



# THE WHISTLE STOP

A service of Ruritan's Citizenship Committee - mailed free to all residents

Acting Editor: Pepper Scotto 301-834-9907 CatocinKey@Gmail.com

## POR Ruritan Environmental Committee's Garden Club

Thank you to the following local businesses for assisting us with our Bowis Drive project:



**YARD ART Design, L.L.C. #301-748-1056**

**Butler Tree Service & Mulch #301-607-4541**

**Upcoming Events:** call or email for details

**Tues. Feb 17** - 7 pm - Garden Club Meeting - Com Center

**Tues. Mar 17** - 7 pm - Garden Club Meeting - Com Center

**Sat. Apr 4<sup>th</sup>** - participate in the Potomac River Watershed Clean-up Day - C&O Canal Location TBA, call for info.

**Sat. Apr 25<sup>th</sup>** - "The Big Sweep" - clean up morning in the POR Community Center ball fields & park, call for info.

### Club Goals for 2009:

1. Provide speakers for 2 of Ruritan 2009 regular meetings
2. Continue maintenance of 3 gardens : US Rt15 MD Welcome sign, Community Center sign, Bowis Dr. median
3. Participate in two clean-up events (listed above)
4. Hold meetings and visits to neighbors gardens – a highlight of this group! New hosts are always welcomed
5. Possible other programs: send us your own ideas
  - \* lecture or visit to House-in-the Woods, CSA
  - \* summer visit to Patowmack Farm
  - \* visit to a private resident's orchid greenhouse

Meetings and events are open to all residents

PORGC Chairmen: Andrea and Ryan Williams  
301-874-2776 [gardenclub@pointofrocks.org](mailto:gardenclub@pointofrocks.org)

## Sat. April 4th - 10 am - 4 pm

POR Masonic Lodge 3733 Clay St.

**Bell & History Stops Here!**



### *"The Many Images of the Point of Rocks Train Station"*

In celebration of the rich history of Frederick County and the opening of the 2009 museum season, bells of all types will be ringing all over the county, from church to little bells.

Best of all, this year's tour will have one of their featured stops right here at The Point and the Masonic Lodge on Clay Street. While all historic sites are open that day, the focus this year will be the southwestern part of the county - Middletown, Braddock Heights, Burkittsville, Brunswick, Lander, and Point of Rocks!

Through the Tourism Council of Frederick Co., & Frederick Co. Historic Sites Consortium, with Point of Rocks Community Historical Society (PORCHS) and the Fervency Lodge #200 A.F. & A.M. as local hosts to several hundred visitors - Point of Rocks has a great opportunity to show ourselves and promote the awareness of our National Register of Historic Places- 1875 Point of Rocks train station.

On display will be a variety of photos, artwork, prints, and models that have been created that includes the station. Some items will be for sale, including prints, plaques, and shirts. Other historic photos and artifacts and reference materials will be on hand. Look for bake sale & refreshments.

If you have a photo or other works of art that you would like to display, or would like to help with the preparations, or act as host, please contact soon - Pepper Scotto, 301-834-9907

Mark your calendars - and come and enjoy



### Trees after the holidays at the Community Center Recycle corner

Thank you for recycling your trees - mulch from these trees can be purchased from Frederick County Land Fill

### Issue Index

Ruritan Garden Club Activities	Pg 1
Bell & History Day at POR	Pg 1
Christmas Tree Recycle	Pg 1
POR Ruritan 2008 State of the Club Report	Pg 2
Music at The Point - The Beachley Family	Pg 3
PORCHS Meet, Editor wanted	Pg 4
Meet Your Neighbor- Sue Sanders	Pg 5
St. Luke's Movie Night, Friends of Library	Pg 6
POR Scholarship Application due Feb 15	Pg 7
Community Calendar, Bell & History Day	Pg 8



## Point of Rocks Ruritan Club Page

### 2009 PORR Board of Directors

Pres:	Marcel Aillery	301-874-2652
VPres:	Ryan Williams	301-874-2776
Sec'y:	Karen Webb	301-874-3510
Treas:	Pepper Scotto	301-834-9907
Director:	Charlie Crum	301-874-5397
Director:	Andrea Williams	301-874-2776
Director:	Katrina Lehker	301-874-0363

PORR P.O. Box 135 POR, MD 21777

### POR Ruritan - 2008 State of the Club Report:

2009 Officers and Directors were installed by Ruritan Honorary Member, Wally Mercer at the annual December dinner meeting at Home at Braddock restaurant on December 6.

