Shade Community Center Newsletter

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Christmas Bazaar and Breakfast with Santa

By Tammy Foster

Approximately 65 children and their parents enjoyed a delicious breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Santa's elves, gingerbread boys and Frosty on December 2nd. The children also visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus in the gingerbread house and had their pictures taken in the gingerbread boy and girl cutouts. Santa and Mrs. Claus had a special gift for each child. Gingerbread boy and girl cookies were decorated in Mrs. Claus' kitchen while Frosty and some of the elves made crafts with the children.

While the children visited with Santa, parents could do their Christmas shopping at the annual holiday bazaar with over 30 vendors. The community center also had homemade noodles, soups and sandwiches available for lunch.

Thank you to the following volunteers for making this event possible: John and Esther Scragg (Santa and Mrs. Claus), Gail Jordan, Brenda Ruth, Rhonda Meeks, Irene Dishong, Tammy and Jerry Foster, Craig, Brenda, Gabe and Addison Dorst, Grace Dorst, Karen Jones, Rosemary Vance, Heidi Marty, June Stoddard, Marty Bohn, Angie Runyon-Brickles, Patty Brickles, George Benz, Pam Hatfield, Peggy Rist, Ohio University Archery Club (Katelyn Emter, Brian Barthold, Kate Feddersen and Brandon Huddlesen), James Cable, Jacob Ketchum, Jacob Hull, Marilyn Madison, Justin Kurtz and Alyssa Senev. Special thanks to Gail Jordan and Jerry Foster for constructing the gingerbread house and to Jenna Meeks and Southern FFA for making the gingerbread boy and girl cutouts!

Plans are already in the works for next year's event which will be held on Saturday, December 8th.















Photographs by Tammy Foster and Brenda Ruth

The SCCA held their annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9 with a potluck. The kids made a Christmas craft provided by Heidi Marty. Bingo was enjoyed by all. Thanks to those who came and to those who helped prepare the meal.



Pictures by Tammy Foster







"Today I had the great fortune of meeting a man that I have heard so much about over the years. He left me no questions as to why so many people speak so highly of him. Fred Colburn, who will be 101 in April, is one of the nicest, most intelligent people I've ever met. He is definitely someone I will always look up to and admire. Thank you, Fred. I look forward to more visits and more stories." Jay Edwards

Shade Senior 2018

The Shade Senior Citizens Association (SSCA) has a potluck and meeting on the second Thursday of each month at noon in the Shade Community Center cafeteria. The seniors have several additional planned activities throughout the year.

Membership dues are \$5.00 a year for each SSCA member. A reminder letter has been sent to current members that dues for 2018 are due January 1st, but should be paid by February 14th.

If you are not currently a member and you are eligible, you are invited to join. All members of the Shade Seniors must be 60 years of age or older and live in Athens County. Spouses or significant others who are 55 – 59 years old can become associate members, subject to constraints related to grant funded activities.

If you have any questions, please call SSCA Treasurer Gail Jordan at 740-590-9537.

Ways to Support the Community Center

In addition to continuing as, or becoming, a member of the Shade Community Center Association, there are two (2) ways that you can support the organization, without extra cost to you. These are the Kroger Rewards program and the AmazonSmile rewards program. During 2017, eleven (11) households enrolled with the Kroger Rewards program, which generated about seventy dollars per quarter for the SCCA.

Kroger Rewards: To enroll and to designate your rewards to be donated to the SCCA: *Go to Kroger.com.* Click on "Community", then "Kroger Community Rewards". Sign in to your account. (If you do not have a Kroger account/Kroger Plus Shopper's Card, then you need to create one.) Select "Enroll Now", then "Enroll". Type "Shade Community Center" in the search box, and click "Search". Select the bullet for the Shade Community Center Association" and "Enroll".

AmazonSmile Rewards: If you order items from Amazon now, the only difference is that you sign in to smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com to order. To use, *go to smile.amazon.com*. Sign in with your email and password as you normally do. You will see that they have so-called spotlight charities. To have your donation go to the SCCA, type "Shade Community Center" in the "Or Pick Your Own Charitable Organization" box. Then select the "Shade Community Center Association" (which is listed for Athens, Ohio), and start shopping as usual.

