



THE WHISTLE STOP

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

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From the Editor—To “The Point”

School is almost out. Our local youth are glad for sure

While the Jim Webb Memorial Point of Rocks Ruritan Scholarship winner selections are judged entirely by the Community Foundation of Frederick County, the Ruritan does not know who made applications for the \$1,000 award, nor any of the information contained in the applications.

This means we are depending upon the parents out in the community to let us know who has graduated, had awards, went into the military, earned a degree, or given any recognition in school, clubs, or military. Please keep us informed to let the community know of our wonderful youth.

Remember next year, the Community Foundation of Frederick County has our scholarship, uses a uniform application that automatically qualifies the student (for us up to the age 21) for any of the hundreds of scholarships available for Frederick County. www.CFFredCo.org Deadlines are

I had an opportunity to talk to both the 2009 and 2008 POR scholarship winners recently. What a treat to converse with such lovely and confident ladies.

To find 2 ladies who enjoy life and are looking forward to the adventures of college and beyond is quite a pleasure. Both have time for the fun of youth and the responsibilities of young adults with their work, volunteerism, and studies.

See the following articles on 2008 scholar, Gussy Pinson, and 2009 scholarship winner, Haley Dozier.

If you know of someone who is outstanding in the community for their generosity of their time and talent, skills, or accomplishments, please let this editor know.

Keep mowing that lawn, looks like the rains are not over,
Pepper Scotto, acting Editor

Silent Auction - Founder Day Sept. 13th

Benefit: Jim Webb Memorial PORR Scholarship Fund

Calling for donations. Received: original Larry Rucosky artwork of POR train station & C.Burr Artz Library public art (benefit POR Library), restaurant gift cards, grocery store gift cards, & books.

All silent auction winners will make tax-deductible donation to the full extent IRS allowed - directly to Community Foundation of Frederick County.

Can you help with other donations?

POR Ruritan Club - Social Development Committee
please call 301-834-9907.

Founder Day Community Celebration

Sun. Sept. 13 - 1 to 4 pm

POR Community Center Park — 1635 Ballenger Creek Pike

Happy Trails Thru Point of Rocks



A celebration of our community and its history, library, organizations, businesses & our great neighbors



Food, displays, sales, music, games, home-run contest, playground, cake walk, entertainment, etc. Come and learn about the community and its activities. More in next issue.

Organized by **POR Ruritan Club** as a community service. Call to be included with a display or sales, info., or poster.

Event Steering Committee:

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This event will be **Green**: Reuse-Reduce-Recycle!

Point of Rocks Items for Sale

Fundraiser: Founders Day Entertainment

Hats \$10,

T-shirts \$15,

Train Station plaques \$15,

David Yontz prints \$20.



Interested? Purchase at Founders Day

Call: 301-834-9907



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Point of Rocks Ruritan Club Page

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PORR P.O. Box 135 POR, MD 21777

Regular Member Meetings - 2nd Thurs each month 7-9 pm
Dues \$60 per year, payable quarterly, includes 2 dinners.

CONSIDER BEING A RURITAN - CALL AND LET'S TALK

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Marcel Aillery, Chairman 301-874-2652

Garden Club Updates by Andrea Williams

**Meetings:**

In warmer months we meet and visit in our friends gardens-that is one of the highlights of this group! Let us know if you would like to host or directions. gardenclub@pointofrocks.org

Projects:

- Continue to maintain the three gardens (Hwy 15 at *Maryland Welcomes You*, POR Community Center sign, Bowis Drive medians). Watch for the black-eyed Susans on Rt 15.

- In April a group from the PORR and the PORR Garden Club cleaned up trash and weeded at the Community Center. With all of the rain more weeding continues to be a challenge, but we hope to utilize the "lasagna gardening method" by placing a thick layer of newspaper covered by mulch in some of the weed prevalent areas. Let us know if you would like to help in this effort.

- This spring a group of PORR members gathered on a rainy Saturday morning to spread one of the two piles of mulch on the path that runs through the woods behind Brookshire Run and Gibbons Court (near the storm drainage pond). This path used to get a lot of foot traffic from MARC commuters until it became overgrown. We are now trying to restore the path. Volunteers are needed to finish this project.

Thank you to these two local businesses for assisting us with our Bowis Drive planting:

YARD ART Design, L.L.C. may be reached at 301-748-1056
Butler Tree Service & Mulch may be reached at 301-607-4541

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Karen Webb, Chairman 301-874-3510

Scholarship Fund fundraising underway with a Silent Auction to be held at Founders Day Sept 13. Donated items and gift certificates are being accepted now. All auction winners will make payment directly to the Community Foundation of Frederick County, as tax-deductible over the value of the item. Contact Pepper Scotto to make arrangements. Acknowledgement of all donors will be made in the county newspapers and at the event. Call 301-834-9907 for donations & details.