**Final planning for 2009 projects** and events is now underway - any suggestions or comments should be directed to our President.

**Membership campaign and fundraising** are the two most urgent needs at this time. Active members are our greatest assets, and fundraising is essential to provide funds from street light electricity, scholarship, senior baskets, Miss POR, newsletter, charitable donations, Garden Club projects, and Founders Day - where a day of festivities and entertainment is provided for free. Everyone in our area is encouraged to attend, meet, and learn about the community and issues concerning everyone here.

**The cost of 2008 Founders day \$715.45.** Among the many other project, was the Community Directory - which was both a great benefit to the residents and businesses, plus was the fundraiser for this Whistle Stop, covering the costs for 2008 & 2009, when the next edition will be published.

Fundraising also includes interest income on our remaining investment from the sale of the Community Center to the County in 1994. Proceeds from our CD's has and will be less than half of previous years, making us have to work even harder this next few years.

**Rentals on the Community Center** help to cover our heating, electricity, maintenance, supplies, insurance, repairs, and our improvements to the look of the inside of the building. PORR is not allowed to make any cash profit from the rentals. Due to the building closure, PORR had a net cash loss of \$1,257 in 2008. PORR provides the service of operations of the building for the County, thus saving county taxpayers and also providing a free, clean, and safe place for local organizations to meet & hold their functions.

Other 2008 Club related activities for members are never paid out of designated fundraising - with members paying for their meals and any member activities.

Two members were **Frederick Co Fire Marshall Crowd Control certified** - required when more than 50 people gather for events.

**Club Photographer - Charlie Crum**, made sure he was on hand snapping photos for posterity. **Club Reporter - Pepper Scotto**, was responsible for public relations to newspapers, local TV, Club private website, POR website, and Whistle Stop.

**Fellowship meals** were chaired by rotation of members, and contributions of foods were tasty & appreciated at the end of the day.

**Other Member highlights** of 2008 include: Members also enjoyed a historical guided kayak tour down the Potomac, attending Ruritan zone, district, & national conventions, meeting at Breaux Vineyard, and joint meeting with Lucketts Ruritan Club last summer.

A variety of 2009 fellowship & educational programs will be held .

### 2008 Summary of 5 Basic Community Service Committees

**Public Services Committee**, Frank Scotto chairman - responsibility is the maintenance and management of our Community Center. Charlie Crum and Larry Rucosky are invaluable in the day-to-day care and upkeep along with Frank - requires attention and fielding inquires every week of the year - no break. Also, 3 street lights are paid. *Total volunteer member hrs Sept 07 to Aug 08: 268*

**Citizenship and Patriotism Committee**, with Pepper Scotto as chairman has some of the most visible projects - including this Whistle Stop, Founders Day, and Easter and Santa Breakfasts. These activities require the greatest number of volunteers, hours, and funding - *Hours: 589*, not including community volunteers.

