



# Oley Valley Business Association

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## *September Meeting*

**Our next meeting will be on Monday evening, September 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at:**

**Oley Valley Middle School Auditorium,  
3247 Friedensburg Road, Oley.**

***“Candidates Night” with***

***Dave Kessler, Oley Twp – Democrat***

***Billy Reed, Rockland Twp - Republican***

## *Call to Order*

The August 28, 2006, meeting of the Oley Valley Business Association was held at the Pleasantville Inn at 12:00 Noon. President Bill Griffith called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM.

## *Attendance*

The total attendance for the meeting was 12 members, 2 prospective members, and the guest speaker. 11 member businesses were represented.

## *Minutes and Treasurer's Report*

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

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as published in the August newsletter was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Mike Moore. The motion carried.

## *Committee Reports*

### **Program Committee**

Kevin Bieber and Stu Kern reported on upcoming meetings:

*September 25, 2006* – This will be an evening meeting – a “Candidates Night” at the Oley Valley Middle School, with Billy Reed and Bob Kessler. Stu reported that everything was in place with the exception of publicity. Linda Williams (Peripheral Systems) volunteered to help make 150-200 flyers. Mike McCarthy volunteered to check with some media contacts. Volunteers will be needed for the night of the event, as well as posting flyers around businesses within the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. Watch the website for an update on this meeting.

*October 30, 2006* – This will be a morning meeting; location to be determined.

*November 27, 2006* – This will potentially be a “wrap up” by Dennis Leh; time and location to be determined.

## **Oley Valley Fair Committee**

Sharon Morrow reported that old pictures of member businesses are being collected by Minerva Hoppes, and that Alan Boyer was printing out some from the OV Heritage Association collection, to see if we could use any of them. Approval was given by Bob Lesko to use photos of businesses, since their booth was concentrating on farms and farmsteads.

We will have a contest at the booth, to match the old pictures of businesses with new ones, which will be taken by Sharon.

We are also collecting old office equipment, as well as newer equipment for display. Still needed is a large flat screen monitor, or a laptop with a larger display for the slide show developed by Peripheral Systems.

Members were asked to contact Linda at Peripheral Systems (601) 987-3421 if they want to add a slide to the PowerPoint presentation, or change an existing slide.

Minerva will be contacting members to help man the booth during fair hours. WE NEED OUR MEMBERS TO HELP WITH THIS, so please respond accordingly when you get a phone call. Help will also be needed with setup on Sunday, September 17. This may require some carpentry work to get the booth in shape.

Sharon Morrow purchased 1000 pens on behalf of the Association to give away at the Fair. We plan to give them out only to adults entering the contest, since 1000 pens won't last long if handed out in mass to children who stop by the booth. They have a flag motif, with the Association slogan, name, address and website address printed on them.

All contest entry forms that have all the businesses correctly identified will be entered in a grand prize drawing. Minerva will be contacting our Restaurant members, to see if they will contribute gift certificates towards an "Oley Restaurant Package" grand prize.

## **Old Business**

Stu Kern asked that we revive an old OVBA project to develop a "welcome package" for new businesses and residents in the area. We could gather and include information from the Police, Township, our member directory, the Shops in Oley flyer, school district information, historic information, a map – all info that is probably already out there and just needs to be accumulated into a packet. It was asked that we revisit this in October after the Fair and Candidates Night, and establish a Committee to make it happen. Anyone interested in being involved in this project can contact Stu Kern or Sharon Morrow.

Kevin Bieber reported that there will be a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade down Main Street on September 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at King/Weis Market and ending at the Fairgrounds. Rain date is September 17. The Fair kicks off on September 21.

## *New Business*

Shirley Moyer reported that the Oley Fair Committee has put together a special 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary hardcover cookbook for selling at the Fair. It has 450 recipes from residents in the area, and includes recipes of several 1<sup>st</sup> place contest winners from last year. 1000 copies were printed, but you'll want to get your copy early before they're sold out.

Dave Court from the Fleetwood-Oley Rotary Club reported that their group is reaching out to other organizations in the area, and are available to partner with groups for community-service projects. They meet at Moselem Springs on Wednesdays at 7:30 AM and are a service organization. They are holding a meeting at the Oley Middle School Cafeteria on October 18, 7:30 AM, at which Dr. Zackon will report on what's happening in the school district.

## *Program*

Victor Frederick IV, Oley District Court Justice and a former policeman, was our guest speaker. Highlights of his talk include:

The Oley Courthouse is located in the building next to the Car Wash on Rt. 73. They are attempting to expand into the whole building.

They handle civil complaints up to \$8000 in damages.

To handle bad checks, contact the person a couple of times by registered letter before taking it to court. If no response is given, you can file a criminal complaint at the Oley Court – there is no need to notify the police. Businesses have to have a sign posted indicating the fees charged for NSF's. The law states you are only entitled to \$20 in fees; you can collect more from your customers directly as long as it's posted – but if it goes to court, you can only collect \$20.

Make sure you have all applicable evidence with you when you come into court: work slips, bounced checks, contractual agreements, etc.

You cannot give hearsay evidence – you will need to bring the person who said it to court with you. Sworn statements are only accepted if the other side stipulates that they will accept it.

A District Justice has 5 days to deliver a verdict, but he attempts to deliver a verdict before you leave the courtroom.

Other services provided by the Oley District Court Justice include free notary services, marriages (no witnesses needed – just a marriage license), private criminal cases and private civil cases.

The Court is busier lately due to the last redistricting – Amity Township was moved over to the Oley Courts.

You can visit the Secret Service website to learn how to identify counterfeit money ([http://www.secretservice.gov/money\\_detect.shtml](http://www.secretservice.gov/money_detect.shtml)). Another suggestion is to not accept larger bills without getting proper identification

## *Adjournment*

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stu Kern and seconded by Linda Williams. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

## *Treasurer's Report*

Beginning Balance	\$ <u>4,360.38</u>
Sub Total	\$4,360.38
Expenses	
Peripheral Systems #10990	26.39
Sharon Morrow pens for Oley Fair	<u>305.82</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 332.21
Balance as of 8/30/06	\$4,028.17

Respectfully submitted  
Minerva S Hoppes, Treasurer

## *Humor from Tom Mitchell*

### Weapons of Math Instruction!

NEW YORK - A public school teacher was arrested today at John F. Kennedy International Airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a set square, a slide rule, and a calculator.

At a morning press conference, Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-gebra movement. He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction.

"Al-gebra is a problem for us," Gonzalez said. "They desire solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in a search of absolute value. They use secret code names like 'x' and 'y' and refer to themselves as 'unknowns,' but we have determined they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country. As the Greek philanderer Isosceles used to say, 'There are 3 sides to every triangle.'

'When asked to comment on the arrest, President Bush said, "If God had wanted us to have better Weapons of Math Instruction, He would have given us more fingers and toes."

## ELECTION 2006

# Meet the Candidates

(one of these candidates will be your new state representative)

**Dave Kessler**, Oley Twp — Democrat

**Billy Reed**, Rockland Twp — Republican

What is your issue of concern:

- Taxes?
- Crime?
- Urban Sprawl?
- Health Care Costs?
- Politics?



**Date:** Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Where:** Oley Valley M. S. Auditorium  
3247 Friedensburg Rd., Oley



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