CITIZENSHIP & PATRIOTISM COMMITTEE

Pepper Scotto, Chairman 301-834-9907

Founders Day 2009 - Sunday Sept 13 - 1 to 4 pm
POR Community Center - 1635 Ballenger Creek Pike
Sponsored by POR Ruritan Club. See page 1

Whistle Stop Newsletter - is still seeking an editor who will be working with organizations in the community to collect news, desktop publish, and keep the residents informed. Editor would have to be a Ruritan member, but reporters would not be required. Call any member of the PORR Board to discuss your own time donations. Published 8 times a year.

From the Point of Rocks Community Historical Society

The day our famous Point of Rocks Bollman's Rock was blown up and down onto the railroad and largest part in the canal, where it stayed for 'a very long time.'

Saturday June 15, 1861 (148 yrs ago this week)
ROCK RIDES RAILROAD RUDELY

All was chaos around Harpers Ferry, Va. Different Confederate armies were moving into and out of the vicinity, and Union forces were doing likewise. Everyone destroyed as much as they could, to deny it to the enemy.

In one case, Union engineers had to explode a 100-ton boulder which was found on the tracks of the B&O Railroad near, appropriately enough, Point of Rocks, Md.

Although it was assumed that this misdeed had been perpetrated by retreating Confederates, no one has ever figured out how they did it.

<http://civilwarinteractive.com/Newswire/?p=2852>

Fellowship & Monthly Member Meeting Programs

Ryan Williams, Vice President 301-874-2776

Upcoming Open Monthly Member Meet Programs:

Jul 9 - 7 pm - Com Ctr - C&O Canal Improvements, including the new boat ramp constructed this summer, **open meeting - anyone interested invited** - light refreshments - call Ryan Williams for details 301-874-2776

POR Ruritan Special Projects Calendar:

Jun 27	Founders Day Steering Committee meeting
Jun 27	PORR Summer Club picnic
July	Ruritan Officer & Board Training - Johnsville, MD
Aug 13	Youth Appreciation - Monthly Meet/Dinner
Sep 13	Scholarship Fundraiser Day - Silent Auction
Sep 13	Founders Day - POR Com Ctr, 11 am
Sep TBA	Monthly Meet at Vineyard
TBA	Garden Club - Fall Weed & Mulch Work Morning
Oct 8	Regular Membership Meet and Elections
Nov 12	Regular Membership Meeting
Nov 14	Potomac Ruritan District Convention - Carlisle, PA
Dec TBA	Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting
Dec 12	Breakfast with Santa - POR Com Ctr, 8 am

“Where are They Now?”

A series by Pepper Scotto

Gussie Pinson

2008 Scholarship Winner - Where is She Now?

Point of Rocks, and especially the POR Ruritan Club is proud to report that our 2008 Jim Webb Memorial Point of Rocks Ruritan Scholarship winner, Miss Augusta Mary “Gussie” Pinson of Point of Rocks, has just completed her Associates in Arts degree from Frederick Community College, graduating on May 21st with Honors.

Her scholastic honors at FCC includes being a member of Phi Theta Kappa; the International Honor Society for Community Colleges, and 2008 winner of the National Junior College Athletic Assoc. Academic All-American in the sport of Softball, the only one on her FCC women’s softball team to do so in her 2 years on the team. She was also named to the Dean’s List at FCC numerous times throughout her time there.

In high school, Miss Pinson was in the National Honors Society and Student Government. She did many things for the community through her involvement with these clubs. Her favorite classes were history and photography. At FCC her favorites classes were abnormal psychology, human relations, and American literature.

Photography remains a favorite hobby. Gussie walks around town taking plenty of shots of the train station and our other historic buildings.

Staying on-track and focused, Gussie is planning to attend Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Maryland to pursue a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work, where she would like to specialize in child protective services and domestic violence. Her ultimate goal is to eventually pursue a master’s degree in that field of study.

What a pleasure I had one afternoon sitting in Aroma House Pizza just down the street from the Pinson’s home - talking to one young lady who has made good use of the \$1,000 scholarship.

As many residents in Point of Rocks Estates know, Gussie has an identical twin sister - Abby. Both sisters graduated from Brunswick High in 2006, both with outstanding academic accomplishments. They both graduated from BHS with Honors. Abby was Miss POR in 2005, with Gussie as her runner-up.