**Social Development Committee**, was chaired by Karen Webb, who made sure that the Scholarship process, award, and fundraising was accomplished - and in grand style too. Other programs included the Catocin Aqueduct Benefit 10K Run/Walk, historic photos, and silent auction fundraiser. *Hours: 168*

**Environment Committee** also expanded out this past years under the chairmanship of Marcel Aillery. Community beautification projects and gardening educational programs were held as the "Garden Club" committee. Two trash pickup days were held - one at the Community Park in back of the Community Center and another on the C&O Canal National Historical Park at Lander. Also, recycle paper, cans, and glass is collected inside the Community Center for the convenience of the patrons and to keep out of the landfill. Monitoring of the potential gas compression station impact to community was also conducted. *Total committee hours: 216.*

Special mention for "**Garden Club**" committee who installed in 2007, the plantings on Rt 15, in partnership with the State Highway. PORRGC met most of the months with special speakers and one 'tea' to a local nursery. One of the greatest achievements was to complete the Bowis Drive Beautification Project, started in 2007 with lots of hoops to jump for permission from the County and tons of effort for fundraising since 2007. Residents have contributed to the fund. A sign will be erected in the Spring. The committee will be working hard to raise **last \$473** for the project that cost the Club \$2,255, not including the donated labor by Yard Art and mulch from Butler Wood Products. PORR is proud to have some hand in the beautification of The Point. The Garden Club chairmen, **Andrea and Ryan Williams**, are gathering ideas and planning 2009. Congratulations for their dedication and hard work.

**Business and Professions Committee**, under chairman Ron Lichtinger, completed the first 64-page Community Directory - and hope to continue as a bi-annual publication to promote local businesses and help residents know their neighborhood. *Hours: 195*

At the December meeting - outstanding members recognized were **Tammy-Lynne Guglielmo** for her enthusiasm and dependability. **Charlie Crum** was recognized for this ability to fix anything, create just about anything, all without any complaint.

For 2008, POR Ruritan was presented with **Gold Awards** for each of the above community service committees by the **Potomac District of Ruritan National** - including all clubs in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Eastern West Virginia. The members are very proud to be recognized for all their efforts - considering the club consists of only **20 active members** - completing **1,456 volunteer community service hours**, plus **767 club admin. & meeting hours**.

**95.6% of expenditures**, excluding resale = **community service**

PORR sincerely thanks all the support from our local businesses and community volunteers and supporters to make 2008 a very successful year for Point of Rocks, MD. **Come join us in 2009!**

Music of The Point - a series by Pepper Scotto  
***The BEACHLEY Family***

Did you ever open a box and get more than you ever expected?

Thinking that a short series on the past and present music of our community could include just a few of the current bands, something about the old POR band, and even a bit on the Civil War regimental band what was stationed here at the beginning of the conflict - I thought the series would be short indeed.

What I ran into was a grand wealth of music heritage in and around *The Point*. Something like opening a present that you expected to be so-so, and finding real gems. Beachley, Bradley, Galvan, Legg, and new resident Kenny Ray Horton, lead singer for U.S. Navy Band Country Current. To start - we will begin with our native son and his family.

Gene Elwood Beachley is one of those gems. I expected to learn that the band would be just a very good local group. What I quickly found was that Ernie Bradley and the Grassy Ridge Band is considered one of the finest traditional bluegrass bands in the tri-state area, and on the way for national recognition. Ernie has been recognized for years as one of the finest bluegrass banjo pickers - winning many championships, playing at the Nashville Opry, and even touring with Charlie Daniels Band and many others along the way.

With Gene Beachley, as the band's guitarist and lead tenor with his own reputation for his hard driving rhythm and one of the strongest tenor vocals today, we can only expect great things coming their way. As it turns out - the famous Ernie Bradley - is from the Virginia side of Point of Rocks - considered another of our local boys, but that is another segment in the series.



Darren Beachley

Turning the next page for background - there was the next gem Gene talked about - his son Darren Beachley, 41 years old and raised at Point of Rocks. Darren started playing Mandolin at age 4 and within 5 years was playing upright bass. He made his first stage appearance when he was 11 and 3 years later he was playing mandolin, resonophonic guitar, Guitar & upright bass.

Beginning a professional career at the age of 20 with South-Central Bluegrass Band, Darren has played with many groups including The Seldom Scene, US Navy Band Country Current, & his own band, The Maryland Line.

