



# THE WHISTLE STOP

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## Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast

**Sat. March 15** Event is rain or shine.

Breakfast **8:00 - 10:30 am**

Egg Hunt **10:00 am**

Community Center 1635 Ballenger Cr Pike  
Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage & Bacon

**\$4 Adult, \$3 children, \$2<6 yrs, \$12 Family**

Come to the breakfast to meet neighbors, bring children, or just come to talk. Library open 10 am—2 pm.

Bring a basket or bag. New residents are especially welcomed

POR Ruritan Club - 301-874-3510

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### To "The Point" from the Editor

The POR Ruritan Club is anxious to welcome our new neighbors, see final community improvements, and looking forward to welcoming spring to our area.

Growing Community. **From our club's records we realized that in April 1980** (27 years ago), the mailings to zip code 21777 was 212. Today 598 copies of this newsletter are mailed, plus 65 Tuscarora zip code—a 282% increase. Welcome!

Canal Run development continues to have more families move into our neighborhood, bringing an even greater opportunity for having new friendships and making our area rich in diversity. But, we have many new neighbors on our older streets.

Recent community improvements include: the MARC parking lot moving closer to completion with all its grand landscaping, new MARC commuter shelters now completed along trackside, new plantings by the Ruritan Garden Club along Rt 15 (watch for the black-eyed susans and daffodils this spring), a new brick sign for the POR Community Center installed by the County, the clean up from the future Commons Park area of the parking lot construction equipment and dirt mound, older homes bring renovated, new homes built, and Clay Street crosswalks and new sidewalks, and Rt 28 new Bridge at Tuscarora Creek!

Upcoming 2008 improvements: stop sign at Gibbon & Misty Hollow intersection, completed MARC parking lot, new boat ramp, Community Center heating and air-conditioning renovations, Rt 464/15 intersection safety measures installed in next month and roundabout starting this fall, more homes, activity center, & pool in Canal Run, Washington Run Rt 28 bridge replacement this summer, Ruritan's Garden Club's phase 2 Rt 15 plantings, plus their special project - Bowis Drive median plantings - thanks to resident contributions, POR funds, and the work of local landscaper, John Harrison of Yard Art Design.

We are really looking forward to the Point of Rocks Community Commons park along Clay Street, with the County's Master Plan stage to start this Spring.

**A sad announcement is the closure of C.O.C.J's store next to Aroma.**

Special Feature article is an interview of one of the most active local volunteers in the past decade, Beth Marcotte. Serving Ruritans since 1998, plus Girl Scout leader, editor of Whistle Stop, Founders Day parade head wrangler, and Brunswick newspaper POR reporter for 13 years—it's time to hear her story.

### Carroll Manor Volunteer Fire Co.

#### Needs Our Help to be able to Help Us

The Board of County Commissioners have been requested for 24 hour/7 day a week career staffing at Station 28 in Point of Rocks.

Current staffing is only **Mon - Fri - 6am - 6pm** creating problems for response time with apparatus.

The Board of County Commissioners will be mailing an information packet for public hearing, switching Point of Rocks "first due area" **from Suburban to an Urban district**, with necessary increase in real estate taxes.

Within the last 3 months we had 3 cardiac arrests and units failed, and units from Adamstown was dispatched to cover where staffing is already limited. This is where the community can help to support the efforts to providing service & care to our citizens that we protect.

Support is needed in the form of testifying at an upcoming BOCC hearing, sending letters and e-mails to supporting the change to the BOCC, and certainly attending the BOCC hearing and 'fill the room' showing support.

Currently it takes 4 minutes of failure time after dispatch to get the next due unit dispatched. Then there is the 10-12 minute travel time to get there. This can mean the difference in saving a life or a home that has caught fire. Having 24/7 staffing will mean someone will always be there, except when they are on a call.

Spread the word and come to **community meeting** on

**Wed.. March 26 at 7 pm at station #28 on Ballenger Creek Pike, at Rt 464.**

Eddy Arnold, Pres. Carroll Manor Fire Co.

