

# Shade Community Center

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## Annual Route 33A Yard Sale

**Come rain or shine, the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Route 33A Yard Sale is fast approaching on June 6 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Let's all get ready!**

### Shoppers

Bargains! Bargains! Gather up the family for a day of bargain shopping. There will be a multitude of yard sales in the Shade Area along Route 33 A and adjoining roads. Your first stop should be the Shade Community Center. There you will find treasures inside and outside the center. In addition, there will be a listing of all of the locations of yard sales in the area.

### Sellers

Need some extra cash? Do you want to clear the rubble from your closets and garage? One man's junk is another man's treasure. Help make the Route 33A Yard Sale a huge success. This is a win-win situation for everyone. We will advertise for you. You can set up at your home along Route 33A. For a fee of \$5.00, you can set up outside or for a fee of \$10, you can set up inside at the Shade Community Center. Tables will be available for rent for \$2.00.

### Contact Information

Please contact Teresa Winning at 740-662-6844 or 740-818-7440 if you would like to become a part of this annual event or would like additional information.

### Food and Restrooms

Join us at the center or at the Lodi General for food throughout the day. Restrooms will be available.



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## Honored Volunteers

Behind the scene volunteers are vitally important to the overall success of an organization. **Kenney and Janet Bell** fit that bill. Kenney and Janet have helped with the Jerseyville Festival every year by serving in the kitchen and being charge of the pie contest. Not only do they work hard, but their daughter Tara takes charge of the kitchen in Jerseyville from time to time, allowing the rest of us to take a short and much needed break. Their preparation of the meats for the Valentine's Dinner and donations of baked goods for various events are always appreciated. We always know that they will come to the rescue anytime they are asked. In addition to their hours of volunteer work at the center, they are both active in the Seniors and Janet often holds offices in both the Seniors and the Alumni. **Congratulations to our Honored Volunteers, Kenney and Janet Bell.**



# SCCA News

## Lost In Lodi Enduro

*Sox Brookhart Memorial*

**March 29, 2015**



What started out as a cold, blustery Southeastern Ohio March day for the annual Lost in Lodi, Sox Brookhart Memorial Enduro Race, turned out to be a pleasant day of sunshine and family fun for the folks of Lodi Township. With the cooperation of Lodi Township landowners and the support of the community, 165 riders enjoyed the many trails of the Shade area with nothing but positive feedback. Around 150 racers completed the race.

Lost in Lodi was started in 2013 to help with the volunteer fire department. This year, in addition to helping the fire department, LIL has spread their generosity to other parts of the community. They have helped two local racers in need: Rory Mead, a Pro GNCC rider (Courtney Allen's fiancé), with medical bills following a spinal cord injury while racing; and Steve Barber, battling cancer and waiting for a transplant, a long time racer and helper with the Lost in Lodi Race. In addition, they donated money to help pay for a wheelchair ramp for Pat Rankin. They also donated money to the Shade Community Center.

To show their appreciation to the local landowners, the LIL Team will host a Landowner's Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, May 30 at 6:00 pm, featuring JJ's delicious smoked meat. In addition, on a first come-first serve basis, reflective mailbox pole signs with house numbers will be available. Landowners can sign up at the Lodi General Store or contact any LIL member. These reflective poles will make landowners more accessible to emergency responders and delivery personnel.

Thank you, Lost in Lodi, for your support of our community!



Lost In Lodi 2015 donated quilt was pieced by Teresa Faires Winning and quilted by Brenda Kennedy.

## Easter Egg Hunt

The lawn areas of the Shade Community Center are usually deserted. But not on March 22, 72 children descended on the grounds for the 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt. With Easter baskets in hand, the children scrambled to pick up eggs stuffed with toys and candy. The Easter Bunny made an appearance as the children enjoyed their treasurers.

To put on this event, the center spent \$250.00 with \$22.01 in donations received the day of the event. This event would not be possible without the help of our many volunteers. A special thanks to Hunter Krivesti for being the Bunny; Robin Krivesti, Tammy and Jerry Foster, Grace Dorst, several Lodi Creative Critters members, Marcia Gwinn, Rita Withem, Heidi and Marv Marty, Marliesa Boivin, Beverle Boivin, Fred Wooten, Lodi General Store and Sharon Fulton for their help with stuffing eggs, set up, clean up, serving food, goodies, door prizes, pictures and basket donations. Easter Bunny, Hunter, also appeared at the Coopertop Inn for their annual egg hunt on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Not only was the Easter Bunny a big hit at the Coppertop Inn, but the center received a gift certificate and new members.