Thanks for your support.

Gail Jordan, 2018 SCCA Corresponding Secretary

Veteran's Day

By Karen Jones

Veterans of the Shade Senior Citizens, the Shade Community Center and Lodi Township were honored at the November 11th Veterans dinner at the Center. Veterans and guests enjoyed an evening program of good food, music and guest speaker Ric Jones. Ric is the son of Richard and Geraldine Jones and grandson of Frank and Victoria Jones. He is a retired Army major who is now the Senior Software Engineer for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in the Washington DC area. He has over 35 years combined service to this country and is now working as a government civilian. He spoke on his Army career and how important it is to remember and honor our veterans' service to our country. Music was provided by the Coe family with piano accompaniment by Josie Reeves. A big THANK YOU to those members of the SSCA and the SCCA who prepared and served the dinner.

1st row, I to r: Walter Jones, Dale Jeffers, John Ruth, James Frost, Ernest Midkiff, George Benz, Bill Cooley, Dan King, Linda Kane.

2nd row I to r: grandson of Dave Collins, Ralph Calvert, Valerie Norman, John Taylor, Mike O'Brien, Jack Malloy, Dick Jones, Don Macrostie, Ric Jones

3rd row, I to r: Dave Collins, Kenney Bell, Garry King, R.C. Barnhart, Ken Sams, Bill Kyle, Mike McCleary, Marty Bohn, Bill Mingus, Roger Howard.



Picture by Karen Jones

Simplicity

By Rhonda Meeks

Life seemed so simple back when I first met Richard Grim in the late 1970's at the Farm House. The Farm House was a small, rustic cabin at the back side of Rainbow Lake on Possum Hollow Road. My husband, Kenny, and I would go there during deer season to eat fresh pressure cooked deer steak with gravy and fried turnips made by his father and mother, Shorty and Beulah Meeks. Kenny had known Richard all of his life, but I was new in the picture. Richard and his wife, Glenna, and children Buzz, Rita and Robin welcomed me in; and right from the start, I could see what kind of a man Richard was.

Throughout the years, I have watched Richard and admired his simplistic, hardworking nature. Each morning and each night, he would make the trip from his home in Athens to care for his cattle and horses in Lodi Township. Coming from town to Lodi Township gave Richard the opportunity to step back and enjoy the peace that working the land and caring for animals can give you. Kenny (and I sometimes) would help him mow, rake and bale hay that he would make off of the land on Grim Road and around Rainbow Lake or doctor a sick cow. After retiring from excavating, we would see him and his side kick, Hunter (Richard's grandson), driving through the strip pits on their way around the block. Part of his daily routine was stopping at the Lodi General, owned by Pam Bond, for his lunch and then checking on Kenny. If that was accomplished, then all was well in the world.

During deer season, I had the privilege of being one of Richard's hunting buddies and the group's photographer. Some of the best times of my life have been the times I spent deer hunting on Richard Grim's farm on Grim Road. As I trekked through the 'Thrashing Machine Holler', stumbled over massive moss covered logs in 'The Big Woods', up the steep hill to the 'Bathtub' on 'Redding' where you could see all the way to the Grueser Farm, I understood why Richard loved the land and wanted to be a part of something bigger than himself.

As I go about my busy life, Richard is my reminder that true joy comes from slowing down and appreciating the simplicity of what life has to offer. Thank you, Richard, for the lessons I have learned from you about simplicity. Simplicity does not always come easy, but you have taught me that less is more. Goodbye, my friend. Until we meet again.



Richard Grim 1924 - 2017

Richard Grim, a lifetime member of the Shade Community Center, has been a supporter of the Center since it was founded in 2005.



Valentine's Dinner



Musical Entertainment by

Remember Then

Saturday, February 17, 2018 Serving 6 to 7 pm • Music starts at 7



Shade Community Center



Old US 33, Shade, Ohio

Serving your choice of:

Chopped Sirloin Steak <u>or</u> Baked Chicken Breast with Baked Potato, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Dinner Roll, Drink and Dessert \$14 Adults -- \$7 Children (12 and under)

Reservations required

RSVP to Jerry Foster at 590-0408 by February 12th.