Look for a petition for the above at Easter Egg Hunt Breakfast

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## Point of Rocks Ruritan Club Page

**Founders Day 2008—Call to the Community:** —what do you like, what would you suggest for improvement? Founders Day Parade will be substituted with other activities this year - how can we draw the community to have an afternoon of good spirit? What would attract you to come to the Community Center and enjoy being with your neighbors? Call Ron Lichtinger

**Whistle Stop—How to bring you news, hold cost & fundraise.**

The 2007 expansion to 8 pages, monthly is currently beyond budget capacity, so we are working on the Business Directory for needed financial help, and asking for sponsors and advertisers.

**Business Directory—Advertise & Listings—** for all our local individuals & businesses—it is a free listing. This is the opportunity for promoting your business, group, or even hobby—in an booklet mailed to every address in POR & Tuscarora, Ron Lichtinger 301-874-3510 hikinghuckster@yahoo.com Deadline extended to: **March 20**—call today

**Business Directory—Sponsors Page** - devoted to recognition of POR Ruritan sponsors during the year—call today to get on the list: Pepper Scotto 301-834-9907 — **Deadline March 20**, but call if you have questions.

**Website** - Website is being upgraded with more information and work closely with PORCHS—but we need your input to represent the happenings online— contact this Editor if you want your information included.

**Interested in becoming involved in the Community? Consider Ruritans**

Simply come to our event, call one of the Board members to talk, help out with the Garden Club projects, or get to know us by coming to a few monthly meetings and see what we do.

Go to our website for details. Becoming a member means taking an active part in the community (one of the member requirements). Fellowship & goodwill are only two of the benefits in return.

Dues \$60/yr or \$15/Qtr. Student Ruritans are age 16 to 21, club pays dues.

Open to Public—Ruritan Special Program

Thurs. Mar 13. 14–7 pm—Com. Center

**Big Sweep Event—How it can Help POR**

by Mike Fauber, PORR Student Ruritan and Eagle Scout

POR Ruritan Club is opening the monthly membership meeting program so our community can learn about Big Sweep, then

**Founders Day—Planning Session**

Anyone interested in becoming involved with a 33 year community event that will be revamped for the current generations, is asked to come, hear, meet, suggest.

7 pm—light meal incl. BBQ beef, with brief PORR Business Meeting, public is welcomed to participate

Good time to see what the Ruritan is about.

### Ruritan Garden Club



The Bowis Drive Median Strip Beautification Project is almost through the County approval process. Check the website for the latest plans when finalized by the County. Fundraising and donations accepted for Adopt-a-Plant.

Wanting to make a **tax-deductible donation to Garden Club projects?** Make checks payable to "Community Foundation of Frederick County" with "**POR Ruritan Club Community Service Fund— Garden Club**" in the subject line. Checks can be forwarded to the CFFC for you by the Ruritan Club, or mailed directly to CFFC, 312 E.Church St. Frederick, MD 21701, or call 301-695-7660 for details. For online credit card donations, note the above name in the subject line—**www.CFFredCo.org**.

**Events: Public Welcomed**

**Tues. Mar 18**—7 pm—**Hot Garden Topics by Mr. Carroll Shry**, FCC horticultural instructor and author - St. Luke's Lutheran Church

**Tues. Apr 15**—7 pm—**Rain Gardens** by Jennifer Willoughby, from the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin—St. Luke's Church

**Sat. Apr 26—10 am—Arbor Day Tree Planting**—Community Center. Participation with Brownie Troops in POR. Public welcomed. Thanks to the cooperation of Frederick Co. Parks & Recreation.

**Still on sale: Garden Journals \$10, ornaments \$5, & postcards \$ 50 cents.**

The Ruritan Garden Club, our newest and most active Environment Committee, is in its first year of service. Its mission is to promote a sense of community spirit in Point of Rocks through beautification, education and revitalization.

Contact **Andrea and Ryan Williams**, 301-874-2776

RyAndrea1@comcast.net,

or visit [www.pointofrocks.org](http://www.pointofrocks.org)

Getting to the Trash with PORR

Sat. April 5 9-11 am—Lander Boat Ramp

**Potomac River Watershed Clean-up**

Come out and help pick up trash between the C&O Canal towpath and the Potomac River at Lander, MD. This is part of PORR partnership with Alice Ferguson Foundation, dedicated to making the Potomac clean & healthy.