In 2006, the Dean of Bluegrass, Doyle Lawson and his Quicksilver band, recruited Darren. Today, he is lead singer, guitarist, and road manager for this highly awarded bluegrass band. Darren, it turns out, is gifted with one of the clearest, most pure high lead and tenor voices in bluegrass music today.

Now back to proud father, Gene. When asked about his music, the first Gene speaks first about his mother where he got his talent & inspiration.

Pearl Virginia Blank Poffenberger died in 2008. She was born and raised near Jefferson - living mostly at the lovely old mill on

Poffenberger Road. Her father played the fiddle, but it didn't take long for her Uncle Albert Poffenberger to teach & inspire the ways of the fiddle and guitar. The local 'pickers' apparently has accepted young Pearl into their midst.

Eventually, Pearl married local farmer, Raymond Beachley, moved to Boonsboro, and later moved 3 sons & 1 daughter to the old 'Thomas Profit' farm on Ballenger Creek Pike, a few miles north of Point of Rocks. Moving with horse and wagon in 1945 was an unusual site even 60 years ago. Just imagine all your possessions in wagons & driving cattle, hogs, & horses more than 20 miles



over 2 mountains ridges.

Pearl and Raymond ran several farms in the area, with everyone in the family working, fixing, hauling, and building up the family farm. After helping to milk 80 cows, feeding over 110 cattle, 70 hogs, 50 turkeys, 200 chickens, and other farm chores - then cooking, cleaning, washing, and tending inside - Pearl and later her daughter still found time for their music. Pearl's daughter, Mae, also learned to play the guitar and had a wonderful voice of her own.

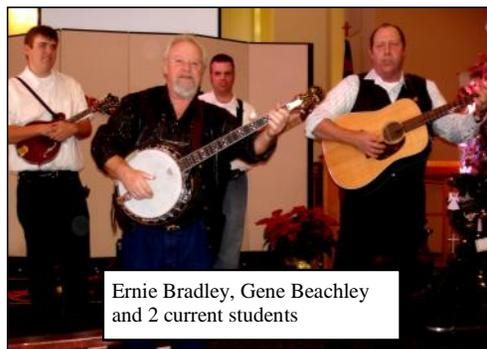
Single or together, Pearl and Mae sang and played country music at many types of gatherings - but it was the WFMD Happy Johnny Zufall morning programs that spread their fame in the area.

In the 1950s, Pearl, with her guitar and autoharp, many times with Mae and whoever wanted to 'jam,' played at carnivals, churches, fundraisers, and more, but the most memorable to Gene is the barn dances that were held to raise money for the baseball team. Cleaning out the top of a bank barn seems like great fun even today. One of those barn dances was held at the farm on the corner of Ballenger Creek Pike and Bassford Road. The barn is still there.

Raymond Beachley didn't show musical talent, so the family says. He spent his days doing commercial harvesting from Jefferson to Adamstown - sun up to sun down - from planting to harvesting. We wonder what he thought of all the record playing, singing, and playing going on.

Gene was the youngest and only one born on farm on Ballenger Creek Pike. He worked along side his family, attended school, and had chores. At a very early age, his first instrument was a plastic 4-string guitar. One day as a teenager, Gene thought if Mom can play a guitar, then he certainly can. Mom said 'yes,' then said 'there it is.'

He spent the next few years toughening up his fingers with music calluses on top of farm calluses - you see Mom's guitar was plenty hard to play - but he did it, and did it well. Gene's voice came from practicing to records of groups like The Dillard's, who also played on Andy Griffins Show. With other records to practice, over the years Gene has developed his own bluegrass unique sound that brings audiences to the feet.



Ernie Bradley, Gene Beachley and 2 current students



## What's Happening Around Your Community?



### Music from The Point cont, from page 3... **The Beachley's**

A few years later in the mid 1960s, Uncle Albert Poffenberger's son Billy, asked Gene to fill in for Bill Barry who had died in an accident on Rt 464. Bill worked at Canam Steel and was a member of the *Bluegrass Travelers*, well-known in the area. That is where it all started. Bands grouped & re-grouped, connections to Nashville were made.

