



NERA

HOMETOWN NEWS

AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Items of interest to MERA Members
July 2026

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A Note from MERA's President

Anyone who didn't attend our picnic in June missed quite an event.....The hurricane-like winds made it quite challenging for everyone to enjoy the wonderful food. The wind blew chips off plates; drinks topped over! Actually, there was a lot of laughter with all these "events!"

Get your tickets for the Reading Fightin Phils on July 28! (Info below.)
Whatever you have planned, enjoy!

We look forward to seeing you in September at the Kauffmann's Chicken Bake.
What a deal - only \$5.00!

Look forward to seeing you soon!
Jim

NERA Calendar of Events

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

- **NOTE: No general meetings in July or August. See you in September!**
- **Game on! at the Reading Fightin Phils July 28 @ 12 noon.** Buffet & entrance ticket included in \$41 cost. The game starts at 12:00. Doors and buffet open at 11:00. If you have questions, reach out to **Barb Seidel** at 484-794-0857 or baseidel3523@gmail.com.
- **Happy Hour, July 29.** 4 pm at Ozgood's Neighborhood Bar and Grill, 4 Lincoln Rd, Kutztown
- **Happy Hour, August 26.** 4 pm at Trooper Thorn's Irish Beef House, 451 Morgantown Rd, Reading
- **MERA Annual Chicken Bake, September 17, 11:00 am** at Jim Dietrich Park. *Just \$5/person!* Includes Kauffman Chicken Barbeque lunch plus ice cream! **Deadline to register is September 7.** Reach out to **Rob Kehr**, 540 N 6th St., Hamburg, PA 19526. 484-388-0024
- **Mystery Bus Tour, September 23.** Where are we going? We are not telling! Come join us for a fun-filled day on an exciting Mystery trip? This tour will keep you guessing from start to finish which is exactly the point. It's so much fun to enjoy the scenery and the comfortable ride going from one place to another, just letting all the secrets of this day pleasantly unfold. We can't tell

you where we're going, but you can be sure you'll have a great time! We promise you it will be delicious, fun, and interesting. What's Included: Lunch (including taxes and gratuity); ice cream; admissions plus guide gratuities; driver gratuities; motorcoach transportation; and all applicable taxes This is our most popular trip! Don't miss out! Cost: \$168 per person. Registration and payment deadline is August 3. Reach out to **Barb Seidel** at 484-794-0857 or baseidel3523@gmail.com.

- **Happy Hour, September 30.** 4 pm at Liberty Tap Room, 237 N. Prospect St., Reading
- **MERA General Meeting October 19,** 1:00 at the Muhlenberg Rec Center located at 3025 River Rd, Reading, Pa. 19605. Who dunnit? October's meeting will feature a murder mystery program where we have to solve the crime! Light lunch will be served.
- **Happy Hour, October 28.** 4pm at Golden Oaks Bogey's Pub, 10 Stonehedge Rd, Fleetwood
- **MERA General Meeting November 16,** 1:00 at the Muhlenberg Rec Center located at 3025 River Rd, Reading, Pa. Get the latest on frauds, scams and AI from Dave Shallcross from the Attorney General's office. Light lunch will be served.
- **Happy Hour, November 18.** 4pm at Klinger's at the Airport, 2385 Bernville Rd., Reading
NOTE change of date due to Thanksgiving.
- **No Happy Hour in December: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

MERA Member Milestones

Happy July & August Anniversary!

July Anniversaries

Scott & Jan Berglund
Bob & Jean Bonneville
Cheryl & Jeff Fick
Melanie & Michael Hart
Barry & Barbara Hoch
George & Barbara Kunder
Richard & Marcia Laedlein

Donald & Rosemary Ludwig
Kimberly & Gerald Lutz
Larry & Carol Miller
Beverly & Larry Moyer
Kevin & Lisa Straub
Cindy & Jeff Thomas

August Anniversaries

Marshall & Ellen Azrael
Robert & Theresa Bates
Stephen & Eilene Bauer
Dean & Jackie Fenstermaker
Alexis & Harold Green
Debi & Bob Hartz
Paul & Sharon Henry
Willard & Louise Lutz
Georgine & Joe McCool
Edwin & Barbara Ogden
Barbara & Barry Patterson

Robert & Marion Reber
Russell & Jane Rogers
Henri & Mike Santoro
Kim & Mario Scaffidi
Leonard & Ruth Anne Schlegel
Ken & Pat Snyder
Robert & Priscilla Steger
Rosalyn & Carl Strassner
David & Susan Topper
Gary & Patricia Wright

Happy July & August Milestone* Birthday!

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

July Birthdays

Doris Cook
Brian Frantz
Cheryl Haring

Richard Laedlein
Rick Shiner

August Birthdays

Jane Blatt
Craig Fries
Roxanne Hartman
Georgine McCool
Richard Morganti

Dave Murphy
Jennifer Rivera
Virginia Snyder
Bonnie Thomas

There was a pretty dandelion
With lovely, fluffy hair,
That glistened in the sunshine
And in the summer air.
But oh! this pretty dandelion
Soon grew old and grey;
And, sad to tell! her charming hair
Blew many miles away.

Unknown