# Easter Egg Hunt





# SCCA News Continued/History News

## Horse Judging/Hippology



By Heidi Marty

Horse Judging/Hippology meets on Thursday (May 7 & 21, June 4 & 18) from 6:30 – 7:30 pm and is open to anyone interested. Be on the other side of showing your horse - learn what the judges are looking for and how each class is placed. No experience (or horse) needed! You can learn to judge even if you don't actively show horses. Hippology is the study of horses, which includes: parts of bridle, bits, blemishes and unsoundness, digestive system, reproductive system and parasite. Questions please call - JoEllen Sherow/740-541-4557 or Heidi/740-856-1299.

## Lodi Art Love



By Heidi Marty

We're an art class that meets twice a month on Thursdays at 7:00 pm right here at our community center to encourage art in Lodi. There are no age restrictions - everyone is invited. We will plan projects for the beginning/younger artist and for anyone wanting to learn a new craft or art technique.

If anyone would like to contribute to **Lodi Art Love** in anyway, contact Heidi Marty/ 856-1299 or Tere Sager/590-4959.

Upcoming dates:

- May 6 - Mother's Day surprise project and/or journaling
- May 20 - Father's Day surprise project
- June 3 - finishing up on Father's Day project
- June 17 - wind chimes
- July 1 - stars and stripes

## Shade Alumni Banquet Correction

**The Shade Alumni Invitation had an incorrect date of May 10th. (We all know that is Sunday, Mother's Day).... the banquet will be held as usual on the Saturday night before Mother's Day, which is May 9th.** We are sorry for any problems this may cause. If you have questions, call one of the officers listed on your invitation.

Thanks,

Fran Hooper Moxley

## End of the Civil War

By Gail Jordan and Brenda Ruth

On April 14th, the 150th anniversary of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, and almost at the exact hour, local historian David Frey presented "Last Days of the Civil War" to the thirty people in attendance at the monthly meeting of the Shade-Lodi History and Genealogy Association. This was only five days after the 150th anniversary of Robert E. Lee's surrender to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House.

Mr. Frey outlined the troop movements and battles during the last several months of the war from June 1864 until Appomattox and beyond. In just over one week prior to the battle at Appomattox Court House, General Lee lost more than half his army, including eight generals on one day. Rather than "risk unnecessary destruction to the South" that "it would take the country years to recover from", Lee surrendered his remaining 28,000 men of the Army of Northern Virginia, which effectively ended the war.

General Grant agreed to parole General Lee and the entire Army of Northern Virginia rather than take them prisoner. Interestingly, Grant had printing presses set up at Appomattox to print the parole papers, so that the confederate soldiers could travel home with impunity from capture. Some credit Grant's leniency, together with Lee's reluctance to risk a guerrilla war, for leading to the relative peacefulness of the Reconstruction after the war.

Several battles were fought after Appomattox. Two weeks after Lee's surrender Joe Johnston surrendered the Army of Tennessee, almost 90,000 men, to William T. Sherman. The Battle of Palmito Ranch, May 12-13, 1865, is often considered the final battle because it was the last one involving casualties. The Cherokee Stand Watie, who commanded the First Indian Brigade of the Army of the Trans-Mississippi, was the last confederate general to surrender on June 23, 1865 at Doaksville in the Choctaw Nation (now Oklahoma).



David Frey

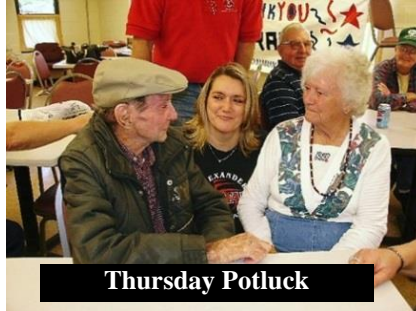
# SCCA Celebrates 10 Years

**2005**



Grand Opening

**2006**



Thursday Potluck

**2007**



Jammin' in Jerseyville

**2008**



History Meeting

**2009**



Pratts Fork Bell

**2010**



Veteran's Dinner

**2011**



Chinese Auction

**2012**



Set up for Valentine's Dinner

**2013**



Playground Project

**2014**



Halloween Party

**2015**



Easter Egg Hunt

More pictures commemorating SCCA's 10 years can be found on our website at:  
<http://shadecomcenter.wix.com/shadecomcenter>

Regular meetings of the Shade-Lodi History and Genealogy Association are held on the third Tuesday of each month and begin at 6:30 pm.