Gene later hooked up with friend Ernie Bradley and formed the *Bluegrass Image* band, including a young teenager fiddle player named Eddie Stubbs from Gaithersburg, MD (who is today one of the 3 regular announcers for Grand Ole Opry in Nashville). Later, Eddie and a few of the band members hooked up with a few others to become the famous professional music group *Johnson Mountain Boys*. How the connections do play.

Meanwhile in the 1970s and 80s, Ernie moved to Kentucky to make a name for his band, Gene stayed here and put his guitar away for a while.

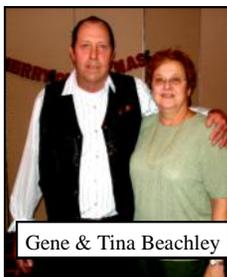
Ernie comes back to Maryland, asks Gene to play again, and boom—about 4 years ago - the Grassy Ridge Band is up and going strong.

The Grassy Ridge Band went to Nashville IBMA awards again this past year, met up with many of their old friends, got a gig at a Florida festival, were backstage at Grand Ole Opry when Eddie Stubbs introduced Gene and Ernie as where he got his start. Of course the thrilling part was to see Darren Beachley play on 'the big' stage of the Grand Ole Opry.

Ernie Bradley and the Grassy Ridge has made several CDs, played for veterans' hospital, churches, festivals, carnivals, bars, and still is giving lessons & opportunities for new talent along the way. But, watch for them in the future - bluegrass is mainstream big & this group is a 'gem.'

Gene married life-long POR resident, Tina Marie Legg in 1983, and works as a painter to make a living. They have their 2 children, Lee and Kandi. Gene's two sons, Darren and Brent also grew up here in Point of Rocks. Tina has been the band's road manager and keeper of the faith for all the musicians.

Gene & Tina have many country & bluegrass personalities at their home on Bank Street. Next time you hear some music behind their house - it could just be one or more famous musicians coming to jam with the Beachley right here at The Point.



Gene & Tina Beachley

*Next issue - Tina Legg Beachley  
and old town Point of Rocks music - and more gems revealed*

### Wanted:

#### Newsletter Editor & Reporters & Photographers & Desktop Publisher "Whistle Stop"

A great volunteer job - Editor only needs to become a member into the best community service organization in this area -

#### The POR Ruritans.

Desktop publishing and writing skills a must - interest in reporting & promoting POR essential - desire to really get to know your community the best reward.

Goal to publish 8 times a year, from 4 to 8 pages per issue - for news that is about and for POR.

This Editor would work under the Ruritan **Citizenship & Patriotism Community Service Committee.**

Goal is to keep the communications ball rolling.

If you are a student, and want to gain experience with writing news articles, interviews, public relations, or desktop experience - this might be just your ticket.

Want to talk - about how much involvement you can offer - call

Pepper Scotto 301-834-9907

### Point of Rocks Community Historical Society

#### PORCHS ANNUAL DINNER PROGRAM

**Sat. April 4th - Open to Public - 5 PM**

POR Community Center - 1635 Ballenger Creek Pike  
Attendees are asked to bring a potluck side dish to share,  
Photos, artifacts, or stories to share. Everyone to  
bring your interest in learning local history & ideas for  
Civil War 150th celebrations in Point of Rocks  
Annual Dues: \$15 individual, \$20 family

**For this meeting - you do not have to be a member.**

RSVP: by Mar 31st Pepper Scotto, President 301-834-9907



### DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Any new resident who has **not** received a copy that was distributed in June 2008

please contact:

Pepper Scotto 301-834-9907

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR SERIES:

Special to the Whistle Stop

### **SUE SANDERS**

Susan "Sue" Sanders is wife to Dennis Galvan and mother to Jeremy, Tim, and Dana and is the proprietress of "A Touch of Wellness," her massage and CranioSacral Therapy healing studio.