Shade Community Center Association "Membership Form for 2018"

Complete this form using ink. Information will be used to notify members of activities and upcoming events of interest, such as via bimonthly newsletter, and for demographics for grants and other forms of funding. No personal information will be released to the general public.

Mail this form to: SCCA, PO Box 41, Shade OH 45776, or submit this form to the Corresponding Secretary, accompanied by check or money order made payable to Shade Community Center Association.

Cash is fine if paying in person.

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SCCA October 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes (APPROVED 11-8-17)

21 present (14 members+ 7 officers/board)

The regular monthly meeting of the Shade Community Center Association was held on Wednesday, October 11th in the Shade Community Center cafeteria, President Jerry Foster being in the chair and Recording Secretary Gail Jordan being present. Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm and began with the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of the September 13th regular monthly meeting were distributed by Gail Jordan for reading. Marvin Marty moved for approval of the minutes as written; minutes approved.

Alex Couladis presented the Treasurer's reports: Net income shown was -\$12,238.66 for September and -\$9,048.58 for the year-to-date, following major purchases such as the new outdoor stage. Alex stated that these amounts were partially offset by \$4300 to be transferred from the Coen bequest for equipment purchases and that we were approximately even entering the last quarter of the year. Checking account balance was \$17,620.73. Reports were filed for financial review.

Gail Jordan read Corresponding Secretary's report that Brenda Dorst prepared: Memberships were unchanged from the previous month, with 114 annual renewals and 20 new memberships. She had sent a thank you card to Intelliwave for continuing to provide our high-speed Internet service for free.

Maintenance committee report was distributed by Gail Jordan and placed on file. Major items included Walter Jones had repaired stage monitor speaker, Jerry Foster vented convection oven to outside, and Gail Jordan ground out eight stumps. Jack Malloy reported about the Seniors' bus trip the previous week, and Karen Jones requested volunteers to help with the Veterans Dinner to which SCCA, SSCA and residents of Lodi Township who are veterans are invited.

Fran Moxley distributed and summarized the calendars for October and November. She also noted that Alexander Youth Wrestling had contacted her indicating their desire to return to Shade this year for practices and home dual meets. They were to meet with the events committee to see if their schedule can be accommodated. Volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around for the Jerseyville Festival.

<u>Old Business:</u> Nominating committee announced candidates for 2018 officers: President, Jerry Foster; Vice President, George Benz; Recording Secretary, Marvin Marty; Corresponding Secretary, Gail Jordan; Treasurer, Alex Couladis. Alexander Lions "Little Free Pantry" is now located near the shelter house.

<u>New Business:</u> Marlesia Boivin stated Halloween party was scheduled for Saturday, October 28th beginning at 6:00 pm, with filling of candy bags and decorating the evening before. Tammy Foster noted that Breakfast with Santa and the Holiday Bazaar would be on the first Saturday in December. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

SCCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2017

Present: Jerry Foster, Alex Couladis, Amy Calvert, Pat Davidson, Gail Jordan, Norm Shaner, George Benz

President Jerry Foster called meeting of the Executive Board to order at 6:00 pm. Items discussed included:

- 1. Recommendation to re-visit rental agreement rates.
- 2. Alexander Youth Wrestling (AYW) schedule. Group would like to practice Mondays thru Thursdays. They are agreeable to 5:30 to 7:30 time frame. Then open gym basketball can run on Mondays and Wednesdays after 7:30, and OU archery can run on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 7:30. On those few occasions when home dual meets are scheduled, archery or open gym may be canceled. AYW would only practice three days on weeks when they have dual meets scheduled; some duals may be scheduled on Friday evenings. From 12/14 thru 1/16 while OU is on break, wrestling may practice from 6:00 to 8:00 on the archers' nights.
- 3. Recommendation to offer \$75 per week for custodian, with increase tied to increased rental rates.
- 4. Recommendation to obtain quotations for needed plaster repairs in stairwells and third floor room above the history room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm. Respectfully submitted, Gail

Gail Jordan, Recording Secretary

SCCA November 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes (APPROVED 12-13-17)

18 present (13 members+ 5 officers/board)

The regular monthly meeting of the Shade Community Center Association was held on Wednesday, November 8th in the Shade Community Center cafeteria, President Jerry Foster being in the chair and Recording Secretary Gail Jordan being present. Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm and began with the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of the October 11th regular monthly meeting and the October 25th executive board meeting were distributed by Gail Jordan for reading. Bev Guider moved for approval of the monthly meeting minutes as written; minutes approved.