Marcel Aillery, Environment

Historic Tour of Potomac River

Sun. June 8—**POR to Monocacy Aqueduct**

**PORR Kayak/Canoe Guided Tour**

PORR is organizing a special outing for our members and residents, using the expert services of River & Trail Outfitters of Knoxville, MD. Meet 8:30 am—back by shuttle 4:30 pm, includes boat, life vests, lunch, lunch drinks, transportation, water guide & many history lecture stops with noted historian Prof. John Phillips, Leesburg, VA

Cost \$73, \$10 Discount if you have your own boat.

Limited spaces, age over 10 yrs Call today.

Katrina Lehker KatLehker@yahoo.com 301-874-0363

## Feature Article

**Interview with Beth Marcotte,**

Past Pres. of PoR Recreation Council

by Della Newman

Photo courtesy of Beth, Dec 2008 with son Chris with 'Santa' Bob Fauber

**What brought you to Point of Rocks?**

We were living in New York when my husband Bill was transferred to Washington D.C. On Memorial Day weekend we began to look for houses near the MARC rail. At that time only two houses were for sale in Point of Rocks – one, a demo for a new housing development and the other a Victorian. We chose the demo. Bill was used to moving, sometimes two times a year and I was not. My parents lived in the same house for 42 yrs. When Bill moved me from NY to Point of Rocks I (kindly) explained that this is my home now. If you decide you want to switch jobs, and move closer to work, this is where you will find me.

Our neighborhood has changed from the original group of 19 houses and there are few original owners left. There was a baby-sitting co-op and a book club. There were a lot of things when we first moved here that now don't exist. Our kids, Toni and Chris, are happy here and I think it's important for them to maintain this stability.

**How did you become involved in the PoR Rec Council?**

Before we had kids, I was already involved in the Point of Rocks Rec Council [aka PORRC]. When we bought our house, I was expecting, as were other families near us – either expecting or already with a one-year-old. I chose not to return to work. [Beth earned a Masters Degree in Mathematics and had seven years experience teaching math before coming to PoR]. I decided to become involved in local community activities. PORRC volunteers included Sharon Gaddes, Belinda Breidenback, Jean Reiter, Marcel, and myself were the core group of people – but at that time, the Rec Council was dying. We were meeting once a month but it was getting to be too much – it was a strain with so few people - most of us had little children.

**In what ways has PoR Rec Council facilitated activities?**

When Belinda became the PORRC president, she decided that the Council would meet before each of the four scheduled activities (rather than each month) – the 'Easter Egg Hunt', 'Founder's Day', 'Halloween', and 'Christmas with Santa Breakfast'. Funds were raised through selling soft drinks at Founder's Day [for a time], as well as donations from the Point of Rocks Ruritan Club, and the Point of Rocks Women's Club. Val Jeffries, a member of the Women's Club acted as a liaison to the Rec. Council and was a great support to our council in so many ways. For all those who knew Val, she was like a ray of sunshine. Val and Phyllis, whom I called 'My Ladies,' would help me at Founder's Day. I would buy them corsages to show how much I appreciated their support. In time, Frederick County Recreation Council began to give a \$300.00 grant to each Recreation Council in Frederick County.

When Jay Breidenback was president of Ruritan, the 'Easter Egg Breakfast' was added to the list of PORRC activities. The Ruritan Club had been hosting the Christmas with Santa breakfast. For several years, I took on the role of Mrs. Clause]...Vince was Santa for about 4-5 years and Bob Fauber continues to bring Christmas cheer as Father Christmas. Toni, my daughter, has been our resident elf for several years, having outgrown 2 elf costumes.

In times past, the Rec Council tried to initiate a 'Mother and Daughter Tea' and a 'Father and Daughter Dance'. We tried for two to three years to have Square Dances and by the third year, very few families turned out. We have tried to get the community involved, but it's been difficult to do.

