Congratulations to
Terrilyn Flasdick who
won the Christmas
won the Christmas
cookie baking contest
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at the November Genl
at the November soft
Meeting with her soft
chewy coconut
& chewy
macaroons!



MERA HOMETOWN NEWS

AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Items of interest to MERA Members
December 2025

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Warmest of Holiday Greetings to all our MERA Members from your Board of Directors!

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas filled with the warm glow of loving friends and family.



We also hope to see you at our Annual Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 11, 11:00-2:00 at The Wherehouse of Hamburg.

If you plan to attend, remember to bring a nonperishable food donation for Helping Harvest, the food bank that feeds the hungry in Berks & Schuylkill Counties.



MERA Calendar of Events

You won't want to miss any of these great MERA events!

- **MERA Annual Christmas Luncheon** a member favorite is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 11:00 2:00pm. The event returns to The Wherehouse, 215 Pine Street, Hamburg, PA, where we've had good food and a good deal! This year they promise an extra special dessert! The price remains just \$25 per person. Because of FirstEnergy's generous matching grant, MERA can provide this lovely holiday lunch for much less than the actual cost. **Registration has been extended.** Contact Gary Pleiss at (610) 927-7590.
- Happy Hour Wednesday December 17, 4pm (NOTE DATE CHANGE DUE TO Christmas holiday) Ozgood's, 319 E. Penn Ave, Robesonia.
- MERA General Membership Meeting January 19, 1:00 at the Muhlenberg Rec Center Topic TBD Light lunch will be served (free of charge).
- Happy Hour Wednesday January 28, 4pm Mimmos, 290 Morgantown Rd, Reading
- Happy Hour Wednesday February 25, 4pm Pour House 3341 Pricetown Rd, Fleetwood NOTE: No hike planned unless the snow geese arrive at Middle Creek this month in which case Happy Hour will change to K-Ville Tavern

MERA Membership Renewal

Celebrate the holidays by renewing your MERA membership! The 2026 renewal form is enclosed in this month's MERA mailing. The deadline is December 31, 2025. Don't miss out!

- Our annual dues remain at *just* \$5 a good deal by any calculation!
- DID YOU KNOW? FirstEnergy matches each \$5 dues payment with \$10 which subsidizes our costs.
- NEW this year! If you hate writing a check for just \$5 each year and paying the postage, there's a new option. You can renew your membership for three years. Write one check for \$15 and your MERA membership is good through 2028. Please note, these payments are NOT REFUNDABLE...and by that we mean: not refundable. Doesn't matter if Santa Claus gives every MERA member a free peppermint latte or the entire MERA Board takes a cruise to Patagonia, you aren't getting your \$15 back. On the other hand, you'll have three whole years where you can ignore our pleas to write a check to renew your membership.

Sunshine Remembrances

MERA sent condolences to the family of **George Weida**. MERA extends our deepest sympathy to George's grieving family.

MERA Member Milestones Happy December Anniversary!

Tassy & Joe DeAngelo Craig & Robin Fries Clayton & Alice Heiser Donald & Bonnie Jarmoska
Don & Pat McKinney

Happy December Milestone* Birthday!

*A milestone birthday is one that ends in "0" or "5."

Mike Benioff Andy Hunter Miriam Kachel Joy Sands