*The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th beginning at 6:30 pm. The program will be presented by Joni Carrington, painter from Albany, who will be sharing her art work related to the Underground Railroad.*

# History News Continued

## *My First Grade Teacher*

*Written by Tracy Hanning*

The Second World War had just ended the year before and my parents had returned from Akron where Dad worked in a rubber factory. It was a peaceful time and the economy was buzzing with growth. The school bus driver, Cecil Douglas, a neighbor of ours, drove a classic wood-cladded Ford station wagon right up our farm's driveway to pick up three little boys on their first day of school in early September of 1946. I was six, Jerry was ten and Charlie was thirteen. We each had our metal lunch boxes that Mom had carefully prepared for us that included an apple, two potted meat sandwiches and a thermos of fresh, wholesome milk from our dairy farm, flavored with Hershey's chocolate syrup. The three-story brick school we attended was only ten years old and accommodated all students from the first through the twelfth grades. Each classroom had large blackboards, hardwood floors and wooden chalk trays.

The first day of school was routine for my brothers, but it was a big deal for me, being away from home all day for the first time. The bus driver delivered us to the bottom of the long, gravel and narrow Hawk's Nest Hill where we waited for a bigger bus by the gray concrete bridge that crossed the Middle Branch of the Shade River. During the short wait, kids had fun by testing their arms, throwing rocks into the river.

After boarding the big yellow bus that had already picked up students from Angel Ridge, the seats were full (three students abreast) except one that was 'reserved' for the last stop before arriving at Shade School. A cruel rumor had spread about the two sisters who boarded the bus at the last stop. The sisters never had any problems finding a seat, but they were shunned while riding the bus. Kids can be so cruel, and I felt sad for the two girls.

Upon arriving at the school, my brother, Jerry took me to the first grade room (kindergarten was not available) and told me to sit in the hallway by the door until the teacher arrived. I had just learned how to tie my shoes, so I made sure they were tied properly while I waited on the teacher. Mrs. Tullis soon arrived and showed me and the other little urchins where we could sit. Our desks were the type with the hole for the ink well, although nobody ever used ink. It seems every kid had a new yellow No. 2 pencil and a Golden Rod yellow writing tablet. I can still smell the shavings from the pencils.

Mrs. Tullis was the nicest teacher and I progressed quickly in my reading skills that first year as we studied the Dick and Jane reading series. She would always read to us after lunch from the Reddy the Fox books.

I was so fortunate to have Mrs. Louise Tullis as my first teacher. I sometimes wonder how my life would have turned out if my first year had been with a teacher I did not like. Receiving nearly straight A's in grade school, I was chosen as the 'prince' at the school fall carnival. I went on to participate in sports, being selected as the captain of the varsity basketball team, the Shade Panthers, and then was selected to be the valedictorian of the class of 1958. All of these accolades were strong builders of character and confidence.

After eighteen years of formal education, I often look back and thank Mrs. Tullis for putting me on the right track in the first grade at Shade Elementary School.



Tracy in 1946.



Tracy today.

**Tracy Hanning was a 1958 graduate of Shade High School. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Ohio University in 1962 and a Master's degree from Wright State University in 1971. After a full teaching career, he owned and operated a small business in the Dayton area specializing in residential roofing.**