Sue and Dennis are originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, and have lived in Point of Rocks these past 19 years. Sue was one of the original members to set up a local babysitting coop (along with Tammy Rucker), and then later a book club. She also organized about three community Easter Egg Hunts while her children were young, and helped organize the children's corner for Breakfast with Santa on a couple of occasions. Sue and Dennis were very active with Cub Scouting and Girl Scouting (mostly Sue) and Boy Scouting (mostly Dennis).

Jeremy is a Paramedic/Fireman in Frederick at Station 2 and Jefferson, is married to Lisa Tarr, and they live in Hagerstown. Tim is in the Navy and will finish with 5 years of service this coming May. He currently lives in Texas and is planning to return to college next year. Dana is in her senior year at Towson University with a major in Communications. She marched with the BHS Marching Band as a member of the color guard for 4 years and continues to march with competitive private drum and bugle corps.

Sue is a part-time undergraduate student at Towson University majoring in Sociology with an Anthropological focus on healing and wellness, and plans on graduating in 2011. She is a Maryland licensed massage therapist in practice these past 8 years, and works out of Delta Holistic Therapy Center in Frederick and her lovely home office in Point of Rocks. "Once the children left home, it opened up my 'vista' a bit wider, and I decided to return to school, first massage school, then TU." "Working as a massage therapist allows me to be happy in my left brain, and attending a university allows me to struggle with my right brain. I think both sides of the brain are finally acknowledging one another."

This past spring, Susan won the Irwin Goldberg Award for Outstanding Achievement in Sociological Research, out of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice for her first-ever research paper with a focus on the opinions of the American public as it relates to environmental values as an ideal to be preserved and protected through how the people conduct themselves in the actions they take (or not take).

Most of all, Sue loves her work as a Licensed Massage Therapist, and is expanding her work to include CranioSacral Therapy. "Massage is the manipulation of the musculature of the body, which creates heat and a relaxation of the musculature which prepares it for deeper work. "CranioSacral Therapy is also a hands-on modality, but with barely the weight of a nickel, nervous system restrictions



along the brain and spinal cord can be released gently—this is phenomenal work for many of my clients, and many of them ask for 'that quiet work I do'."

Susan is also studying the art and healing of Shamanism under Pru Kestner and The Foundation for Shamanic Studies. "I likened

myself to Shamanism through my university studies and research and past experience." Shamanism is the most ancient form of spiritual healing and is still practiced by indigenous people worldwide. "Licensed massage therapists must possess 24 continuing education units every two years, and I will never tire of what there is to learn out there when it comes to healing."

Most people of the world suffer with chronic conditions, and although western medicine gets passing grades for acute situations, it fails miserably toward the relief of most chronic conditions and pain. However, there are many (hundreds) of different kinds of complementary therapies such as massage, CranioSacral Therapy, acupuncture, yoga, and shamanic healing that can lead such persons toward healing and a pain-free life. "It begins as a journey in a nurturing environment, which can lead toward expanded knowledge, and hopefully enlightenment in a pain-free body."

If you would like to make an appointment with Sue, she can be reached at 301-514-9956.

### ***A TOUCH OF WELLNESS***

Nurturing Touch - Knowledge - Self-Empowerment

### **SUSAN E. SANDERS, LMT**

*Relaxation Massage and CranioSacral Therapy*

Professional Member of American Massage Therapy Association  
and

National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage

Practicing out of:

**Delta Holistic Therapy Center, Frederick, MD**

**A Touch of Wellness Point of Rocks, MD**

**301-514-9956**

Gift Certificates Available

Editor note: Sue is sponsoring the new sign for the Ruritan's Bowis Drive Beautification Project, thank you Sue!



## What's Happening Around Your Community? Continued...



**St. Luke's Lutheran Church -**  
1519 Ballenger Creek Pike,  
Point of Rocks

### Movie Night

will host another movie night on  
**Friday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 PM**

Movie will be the "**Ultimate Gift**"

Child care will be provided

Popcorn, drinks, dessert  
will be served

Admission price:  
canned or dry goods for Food Bank

Call Karen Webb 301-874-3510  
[taxmanwb@aol.com](mailto:taxmanwb@aol.com)

### Friends of the Edward F. Fry Memorial

#### Library at Point of Rocks FOLPOR

By Donna Fauber



The Library at Point of Rocks has many activities to chase away the cold winter.