Those that choose to volunteer for seasonal activities, often participate in judging for the Halloween Costume Contest. The children play musical chairs or the limbo game -- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> awards are given for each age group. Typically Rec. Council activities included arts and crafts at each event. Entertainers have provided quality programs for a fee – storytelling, music, magic, puppets, games, and the like.

One of the roles of Miss Point of Rocks has been to support the Rec. Council. She has been a judge for the Halloween Party and has helped with craft activities for Christmas with Santa. Belinda Breidenback and Sharon Gaddes role-played the Easter Bunny until Miss Point of Rocks donned the suit.

**What was one of the best moments you remember?**

It was fun watching the kids at the Easter Egg Hunt, running in the field, just lying in the field, not even looking for the eggs...

**How have your priorities shifted these last few years?**

It's all fun, but as my kids grow older it's harder for me to stay involved with the Rec. Council. Toni and Chris are busy with ice skating, hockey and other activities throughout the week; we drive to Frederick, Hagerstown, Fairfax, and now Arlington during the week and weekends.

**What is required for maintaining an active Rec Council ?**

You need someone who can be a strong leader, one who can delegate. Most of the time people would show up for the scheduled event. To support the event requires that one makes a commitment to come and help out, to come to the meetings, stuff all the bags with candy, do all those little things.

**What thoughts can you share regarding the need for continuing the Rec. Council in the PoR community?**

One year, members of the Women's Club brought their grandchildren to the Halloween Party – the next year they called me up and asked to be judges. The Rec. Council's event made it possible for these children, who don't live here, to have a great time in their grandparent's community.

Our town is a safe place to live and Point of Rocks is a nice and pleasant community. Coming from New York City I feel very safe here. It's fun to have the family activities in Point of Rocks for people to enjoy. People can go to activities in Frederick and Baker Park, but it's not your home town and you are unlikely to run into a neighbor. Just being a volunteer in Point of Rocks helps you meet new people. There is a sense of community pride and satisfaction you feel from helping out.

These events organized by the Rec. Council enhance the charm of a little town. At the last Halloween Party there were three children that I knew, all those others were brand new to me. It's special to see new residents participating in these events, building a sense of community. I hope that people will think seriously about joining the Recreation Council.

**For those interested in maintaining the PoR Rec Counsel**

Andy Lett is the representative from the Frederick County Recreation Department that is assigned to Point of Rocks. He can provide the support needed to reinstate our Recreation Council. If you are interested in this endeavor, please contact Pepper Scotto for info..

**A footnote about Beth Marcotte...**For 14 years Beth has worked with the Rec. Council enabling many holiday activities for all ages. For Founder's day she has volunteered consistently to direct street traffic and obtain the County permits. She also has been a member and officer of Ruritan. She is passionate about our town and has served our community well these many years. Her gentle humor and grace are hallmarks of her character. Our Point of Rocks community thanks you, Beth, for your many years of dedicated service.



## Roundabout and New Bridge

Rt 15 and Rt 28 Road Report  
 from Maryland State Highway Administration  
 By Andrew Cadmus, Transportation Engineer  
 Office of Highway Development  
 Maryland State Highway Administration  
 Illustration for Roundabout furnished by SHA



In response to the Point of Rocks Ruritan Club's inquiry, the following is the current status regarding the US 15 & MD 464 roundabout project and the MD 28 bridge replacement project in Point of Rocks, Maryland. The State Highway Administration (SHA) appreciates the community's interest in these projects and commitment to providing your neighbors with accurate information.



The SHA will be constructing a roundabout on US 15 at MD 464. Construction funding has been secured and we are in the process of securing a contractor to perform the work. The procurement process has made it difficult to commit to a specific construction start date at this time.

However, as part of our effort to immediately enhance traffic safety in the US 15 corridor and the intersection of US 15 at MD 464, the SHA has developed additional safety projects to be completed in advance of the roundabout construction.