# SCCA Minutes – March 11, 2015




- Members present: Peggy Rist, Walter Jones, Malcolm Grueser, Betty Snow Rosser, Rhonda Meeks, Teresa Winning, Tom Winning, Jerry Foster, Norman Shaner, Ray Baker, Alex Couladis, Marvin Marty.
- Marvin led the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting.
- The minutes of the February 11 meeting were approved with one minor correction. Motion to approve, Ray; second, Norman; motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Alex presented the Treasurer's report, but there was some confusion related to expenses and revenue from the Valentine Dinner. After some discussion, Ray moved to table the report until the April meeting; Heidi seconded and the motion passed. Current balance in the checking account is \$17,146.79.
- Vice President Report: Peggy distributed the calendar for March. A few corrections were made to days of week or times of some events. Reminders: The Seniors Association will serve the Athens County Trustees Dinner on May 2<sup>nd</sup>; the Alumni Banquet will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>; the Community Yard Sale is scheduled for June 6.
- Jerry reported that the net profit from the Valentine Dinner was \$858. The Valentine Dinner Committee recommended that the price of the dinner be increased next year. In conjunction with the dinner report, Jerry stated that we need to buy about 125 Corelle salad bowls to accommodate the number of people who've attended the dinner the past two years. We also need a few more water pitchers and coffee carafes. Ray moved to authorize up to \$550 for all the above purchases. Walter seconded and the motion passed.
- On behalf of the Maintenance Committee, Jerry proposed the installation of base cabinets and a bar sink at the end wall of the first-floor hallway, near the women's restroom. He estimated the cost at approximately \$800. After questions about access to plumbing and durability of proposed materials, Norm made a motion to approve the project as proposed; Ray seconded and motion passed.
- Corresponding Secretary: Heidi reported that she had mailed get-well cards to Richard Grim and Ruth Hawk; additional cards for Richard and Ruth were passed around for signatures. She also reported that many membership forms and donations have come in.
- Maintenance report: The lock on the single gym door has been repaired; the malfunctioning boiler was repaired; the replacement pump motor (for the boiler circulating pump) has been received and installed, but now the formerly functioning pump needs repair. Jerry has received a replacement for half of the sign hanging on the front of the building; this will replace the half which blew off in an earlier windy storm, and will be hung when weather permits. Rhonda reported that the Township Trustees have agreed to fill potholes and spread gravel on the Center's parking lot (this was done on Feb. 11); they will also plow heavy snow if we get any. Heidi reported that the carpet in one of the second-floor rooms needs cleaning. Marv will ask Captain Steamer to give an estimate on the job.
- Seniors Association: Manuel reported that there was no meeting in January, and will be on hiatus until weather improves.
- History and Genealogy Group: No report.
- Potential tenants: A local artist (painter), Tere Sager, is interested in renting space to be used as a painting studio. She is willing to share the craft room with Heidi. Questions were raised regarding, the period of time covered by the rental (monthly or annual), the amount of rent, and the disposal of cleaning materials. After discussion, Pat moved that the Executive Committee be authorized to negotiate the details of the rental after Heidi gets more information on the amount of space Ms. Sager needs and how she proposes to dispose of her cleaning materials. Another potential tenant needs space to store a quilt display frame. The Sew N Sew Quilters have proposed using the very small room at the top of the stairs (above the third floor) on the south side of the building. It was suggested that we not give this group keys to the building, since they would not need frequent access to the frame. It was suggested that we propose a two-year rental at \$25 per month.
- Heidi suggested we hold a Spring Craft Bazaar as an additional fundraiser. She will get a list of the December Bazaar vendors and try to recruit them. The proposed date is April 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Teresa made a motion to authorize Heidi to move forward with planning the Bazaar; Walter seconded and the motion passed.
- Marvin reported that the Lost in Lodi committee decided to have the Youth Wrestling sell concessions on the day of the race (Sunday, March 29). The committee also voted to give a \$300 donation to the SCCA in lieu of lost concession revenue.
- Marvin suggested that the agreement for Malcolm Grueser to provide cleaning services be re-examined. There was general discontent with the level of service that has been provided for the past year or two. Pat agreed to find a copy of the current agreement so it can be reviewed.
- Rental Agreement document: Teresa led a discussion of the Rental Agreement. Many changes were suggested. Teresa agreed to edit the document and present the updates at the April meeting.
- Ray moved to adjourn; Alex seconded; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Davidson





# MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Athens County Township Association Dinner
3	4 Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm	5 Open Computer and Library 6:00—9:00 pm  Election Day 	6 Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm  Crafts 6:30 – 8:00 pm	7 Open Center: 11—2: (Computer, Home Ec, Library)  Horse Judging/Hippology 6:30 – 7:30 pm	7 Jammin' In Jerseyville 7:00 – 10:00 pm  	9 Recycling 8am—noon  Shade Alumni Banquet
10 	11 Trustee's Meeting 6:30 Township Building Fossil Rock Road  Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm	12 Open Computer and Library 6:00—9:00 pm	13 SCCA Meeting 7:00 pm  Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm	14 Open Center: 11—2: (Computer, Home Ec, Library)  SSCA Meeting 7:00 pm	15	16
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24 Private Party  31	25 Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm	26 Open Computer and Library 6:00—9:00 pm	27 Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm	28 Sr. Poltuck/Bingo 5:30 pm	29	30 Lost in Lodi Landowner's Appreciation Dinner 6:00 pm

# JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm	2	3 Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm  Crafts 6:30 – 8:00 pm	4 Open Center: 11—2: (Computer, Home Ec, Library)  Horse Judging/Hippology 6:30 – 7:30 pm	5	6 Shade Community and US Route 33 A Yard Sale 
7	8 Township Meeting 6:30 Township Garage Fossil Rock  Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm	9 Open Computer and Library 6:00—9:00 pm	10 SCCA Meeting 7:00 pm  Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm	11 Open Center: 11—2: (Computer, Home Ec, Library) SSCA Business Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Jammin' in Jerseyville 7:00 – 10:00 pm 	13 Recycling 8am—noon  Democracy Sminars
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28 Private Family Reunion	29 Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm	30				

## Upcoming Events:

**Shade Community Center:** Jerseyville Festival - October 3

**Shade Senior Citizens Association:**

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SSCA Officers for 2015 (from left to right)  
Heidi Marty – Corresponding Secretary, Peggy Rist – Vice President, Alex Couladis – Treasurer, Pat Davidson – Secretary, Marvin Marty- President

## Welcome New and Returning Members

Daniel & Ashley Morehart  
Larry Baringer  
David & Sharon Varney  
Tim & Sue Pepper Varga  
Don Macrostie  
Edward & Jennifer Zatta  
Chris & Jill Schermacher  
Craig & Brenda Dorst  
Lyle & Suzanne Wolding  
John & Teresa Sager  
Bill & Jennie Coen Mingus  
Jenna Meeks  
Jerry Hanning  
Jan and Liz Schwarzel and Family

## Donations

Bill and Jennie Coen Mingus  
Lyle & Suzanne Wolding  
William & Phyllis Goldsberry Cuckler

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;  
they have the heart." Elizabeth Andrew



## Visit us on the web

<http://www.shadecomcenter.wix.com/shadecomcenter>

## In Memoriam



**Pat Coen Rankin**  
**1940-2015**  
**Ruth Goldsberry**  
**1912 - 2015**



## Shade Exchange

**For Sale.** Muscovy Ducks (chocolates, blues and black and white), extremely easy keepers, love mosquitoes. Hens/ \$10, Drakes/ \$50. Please call Heidi at 740-856-1299.

**Hay for Sale.** Round and square bales. First and second cut. Net wrap. Call Dave Bircher at 740-696-1250/740-591-6911

**Free.** Horse Manure.  
740- 856-1299

## From the Editor

Please help make the SCCA News a better service for you, our members. Newsletters will be printed bi-monthly, Jan.—Feb., Mar.—Apr., May—June, July-Aug., Sept.—Oct., Nov.—Dec.

Submit a recipe, photos, a short article, your "buy, sell, trade or give away" requests or ideas by the 15<sup>th</sup> of Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov. to Rhonda Meeks, Editor, at rhondameeks23@yahoo.com. Only written requests will be accepted.

*Respectfully, Rhonda Meeks*

## Cook's Corner

### Cream of Broccoli Soup By Teresa Winning

#### Ingredients

- 1 quart chicken broth
- 2 sticks of butter, not margarine
- 2 bunches of fresh broccoli
- 1 quart Half & Half
- 1/8 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon tarragon
- Salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions

Wash and steam broccoli in as very little water as you can, until soft enough to chop up...DO NOT CHOP FINE. In 8 qt. pot, melt 2 sticks butter over low heat. Add flour and whisk until blended. Add 1 qt. chicken broth while whisking until it simmers. This will be very thick. Continue whisking for a few minutes. Add Half & Half and continue to whisk until it simmers. Add tarragon, salt and pepper to taste. Add broccoli and bring to low boil, stirring constantly. Continue to cook for about 10 minutes.

I got this recipe from a friend of one of the cooks at "Annie's Tea Shop" in Lancaster. It is anything but fat free and absolutely NOT healthy, but it is the best Cream of Broccoli you will ever make.