**Story time for Children ages 3 - 5, Tues 11 am**

**Story time in your Jammies ages 3 - 6, Mon 7 pm**

Both groups need to be accompanied by parents.

**The Young Reader Book Club** - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm - with a group for ages 7 to 10 and another group for ages 10 to 12. Contact the library for books that will be discussed.

If you are looking forward to February, here are some dates to put on your calendar.

**Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**, the library will hold a ***Be My Valentine Celebration***. There will be stories, crafts, games and refreshments. The celebration will begin at **7 pm**.

**Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**, at **7 pm** the library will host the first

### **Wii Game Night for Young Readers**

ages 7 - 12 and 13 -- 14. Come join in to play baseball, boxing, bowling, Super Mario, etc...

**Next meeting of FOLPOR**—April 13th—POR Com Ctr—7:30 pm.

Contact the POR Library for more information on events or the FOLPOR: 301-874-4560

Hours Library:

Mon & Wed: 4-9 pm, Tues & Sat: 10am-3pm



### To Do ...

### Call Kevin:

- If you are thinking about selling, to receive a free market analysis
- If you are thinking about buying, for buyer representation
- To mow your lawn (maybe)



**Kevin Jacobs**

**RE/MAX 100**

5300 Westview Dr.  
Suite 200  
Frederick, MD 21703  
Office 301-846-2033



*A different experience. A better solution.*

**SUNRISE**  
ASSISTED LIVING®  
OF FREDERICK



990 Waterford Drive (off Baughman's Lane)  
Frederick, MD 21702  
**(301) 663-9500**

[frederick.dcr@sunriseseniorliving.com](mailto:frederick.dcr@sunriseseniorliving.com) • [www.sunriseseniorliving.com](http://www.sunriseseniorliving.com)  
Assisted Living • Alzheimer's Care



## **\$1,000 Jim Webb Memorial Point of Rocks Ruritan Scholarship**

||  Applications due: **Feb 15th, 2009**  ||



Thanks to the continuing fundraising efforts of the Point of Rocks Ruritan Club, kind donations to the scholarship and the generous endowment fund at the Community Foundation of Frederick County established in 2006 by Jim Webb's family to insure the help for furthering the education of Point of Rocks students, a \$1,000 scholarship will again be awarded this year.

All applications are made directly with the CFFC via a universal application that will automatically allow the student to be considered for any of the more than 100 scholarships currently available. All applications and information is handled only by the staff and panel of independent judges at the Community Foundation. \$1,000 award is a combination of the endowment fund earnings and the balance from the POR Ruritan Club. CFFC issues the award check in the early summer.

**Eligible students:** Any student who is registering for an accredited college, community college, university, or trade school - up to the age of 21 - who lives in the zip codes of 21777 or 21790. If no application is made in any one year, then others to be considered from outside the community will be students who are Boy Scouts.

Let's spread the word - don't let this opportunity pass you by - not just for first year students, and includes trade schools.

By completing one *Community Foundation Universal Scholarship Application*, available online at [www.cffredco.org](http://www.cffredco.org), applicants will be considered for more than 100 available scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year. All guidelines and eligibility requirements are listed on the application, which is **due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, 2009.** Applications with all necessary attachments received after the submission deadline will not be considered.