By the end of April, the SHA will install **two sets of rumble strips** on northbound and southbound US 15 in advance of the intersection with MD 464. All **pavement markings** between MD 28 and US 340 will be repainted and refreshed. The existing flashing yellow beacons on US 15 and the red flashing beacons on the western leg of MD 464 will be **upgraded with larger and more intense flashing lights**.

Most significantly, SHA will install **large and bright advanced intersection warning signs with flashing beacons** on US 15. The signs will include a **warning message** alerting drivers of the intersection ahead. These signs will also be made of the **brightest, most reflective material available** and easily attract attention **day and night**. Signs of this type have been successfully used on other roadways in Maryland to enhance traffic safety. Each of these projects will enhance safety immediately and throughout the construction of the roundabout.

Maryland has constructed a number of roundabouts to enhance traffic safety, including several on high speed roadways similar to US 15. The Kansas Department of Transportation also has constructed roundabouts on rural high speed roadways with posted speeds up to 65 MPH. The crash reduction experience in Maryland and Kansas has been outstanding with regard to reducing both crash frequency and crash severity. Roundabouts can reduce congestion and generally enhance the overall operation of an intersection. The design of the roundabout is expected to provide adequate service for the next 20 years.

Traffic signals are intended to reduce the frequency of right-angle type crashes by assigning the right-of-way to drivers. Although traffic signals reduce the frequency for these types of crashes, they have the potential to increase rear-end collisions. In addition, the injuries sustained in a crash

when a driver runs a red light at high speed can be severe. The severity of a collision at a roundabout is less because of the lower operating speed.

Traffic signals are not always appropriate as a quick fix for an intersection. **At the intersection of US 15 and MD 464, installing a traffic signal would require several months of design.** It would also **require roadway widening** in order to provide separate left-turn lanes on northbound and southbound US 15. A traffic signal without this widening would not be adequate in handling daily traffic nor improve safety.



**MD 28 bridge re-**

**placement project** has construction funding and is expected to **begin late spring, 2008**. In order to complete the project, the **bridge must be closed during a portion of the project**. This closure will occur while local schools are on summer break and is scheduled to last approximately **65 calendar days**. In order to help facilitate speedy construction and a minimum the length of the closure, the State Highway Administration will provide the contractor with a significant financial incentive for each day the contractor finishes this work early and a fine, or disincentive, for each day the contractor must work beyond the scheduled deadline.

**Updates**

**POR Neighborhood Watch** under the lead of Rich McDonald, has been in contact with both the County and State roads engineers in an effort to have more immediate solutions for the intersection and has been keeping their members informed. He is also requesting the County install a 4-way stop sign at Ballenger Creek Pike and Rt 464.

**FNP Frederick News Post— March 9, 2008, pg 1:** Cailin McGough, reporter, thoroughly researched the subject and attended the March 7 Neighborhood Watch meeting. Her resulting article gives a fair representation of the status of the Rt 15/464 intersection concerns, including input from Del. Rick Weldon, Lisa Baugher, & SHA. Available online: [www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/news/display.htm?StoryID=72231](http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/news/display.htm?StoryID=72231) or search: 'SHA.'

**Frederick News Post—March 11, 2008, Editorial, pg A-8:** gives another viewpoint for the various efforts to proceed with best solution.

**The Point of Rocks Women's Club** meets 7 pm every third Thursday of the month either at the Community Center or a member's home. The March meeting will be held at the home of Pat and Amy McDonald, 1735 Brookshire Run, Point of Rocks at 7 PM on March 20. The Club has recently welcomed three new members: **Stephanie French (in high school), Pat McDonald, and Amy McDonald**. Any woman age 16 or older that has a desire to make Point of Rocks a better place in which to live is welcome to join the Club. The Club works hard at community events such as the Founder's Day Celebration, preparation and delivery of Christmas baskets, senior citizen lunches, and helps the Point of Rocks Ruritan Club in joint projects. The Club has been in existence since 1973 and looks forward to the future. One annual event that is just for fun is a Birthday Party to honor all the members birthdays, this year held Mar. 1. Snacks are served at each meeting with members taking turns. Members enjoy fellowship that takes place at each meeting. Come & join in the fun.

