



BRMC Newsletter-Jan 2020

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About the BRMC

The Brandermill Region Men's Club (BRMC) is a social club and consists of approximately 125 members who have chosen to make their homes in the communities nearby, including Brandermill and Woodlake in Midlothian VA. Our members arrived here from many different areas of the country and their working backgrounds are rich and varied. This diversity of experience, of men of 50 years of age and older, is a source of strength that has contributed greatly to the club's success.

The objectives of our non-profit organization are to make life more enjoyable and rewarding by promoting friendship, providing enjoyable social activities to those residing in local communities. BRMC hosts monthly meetings where members may engage with inspiring speakers and their fellow members. Guests are welcomed to BRMC events, meetings and social activities.

Officers-2020:

President:

- Graham Henderson
1st VP

- Tom Pakurar
2nd VP

- Ronnie Blankenship

Treasurer:

- Doug Markham

Secretary:

- Fred Carter

Committee Leads

Social:

- Dan Foldenauer

Member Care

- Don Reich

Other

Website

- Fred Carter

Communications

- Dave Wilson

In This Issue

Please get your dies paid for 2020. Only \$35 for the year. The Renewal Form is on our website.

Take a look at our revised website. Fred Carter is doing a fine job of making it current and useful.

Welcome to the New Year 2020! How long will it take to get that date correct on your checks?

Topics: February Meeting-Breakfast

Hear Yea, Hear Yea!

Our February meeting begins with the famous BRMC annual breakfast beginning at 9AM, free to BRMC members and member guests. Bring you appetite as world famous chef Doug Brandenburg will lead in the kitchen. The breakfast effort is led by our own Fred Carter, et. al. Breakfast begins at 9AM sharp with the presentation after. To visit the presenter, see the next page. **ENJOY!**

Wilson's Shop Notes

How are your New Year's resolutions going? Already, mine not so well. I will try again next year.

A good friend gave me good advice. Set goals for the year not resolutions. You may have more rewarding success. I hope that I will.

Next Meeting

Feb. 6, 2020

Time: 9:00A

Presentation: 10:00A

Where: Brandermill Church



Feb 2020 Speaker

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The Brandermill Region Men's Club is proud to announce the guest speaker for our February 6, 2020 meeting will be Jeff Clark. He will speak on the topic of Gerrymandering in Virginia.

Gerrymandering in Virginia

Gerrymandering is a powerful political tool that determines who wins elections. In Virginia, the politicians draw the lines for their districts. This program will provide insights into how this is done, why this system is unfair, and how Virginia can create a fairer way to draw political boundaries by allowing the citizens to vote on a Virginia Constitutional Amendment to end gerrymandering.

Biography

Dr. Clark was a Professor in the Psychology Department at Virginia Union University for 39 years. After retiring in 2013, he became a volunteer for OneVirginia2021, an organization working toward redistricting reform in Virginia. In addition, he is a reader to a first grade class and has been a mentor to 4th and 5th graders at Greene Elementary School. Furthermore, he is a docent at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture and sings tenor in his church choir.





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BRMC Finances

The following financial report comes from Navin Tejani, BRMC Treasurer. The report is for Dec. 2019.

Accounts	Checking Account	Detail
Beginning Balance	\$3309.48	Dues: \$1015
Income	\$1059.00	Raffle: \$44.00,
Expenses	\$374.06	
Ending Balance	\$3994.42	

Key Expenses:

Gift cards for speakers. \$279.96
 Label badge stock. \$42.66
 Breakfast on 12/5/19. \$21.41
 Web domain renewal. \$21.17
 Roy's Copies. \$8.86

Lack of Dues Payment: We have nine members who have not paid since 2018. If they have not yet paid for 2020 by the end of 2019, their names will be removed from the BRMC roster and e-mail list. They can be reinstated by completing the New Member form on our website.

BRMC's Social Program by Larry Kalbach

Month	Date	Activity
Feb.	15	The Valentines' Dinner will be held at the Brandermill Country Club. Gathering at 6:30PM, dinner at 7:00PM. A sign-up sheet will be available shortly.

A number of members and spouses enjoyed the Amuse Restaurant at the VMFA on Dec 13th. Photos are on the last page.

Another Note

About ten BRMC members attended Lou Seminare's memorial service on December 27th.



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A Few Good Hats

We have BRMC ball caps for sale. \$14 each. See any BRMC officer for details. With this new hat you will probably not need to wear your safety vest.

Any new BRMC member as of January 1, 2019 is entitled to a free Brandermill Region Men's Club official cap.



At Large Board Members and Other Chairs

- Fred DaValle—804-739-6696-Breakfast Group Lead
- Larrie Dean—804-833-3087-Museum Lead
- Bal Dighe— 804-639-6960-Fall Picnic Lead
- Ernst Keller—804-739-2700-Brandermill Woods Lead
- Don Reich—804-639-4341-Member Care Lead
- Navin Tejani—804-739-1447
- Tom Brefeld— 804-303-9167
- John Lack-804-677-4335-Fall Picnic Lead
- Bob Lee-804-839-6214-Nominating Committee Lead, Past President
- Dave Wilson-804744-4403-Communications Lead
- Fred Carter-804-639-1259-Also Web Site Lead

Event Groups

- The Breakfast Group will meet on Dec. 12th at the iHOP Restaurant on Hull Street Ro at 8AM.
- The next Gourmet Dinner will be on January 12th. All Gourmet attendees should have details shortly.

New Members

None at this time.



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Current BRMC Group Activities

Fred DaValle-Breakfast Group—804-739-6696

No information at this time.

Graham Henderson Bridge Group—804-739-4505

The bridge group is continuing but could use a couple of new players.

Gourmet Group-Don Blom — 804-739-8401

The Gourmet Dinner group is in full swing with two groups of 4 couples meeting in January

Out to the Movies – Paul Winn—804-840-1077

Paul will notify members if a good movie is in the offing and set a date/time to enjoy.

The Bowling Group—Don Geradi—804-938-3845

Bowling continues with 32 men engaged. Subs are always needed.
The bowling group is actively recruiting new members for the fall session.

The Wine Tasting Group—Dave Wilson 804-744-4403

We are back with a new approach. For each event, up to 4 couples will each bring a bottle of wine, the type, etc, will be specified by the host. The host will provide tasting snacks. In a later newsletter the first date of tasting will be set. Let's see what wines we like.

If you have an interest in participating in any of these groups, please give the lead person a call.

In Remembrance

At our January meeting we remembered members and spouses who had passed in 2019:

Gaynelle Davis, wife of Hugh Davis, Jim Tanner, Tom Spence, Bill McManus, Lou Seminare and Lola Cale, wife of deceased member Mike Cale.

After each name was read, a bell was rung in remembrance. A lovely moment.



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Haley Glynn's presentation is on our website.

Also, please notice the Brandermill Region Men's Club banner. You will now see it at every BRMC event..

