantling it after the fair, but to those who spent several hours tending the booth. The crossword puzzle seemed to grab attention as we handed out 249 puzzle sheets. There were thirty entries returned for the drawing and the winners were selected at the OVBA September meeting. First prize was won by Peter Weida and second and third by Erica Guthier and Abby Shane. To all our members who had booths or stands at the fair, and participated with the crossword puzzle, we thank you and would appreciate any input should we try this again next year.

How refreshing it was to see new faces, and the return of familiar faces, at our September meeting. Thank you Mr. Heckman for sharing the workings of the School Board and answering the many questions posed to you. Sadly, it was announced that Minerva resigned as treasurer. I want to thank her for her contribution to the OVBA over the past years. Should you see her in your travels, please give her a thank you. We welcomed Kelly Blankenbiller, who has agreed to fill the term of treasurer as outlined by our by-laws.

Our next meeting is a breakfast business meeting and I would appreciate your input on several issues. One of those issues is that I am of the opinion that we should have part time staff to help with the administration of our day to day operations. This would mean that our dues would increase to approximately seventy-five dollars a year per member, which is still less than ten dollars a month. Invite a guest and help this organization grow. See you there!

Douglas A. Kramer, President

*Meeting Minutes
Sept. 26, 2007*

Call To Order

The September 26, 2007 meeting of the OVBA was held at The Bridge Inn Pleasantville. President Doug Kramer called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

Attendance

The total attendance for the meeting was 17 members. 16 businesses were represented.

Minutes & Treasurer's Reports

A motion to accept the minutes as published in the September newsletter was made by Oscar Egolf and seconded by Mike McCarthy. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as published in the September newsletter was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Marsha Moser. The motion carried.

General Business

Robert Heckman, President of the Oley Valley School Board, gave a presentation on current and future issues facing the Oley Valley School District and some basic information on how they operate. An informative handout was provided and a short Q&A session held afterwards.

Committee Reports

Program Committee

Please submit any suggestions/ideas for future speakers to Stu Kern or Kevin Bieber.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 31st – 7:00 am @ the Artist Cottage. This will be a business meeting only. Trish Hartline will be serving breakfast.

Oley Fair

President Doug Kramer congratulated Kevin Bieber on another excellent year at the Oley Fair.

The OVBA Booth handed out 250 entry forms for the Member Crossword Puzzle contest and had 30 returned. The 3 winners drawn were:

- 1st Place - \$50 – Peter Weida
- 2nd Place - \$25 – Abby Shane
- 3rd Place - \$25 – Erica Guthier

Marsha suggested getting photos of the winners.

Doug thanked all booth volunteers for their time.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Doug Kramer announced that Kelly Blankenbiller has accepted the position as Treasurer for the OVBA and was approved by the current Officers for the position. Since the books should be audited annually for the association, it was decided this will be done as the books are turned over from our previous Treasurer to Kelly. Trish Hartline, Oscar Egolf, & Pat Wentzel volunteered to be the audit committee.

It was suggested to our President that a member business of our association that is currently having legal problems be removed from our web site and directory. Our by-laws are very specific on this process and nothing will be done at this time.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: 1. Mike McCarthy 2. Jay Roberts

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne van der Velde, Secretary

*Treasurer's
Report*

Oley Valley Business Association
Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance 09/16/07	\$2,600.88
Close Leesport Account (.12)	.12
New member - Leesport Bank	50.00
New members:	
Artist Cottage, Garden & Studio	
Tupperware - Cindy Turner	
By The Yard Inc.	<u>150.00</u>
Total Deposits	\$ 200.12
Sub Total	\$2,801.00
Expenses	
Peripheral Systems #11772	19.17
1 st Prize Oley Fair - Peter Weida	50.00
2 nd Prize Oley Fair - Erika Guthier	25.00
3 rd Prize Oley Fair - Abby Shane	<u>25.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 119.17
Balance as of 10/15/2007	\$2,681.83

Respectfully submitted

Minerva S Hoppes, Treasurer