Contact **Phyllis Harris** 301-874-5484 or **Emma French** 301-874-2312

## What's Happening Around Your Community?



### Point of Rocks has Active Girl Scout **Brownie Troops** IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME! BUT ONLY UNTIL MARCH 15



Our local Girl Scout **Brownie Troops** are for **6 to 9 Years olds, in first, second or third grade**—is very active building young girls of courage, confidence, and character, to make the world a better place.” In order to have the programs to accomplish this mission—the members of the troop sell your favorite Girl Scout Cookies: **Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Samoas, Lemon Chalet Cremes, Trefoils, All Abouts, Do-si-dos, and Sugar Free Chocolate Chips. Price: \$3.50 per box.**

This is a fundraiser for these troops— to help participate in a number of programs, crafts, & special events. These are great cookies at a great price.

1st & 2nd grade Brownies: **Kristine Johnson 301-874-1835, or Amy White 301-874-6065.**

3rd grade Brownies: **Virginia Schneider 301-874-5360, Joy Nostrand 301-874-0760**

*Give the leaders a call to see how girls of all ages can join, help the troops, or buy cookies*



### POR

### Friends of the Library

@ the Library By: Donna Fauber

During the month of March, the library will sponsor a Children's Art Contest for all ages in honor of Youth Art Month.

Children may bring in their unframed artwork any day this month and it will be displayed in the library.

This summer the library will launch two new book clubs. One is for adults and the other is for elementary age readers. The young readers can be children ages 7 to 11 who are comfortable reading chapter books.

Both clubs will be held on Saturdays on the following schedule:

Young Readers, Sat June 7 at 11 am, Sat July 5 at 11 am and Sat. August 16 at 11 am.

The adult book club will be held on the same dates but begins at 1 pm.

Reminder: the library will be open during renovation, with approx. 1 week closed for move into trailer in parking lot.

For more information and the book selection, those interested can call the library at

301-874-4560.

### St. Luke's Lutheran Church 1519 Ballenger Creek Pike — by Karen Webb

St. Luke will hold a Seder Meal on Maundy, Thurs. March 20—7 PM. A Seder Meal helps to explain the symbolism of the Israelites flight from Egypt and God's intervention in saving them.

Palm Sunday, March 16 a special service will be held at St. Luke including a Procession led by the Manor Youth Musicians. Easter Sunday, March 23 a Sunrise Service will be held at St. Mark Lutheran, 5132 Doubs Road (just off of Ballenger Creek Pike in the little village of Doubs at 7 AM with a continental breakfast. The regular service of Holy Communion and joyful music celebrating the Resurrection will be held at St. Luke at 11 AM. Manor Musicians will be at St. Matthew Lutheran, 4004 Ballenger Creek Pike.

The church welcomes everyone to worship services of Holy Communion held each Sunday 11:15 am. A children's nursery and Sunday School is held at the same time. Every 3rd Sunday of the month, a fellowship meal is served after the service.

If you would like to attend any of these meals, please call Karen Webb 301-874-3510 to insure that enough is prepared.

The Rev. Marina Flores is Pastor of Manor Lutheran Parish which is a 3 church parish. And can be reached at the Church Office-301-874-5838 You are welcome at any of the three churches.



### Community Food Bank

Reminder—each Ruritan Meeting and community event, non-perishable foods will be collected for our local Food Bank.

Food can also be given any Sunday at **St. Luke Lutheran Church**, 1519 Ballenger Creek Pike, Point of Rocks—service 11 AM.

Contact: Karen Webb (301) 874-3510

### St. Paul's Episcopal Church Lent/Easter Services by Becky Taylor

Holy Week services at 7:30 each night Monday, March 17, through Good Friday, March 21. (There will be no service on Saturday.)

Our Easter morning service will begin at 10:00 a.m. on March 23.

An egg hunt for children under twelve will follow the Easter service, while adults enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the parish hall.

We invite visitors of any faith to attend in our services, which are held in our historic 1842 church at 10:00 a.m. Sundays. Weekly Bible Study for adults takes place each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the parish hall, where newcomers are always welcome.