The Pinson’s, Jim & Trudy; moved into the POR Estates in 1984, giving their twin daughters, Gussie and Abby a great place to grow up.

The Pinson twins attended Jefferson’s Valley Elementary, Brunswick Middle, and Brunswick High School. Activities included Girl Scouts from 1st to 5th grade and sports.

Gussie played basketball for 1 year in elementary school. She was a member of the Lovettsville Dolphin’s swim team in middle school for two years. She also played basketball for 2 years at Brunswick High School.

However, the sport of softball has been the main athletic passion of Gussie’s. She started out playing T-Ball in Kindergarten. She played T-Ball for a few years through elementary school when she had to take a break from the sport because she broke her collar bone twice in 5th grade.

Then she picked the sport back up in the 7th grade; where she had to play girl’s fast pitch softball. Gussie played girls softball for the next eight years, and very well I might add. She played for the Brunswick High School JV & Varsity teams all four years of high school. She played 2nd base there and had numerous awards such as Most Dedicated Player for 2006, MVAL selections and she broke quite a few school records in the sport.

Her favorite position is 2nd base; where she predominantly played. Once she graduated from Brunswick in 2006, she then played for Frederick Community College for the 2007 and 2008 seasons. It was a FCC where she was able to work hard to get the Academic All-American Award.

Since team eligibility is for only 2 years for students who play at the community college level, Gussie had to hang her cleats up this past year. She might pick the sport back up this fall at Frostburg.

While at FCC, full time studies, working at Party City in Frederick, and being on the softball team felt like 3 full-time jobs.

Gussie talks about how much she enjoyed school in our local small towns like Jefferson and Brunswick, where the sense of community in a safe surrounding is possible. She looks to help families in a similar small community with her degree in Social Work.

What motivated this desire for social work? Funny thing, it was a movie on TV she watched while in middle school. The true story just struck her as being unfair and tragic for the battered wife - that was when the idea of being a social worker was the career path she wanted to pursue.

It is most satisfying is to hear how grateful Gussie is for each one of the scholarships and support she received so far. But, with this help

comes the responsibility to make the best use of the funding.

She expressed what a good feeling to have the honor of your own community’s scholarship. While the cost of schooling is big-ticketed these days, every bit helps.

Many parents would naturally worry about their child moving into on-campus college life - this young lady appears to really have her priorities in line and have developed quite a set of disciplinary guidelines for herself.

We wish her the best of life. This young lady has her goals clearly defined, disciplines well developed, and she is not afraid of hard work to achieve those goals. Her great outgoing personality will help to make the best use of her skills.

Gussie will do very well indeed.

Miss Pinson took advantage of making CFFC Universal Scholarship Application and the new selection guidelines making this scholarship available to any full-time student in a college or trade school, up until the age of 21. At the time, she was attending Frederick Community College.

In 2008, Gussie was the first scholarship to be award from the this scholarship endowment fund, established with the Community Foundation of Frederick Co..

Info: on this scholarship or tax-deductible contributions to the

**Jim Webb Memorial
Point of Rocks Ruritan Club Scholarship Fund**

contact: CFFC www.CFFred.org, 301-695-7660





FOLPOR By Donna Fauber
Friends of the Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at POR

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

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

Both groups need to be accompanied by parents.

Young Reader Book Club (Age 7-12) Jul 15, Aug 19 - 6 pm
 followed by "Wii Games" at 7 PM Play "Super Mario Kart"
 and "Guitar Hero" at 7:30

"**Summer Reading Club**" (pre-schoolers—5th grade)
 Registration Now! "SRC Kick-off Party" Sat. **Jun 20** 10 AM.

For full list of programs:

www.fcpl.org/information/branches/pointofrocks/
 Hours Library: **Mon & Wed:** 4 pm - 9 pm,
Tues & Sat: 10 am - 3 pm
 1635 Ballenger Creek Pike (POR Community Center)
Phone: 301-874-4560

Rt 464/15 Roundabout is nearing completion - do you know how to drive safely in one? Keep to the right, Drive slow, and most important - vehicles **IN** the circle have **Right of Way**.
www.sha.state.md.us/safety/oots/roundabouts/index.asp

Sunday School - St. Paul's Episcopal Parish

Special session of Summer Sunday School for Children at 10 am Sundays beginning June 14.

Led by Adrienne Taylor, the classes will feature gospel-based stories, arts and crafts, singing, and games.

Children will join their parents in church for Holy Communion at 10:30. New students of any age are welcome, and preregistration is not necessary.