## Strengthening Lives In Our Community

Shade Community Center Association  
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# SCCA Draft Minutes – April 8, 2015

- Members present: Peggy Rist, Norm Shaner, Rhonda Meeks, Roberta Henderson, Robin Krivesti, Glenna Grim, Heidi Lajohn-Marty, Manuel Grueser, Alex Couladis, Marvin Marty.
- Marvin opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The minutes of the March 11 meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve, Rhonda; second, Manuel; motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Alex presented the Treasurer's report, and had clarified the expenses and revenue from the Valentine Dinner. Thanks to that, the month of February shows net profit of \$1,376.75, and the year to date shows about the same profit. Current balance in the checking account is \$14,432.02 as of March 30.
- Vice President Report: Peggy distributed the calendar for April and May. Marvin noted that Open Gym Basketball has switched to Mondays and Wednesdays. Reminders: The Seniors Association will serve the Athens County Trustees Dinner on May 2<sup>nd</sup>; the Alumni Banquet will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>; the Community Yard Sale is scheduled for June 6. Also please note a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Jerry reported in writing two improvement projects have been completed. Thanks to the help of Ralph Calvert, he was able to replace the light fixtures and ceiling tile in the first floor hallway. They also repainted the ceiling tile grid, and the job came in very close to the quoted price of \$900.00. The second project was proposed after the Valentine Dinner; this consisted of installing a base cabinet and countertop in the end of the first floor hallway nearest the women's restroom. This included wiring for additional outlets and "can" light fixtures, as well as plumbing for a small sink. This project ran over the quoted price due to the cost of renting a jackhammer to penetrate the brick wall; final cost was \$850. They also are partly finished with re-painting the doorway trim, and intend to finish it before the Alumni Banquet. Last month, members authorized Jerry to spend up to \$550 for additional salad bowls, pitchers and carafes. He was able to purchase 120 salad bowls, 14 pitchers, 10 carafes and some much-needed teaspoons for a total of \$504.48.
- Corresponding Secretary: Heidi reported that she had received a card from Myrtle Stover, in appreciation of all the work done at the Center. She also reported receiving a note of thanks and a donation from the Schwarzs for the Easter Bunny (Hunter Krivesti) visiting their egg hunt. Membership forms and donations continue to come in steadily.
- Seniors Association: Manuel and Roberta reported that the Seniors Appreciation dinner will be held April 23, to be catered by Pam Bond of the Lodi General Store. A bus trip is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- History and Genealogy Group: No report.
- Potential tenants: A local artist (painter), Tere Sager, has begun renting part of the craft room, sharing it with Heidi's art classes. The Sew N Sew Quilters had proposed using a small room to store their quilt display frame, but they have since found another facility. Marvin has been contacted by Pam Crossen who wants to hold bible study on Sundays. After discussion about details of the proposed rental, it was decided to table a decision until the rental agreement is revised and approved. Peggy made the motion to table it, Alex seconded. Motion passed.
- The Coalition for Appalachian Development (COAD) has contacted both Pat and Manuel, proposing to hold a summer reading program for local children, through the RSVP program. This would benefit both the children and local seniors. Members were in favor of hosting the program. Several details remain to be clarified, and Rhonda made a motion to allow the Executive Committee to make a decision as quickly as possible; Alex seconded, and the motion passed.
- Marvin proposed holding a safety class for ATVs, sponsored by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. After discussion, Robin made a motion to allow them to use the ballfield for the class; Alex seconded and the motion passed.
- Last month, Marvin suggested that the janitorial service agreement for the Center be re-examined. There has been general discontent with the level of service that has been provided for the past year or two. This was tabled until next month in favor of more pressing issues, but the current agreement document was distributed to those in attendance for future reference.
- Rental Agreement document: This is still in progress, and Robin volunteered to help finish the proposed revisions.
- A final discussion was held regarding the township levy which provides funds to defray the costs of utilities and insurance premiums. Pat made a motion to place the levy on the November 2015 ballot as a replacement levy (based on the current rate of property taxes) at 0.50 mill (as compared with the current millage of 0.75). Manuel seconded, and the motion passed. Marvin will present this decision to the Township Trustees at their April 13 meeting.
- Rhonda announced the deadline for the May-June newsletter is April 20.
- Roberta brought up the need to have a designated person to take responsibility for organizing food to be provided for wakes, when the need arises. All were in favor, and Roberta volunteered to take the job.
- Alex moved to adjourn; Manuel seconded; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Davidson