Jerry Foster presented the Treasurer's reports that Alex Couladis had prepared: Net income shown was \$10,033.42 for October and \$984.84 for the year-to-date. \$7199 of the monthly income was from the levy. Reports were filed for financial review.

Brenda Dorst gave the Corresponding Secretary's report: Annual memberships increased three from the previous month for a total of 137 (115 annual renewals and 22 new). Brenda sent Buzz Grim a get well card, and she sent a thank you to Drs. Quinn, Quinn and Foster for donating a copier.

Maintenance committee report was distributed by Gail Jordan and placed on file. Major item was that boilers had been started for the winter.

Fran Moxley distributed and summarized the calendars for November and December, noting Allen Rankin wake on November 12th and several rentals in December. Grace Dorst moved for the Center to buy a 6-8 pound ham for the Rankin wake; motion carried. Alexander Youth basketball will be practicing Mondays through Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Open gym basketball will play after the wrestling on Mondays and Wednesdays, and OU archery will practice after wrestling on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Events committee: Jerry Foster distributed the financial report for the Jerseyville Festival, showing income of \$6471.26 (+130.00 for corn sold), \$2952.39 expenses, and a net income of \$3082.39. Income from the Halloween party was \$807.35 and expenses were also about \$800. Income from the spaghetti dinner was \$307 with expenses of about \$90. Breakfast with Santa and the Holiday Bazaar are Saturday, December 2nd, and the Christmas potluck is scheduled for Saturday, December 9th beginning at 6 pm.

<u>Old Business:</u> Gail Jordan reported that the SCCA web page update project had not been selected by OU "Project C" for inclusion this year.

<u>New Business:</u> Rhonda Meeks' new newsletter deadlines were announced: Feb. 25, April 25, June 25, Aug. 25, Oct. 25 Dec. 25. Executive committee had recommended increasing building rental rates to offset increase in custodial expenses; Jerry suggested forming a committee after the first of the year to look at this and other rental issues such as handouts or posting checklists for renters. Bev Guider moved to replace the padding on the basketball backboards; motion carried with no negative votes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gail Jordan, Recording Secretary

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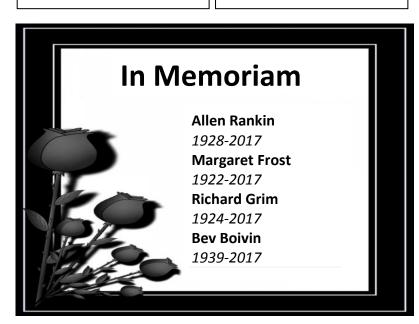
New and Returning Members

New members:

Karen & Jennifer Matteson

Returning members:









Shade Exchange

This space is available as an opportunity for you to "buy, sell, trade, or give away" items.

Submit newsletter articles, items for the Shade Exchange, recipes and pictures to:

rhondameeks23@yahoo.com

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by the **25**th of February, April, June, August, October or December. Newsletters are bimonthly and go out at the beginning of January, March, May, July, September and November.

Thank you. Rhonda Meeks, Editor

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Cook's Corner

CHEDDAR HAM CHOWDER

Submitted by: Ame` Calvert

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED

2 C cubed, peeled ¼ c butter

potatoes

½ C sliced carrots 2 C milk

½ C sliced celery 2 C shredded Cheddar

Cheese

 $\frac{1}{4}$ C chopped onions 1-16 oz. can whole

kernel corn, drained

1 t salt- ¼ t pepper 1 ½ C cooked ham,

cubed

HERE'S WHAT YOU DO

In a large pot, bring water, veggies, salt and pepper to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 8 – 10 minutes or until veggies are tender. Remove from heat, DO NOT DRAIN. Meanwhile in a medium saucepan, melt butter and blend in flour. Add milk all at once and cook and stir until thick. Add cheese and stir until melted. Stir all this into the large pot of undrained veggies. Return to low heat, add corn and ham. Heat until warm.



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