The church is located at 1914 Ballenger Creek Pike, POR.

For more info, leave message: 301-874-2995.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church - 1519 Ballenger Cr
ANNUAL OUTDOOR CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday, **August 23, 2009** beginning at **11 AM** there will be an outdoor service at the Community Center .

This Service is called a Baptismal Reunion and is offered every August to celebrate those newly baptized and also those who were baptized in the past.

This year's service will include a Blessing of Back Packs and the Celebration of Holy Communion.

Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the fellowship meal to follow the service. It is wonderful to worship God in the great outdoors that He created for us.

Submitted by Karen Webb

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 81074. by Suzanne Phillips

Last meeting we worked on a petal patch-*Make the World a Better Place*. The girls took trash bags and gloves and cleaned up the grounds at the Community Center. They also made rice cake bird feeders and hung them around the community Center grounds. Within two day the feeders had all been eaten!

June 8 was the last meeting until September. The girls worked on the last patch of the flower- *Sister to Every Girl Scout*, have a special ceremony, then an Aroma House pizza party.

Any girls interested in Scouts, we have Daisies, Brownies and Juniors in Point of Rocks. Daisies is grade K-1st. We meet twice a month (meets are 1 hour) at the Community Center. Kristine Johnson is the assistant.

Kristine Johnson's Brownie/Junior Troop recently had a Bridging Ceremony (on the playground at the Community Center) to Bridge from Brownies to Juniors. along with then the leader and Assistant bridged to Junior leaders (Kristine Johnson and Amy White) . So we will have yet another Brownie Troop in Point of Rocks. 301-874-2921

Just Some of the other POR Youth Accomplishments: Let us know of other achievements/military service
 5 POR students graduated from Brunswick High, including **Haley Dozier, Stephanie French, Bill Whiting** (who are the others?)
Bradi Purdum, a BHS 2005 graduate from Misty Hollow Rd ,graduated from Frostburg State University, majoring in education.
POR Boy Scouts will be honored to have 2 more Eagle Scouts this summer - watch for complete troop updated in future issue.

CARROLL MANOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY - UPDATE

Online Survey - give some feedback on How the CMVFC may better serve the community of Point of Rocks and any of our local residents' Volunteer Interest and Skills. Even if you are not able to volunteer, sign on and give your comments for improvements and your appreciation to the hard working men and women who are time and skill donors to keep us safe and pull us from harms way. <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/survey-intro.zgi?p=WEB228YV9WSXMC>

All Fired Up — Youth group focuses on fire safety *FNP Originally published Feb. 25, 2009 By: Gina Gallucci-White*

Does your child have an interest in fire engines? Do they like to play medic and bandage others? If so and they are between the ages of 5 and 15, the Carroll Manor Youth Group may be the gathering for them.

The Carroll Manor Volunteer Fire Co. formed the group in 1998 as a way to teach young people about fire and life safety. Participants meet once a month except from June through September. Youth group participants do not have to be a member of the fire company to participate, and parents may stay if they wish. There is no cost to participate. "I think it's a good avenue to learn what the fire service is all about," said Buck Young, group leader. The group meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the company's **Point of Rocks** station at 1809 Ballenger Creek Pike.

Activities include practicing how to bandage a wound and looking at firefighting tools, Young said. For details, call Young at 240-674-0871.

Jim Webb Memorial POR Ruritan Scholarship Fund

Haley Dozier - Congratulations! 2009 Scholarship Winner

Jim Webb Family, and the Ruritan Club are very pleased with the Community Foundation of Frederick County's selection of this year's scholar.

Haley Renee Dozier, the 2009 winner of the Jim Webb Memorial Point of Rocks Ruritan Scholarship, has just graduated from Brunswick High School and is on her way this August to McDaniel College in Westminster (formerly Western Maryland College).

Our scholar has grown from the active tomboy who was always running around the community and aggravating the postmaster for climbing her trees to a lovely young lady with the kind and energizing personality that compels everyone to like her.

Haley approaches life as making whatever you have to do - making it fun. It is just an attitude towards life isn't it? Everyone could use a bit more of her attitude and smile - makes anything we do - a pleasure in life.

So, it turns out that Haley overcome all her teenager challenges and is ready to take on the world.

What would a happy-go-lucky beautiful girl be interested in college - none other than either Chemistry or Chemical Engineering. No real shock, her sister Franci Dozier, age 20, is about to graduate from University of Maryland with a degree in Civil Engineering and planning to pursue her masters degree.