### **"How to Apply for Community Foundation Scholarships"**

Applying for educational scholarships through The Community Foundation of Frederick County **may seem** like a daunting task, but it really isn't with the ease of using the *Community Foundation Universal Scholarship Application*, available now through **February 15.**

So that students and their families can learn more about the application process, a convenient, one-hour Saturday program will be offered at the Thurmont Regional Library's Community Room, 11 Water Street, Thurmont, on **Saturday, January 24, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.**

"Students and their families are encouraged to attend these free sessions to learn about the changes to this year's application and to ask specific questions about the application process," says Gayle Sutch, the Community Foundation's Director of Donor Services. "**Seating is limited** and pre-registration for either or both programs is suggested by calling the Community Foundation at 301.695.7660 or by emailing [ds.assistant@cffredco.org](mailto:ds.assistant@cffredco.org)."

The Community Foundation of Frederick County is a recognized leader in scholarship funding to area students, made possible by generous donors who establish funds, or add to existing funds, with the Community Foundation. For the 2008-2009 academic year alone, the Community Foundation awarded more than \$350,000 in scholarships to area students. Additional information about the Community Foundation is available at [www.cffredco.org](http://www.cffredco.org) or by calling 301.695.7660.

***For good. Forever. For Frederick County.***

Tax-deductible contributions to the Jim Webb Memorial Ruritan Scholarship can be made directly to

#### **The Community Foundation of Frederick County**

By either check written to the CFFC and mailed to 312 E. Church St., Frederick, MD 21701, or

Online with credit card to **[www.CFFredCo.org](http://www.CFFredCo.org)**

And indicate "**Jim Webb Memorial Scholarship**" as the fund you want the funds to be applied.

# Community CALENDAR

**Feb 9th - 7 pm - POR Library 'Valentine Party'**

For the children—crafts, games, refreshments **pg 6**

**Feb 12th - 7 pm - POR Ruritan Member Meeting**

★ Lasagna dinner by PORR Women's Club starts sharp at 7 pm. Program of music selections by local group. Must RSVP for dinner by Feb. 5. Open meeting - come and see what we do. RSVP - Karen Webb 301-874-3510 or taxmanwb@aol.com.

**Feb 17th - 7 pm - POR Ruritan Garden Club **pg 1****

**Feb 18th - 7 pm - POR Library 'Wii Games Night for Young Readers' **pg 6****

**Feb 20 - 6:30 pm - Movie Night "Ultimate Gift" - St. Luke's Lutheran Church **pg 6****

**Mar 12th - 7 pm - POR Ruritan Member Meeting**

**Mar 17th - 7 pm - POR Ruritan Garden Club **pg 1****

**Mar 31 - Bell & History art register deadline **pg 1****

**Apr 4th - Potomac Watershed Cleanup **Pg 1****

**Apr 4th - 10 am-4 pm - BELL & HISTORY DAY **pg 1****

**Apr 4th - 5 pm - PORCHS Annual Meeting **pg 4****

**Apr 25th - Big Sweep Community Park Cleanup **pg 1****

## APRIL 4 - Bell & History Days

Tourism Council of Frederick Co., MD

*Comes to Point of Rocks*

Point of Rocks one of featured southern county locations.

Theme here at The Point:

**"The Many Images of the Point of Rocks Train Station"**

\* **Needed: Artists and Photographers who want to display their own POR Station art on April 4th.**

\* Artwork submitted children under 18 will receive a special commendation certificate

\* Deadline for submitting request to display or sell artwork: **March 31** - first come basis for limited space.

\* Plan to attend at POR—but also plan to see the other historic sites—watch for the Frederick Post articles.

Followed by

**PORCHS ANNUAL MEETING - Open to Public 5 PM**

POR Community Center - 1635 Ballenger Creek Pike

Bring a potluck dish to share, photos etc to share, and/or bring interest in learning local history.

**POR Community Historical Society**

Pepper Scotto 301-834-9907

Copies of Whistle Stop in color—online

[WWW.POINTOFROCKS.ORG](http://WWW.POINTOFROCKS.ORG)



Point of Rocks Ruritan Club

PO Box 135

Point of Rocks, MD 21777

January 21, 2009

Vol. 34 No. 1

## *The Whistle Stop*

Community Newsletter

Keeping You In Touch though  
Ruritan Community Service



Logo by W.P. Mercer, HI