St. Paul's is located: 1914 Ballenger Creek Pike, just North of Route 464.

Have a blessed Easter!

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Near the Post Office.


Curtis E. Laird, owner



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# POR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Highlights

Thu. **Mar 13—7 pm—POR Ruritan Meeting**—"Big Sweep" by Mike Fauber, and Founders Day Planning—prospective members welcomed, Karen Webb 301-874-3510


 Sat. **Mar 15—8—10:30 am—POR Ruritan Easter Egg Hunt**—Community Center—Karen Webb 301-874-3510

 Tue. **Mar 18—7 pm—POR Ruritan Garden Club** open and free meeting— special lecture by **Carroll Shry**, horticultural instructor at FCC and author—topic TBA. Call for location: St. Luke Lutheran Church.  Andre 301-874-2776

Sat. **Apr 5—POR Ruritan Environment Committee: Potomac Watershed Clean Up**—Lander Boat Ramp—Marcel Aillery 301-874-2652 Aillery@msn.com Everyone welcomed to join up.

 Tues **Apr 15— 7 pm POR Ruritan Garden Club-Rain Gardens—speaker**

 Sat. **Apr 26—PORR Garden Club Arbor Day Tree Plant at Com Ctr—public is invited.**

 Summer —**Ruritan Benefit Day**—Silent Auction, Flea Market, Food and Entertainment— donated items needed. Ron Lichtinger 301-874-0363

Sun. **Jun 8—POR Ruritan Kayak Trip on Potomac**— provide kayaks and guides—Katrina Lehker 301-874-0363 Call soon.

Sun. **Sep 7—Founders Day**—Ruritans calling for ideas and suggestions—Ron Lichtinger 301-874-0363

Sat. **Sep 27— Catoctin Aqueduct Benefit 5K Run-Walk**— start from Point of Rocks—C&O Canal Tow-path—part of Ruritan's History in Motion—Pepper Scotto 301-834-9907

Sat. **Dec 6— Breakfast with Santa**—Ruritans will provide pancake breakfast and Santa with visit, crafts, games.

### Breaking News:

National Park Service

#### OK for Power Plant Water Pipe in POR—

Catoctin Power, a division of Sempra Energy, is still planning to build the power plant on former Eastalco property, now, one less obstacle.

**Traffic Roundabouts:** We just love to hate them; will we always?

First installed in England in early 1960s.

First in US was in 1990 in Las Vegas.

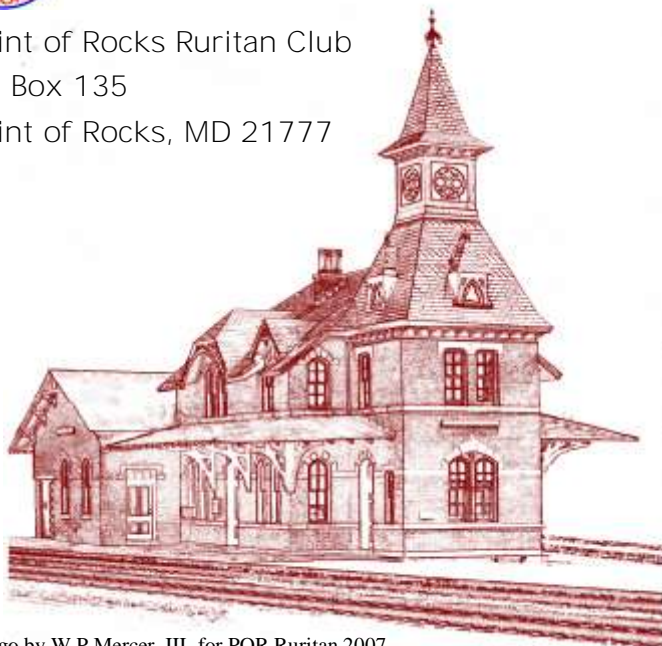
First in Maryland in 1993, and today over 25 have been installed.

*Daily Times, Salisbury, MD March 2, 2008*



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Logo by W.P.Mercer, III, for POR Ruritan 2007

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