Haley's father, Jerry Dozier who by the way originally hails from Yazoo, Mississippi, is a Reliability Mechanical Engineer, along with her equally vibrant mother, Tami Dozier, from Jackson, Mississippi, who is a Civil Engineer - both working for National Regulatory Commission keeping us all safe with nuclear energy installations. Both parents have always been heavily involved with their girls and their school and PTA. Currently, Jerry and Tami are honorary club members of the POR Ruritans.

In school Haley liked math and completed Advance Placement courses in calculus, biology, and statistics. She also took Frederick Community College courses in chemistry and literature. All this while working at Hollywood Tans in Frederick. Where does she find the time?

What she like about Brunswick High was the small town atmosphere where it was safe and everyone knew one another. That is one reason why choosing McDaniel College.

While in school, Haley tutored math, worked through the ranks in Girl Scouts, played soccer for 10 years until 11th grade, played lacrosse for 2 years, and managed the girls' wrestling team at Brunswick High.

Of all the great teachers, Mr. William Hildbold, BHS math teacher was the most inspirational. He also had been a football coach with Notre Dame, and coached soccer to people like Dick Chaney's daughter.

Haley is just finishing her year as Miss Point of Rocks. Representing POR in our special events and in Adamstown parade, it was being the Easter Bunny this year that stood out in all the kids minds - truly she was the hopping bunny.

She always looks forward to Founders' Day. Her attitude to her hometown - she loves it. Safe and lots of places to go for a walk, including climbing those trees. She like the open views and even though the Canal Run development changed the space - she is looking forward to seeing how POR will evolve.

This young lady's music preference is rock and alternative bands, like "Amberlin," and "3rd Eye Blind."

Her favorite animal is the Komodo Dragon and lizards, and we thought she would say little dogs.

Being fluent in Spanish with some Arabic that she picked up from her best friend, Thanae Ibrahim, Haley is planning trip next year with Thanae to her home town in Egypt. That is reason enough to to explain her taking Arabic in college.

Future, right now Haley would like to work in the South with small communities like here in pharmaceutical research. The apples don't fall too far on the Dozier trees, do they?

Congratulations, Haley on being selected for a \$13,500 scholarship from McDaniel College, and winning the \$1,000 scholarship from the Jim Webb Memorial Point of Rocks Ruritan Scholarship Fund.

Miss Dozier as come up a true winner, and we all join her family and friends in wishing her the best of life and to keep up informed for what she is doing.



Tami, Haley, and Jerry Dozier
at CFFC Scholarship Reception

Community CALENDAR

Sat. Jun 20 - Summer Reading Kick-off Party - pg 4

Sat. Jun 27 - 8 am - Founders Day Plan Meet 301-834-9907

Tue. Jun 30 - Miss Point of Rocks - apply deadline

A **Saturday morning in June or early July** - community trail mulch work party, call Marcel Aillery 301-874-2652

Thu. Jul 9 - 7 pm - **C&O Canal NPS** Update to the community

A **Sunday in late July**—TBA - Lecture "Railroads in Civil War" PORCHS program - call 301-834-9907 to be on the mailing list for this and future POR Historical Society events.

A **Sunday in August** - TBA - Lecture "The Rocks of Point of Rocks" PORCHS program on geology of our area

Thu. Aug 13 - 7 pm - POR Ruritan Scholarship/Miss POR dinner

Sun. Aug 23—11 am—St. Luke's Outdoor Service, see pg 4

Mon. Sep 1 - POR Scholarship Silent Auction donations in - pg 1

Sun. Sep 13 - POR Founders Day Celebration in the Park - pg 1

Public Invited to POR Ruritan Community Meeting with



C&O Canal National Historical Park

Superintendent Kevin Brandt

Thurs. July 9, 2009 - 7-8 pm

Community Center - 1635 Ballenger Creek Pike

All ages welcomed - light refreshments

POR Ruritan invites anyone interested in learning about the wonderful towpath & about improvements to our very own National Park—including:

- * **Background of the 185-mile long National Park** passing by Point of Rocks
- * **Restoration of the Point of Rocks 1830s Lockhouse** just up the towpath from the Potomac Bridge,
- * **Canal Quarters Program** where this lockhouse and 2 others will be available for overnight rental, and
- * **New boat ramp**, parking, and hopefully picnic area on the Potomac River, just over the canal bridge at Point of Rocks - being construction this summer.

Regular membership meeting to follow, please stay to hear about what the local leaders are reporting and planning.

For more information: Ryan Williams, POR Ruritan Program Chairman - 301-874-2776 RyAndreal@comcast.net

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