



Sept 2009

Hickory Ruritan Club

Hickory Mules in Action

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Bluegrass: Aug. 22—Richard Brink, Doc Bucher, Frontis Cochran, Carl Jensen, Dick McGuire, Gordon Boyd, Frank Williams, Gene Phelps, Mike Starring, K.D. Hicks, Thurman Alexander, Mike Colbert = **49 hours**

Building: George Reich, Vera Reich, Carl Witten = **82 hours**

Kitchen: Preparing barbecue sauce—Bob Snow, Ed Abrames, Frontis Cochran, Dickie Carter = **12 hours**

Environment: Recycling activities—Anthony Draper = **2 hours**

Auction: Pick up donations—Ed Abrames, Anthony Draper = **4 hours**

Citizenship & Pat. Food Drive: Collected **36 lbs** of food and **\$11** at the August membership meeting

Soc. Dev. Activities: Assisted neighbors/shut-ins/homeless with repairs, meals, etc.—June Vinson, Anthony Draper, Dickie Carter = **16 hours**; church and community out-reach projects—Rusty Starring, Carl Witten, Gene Phelps, Anthony Draper = **48 hours**

Actions and Recommendations of the Board

- A. The Board recommended for approval that the club's portion of the 50/50 raffle be donated to the Great Bridge Food Closet for the remainder of this year.
- B. The Board recommended for approval a donation of \$150 to the Third Annual Chesapeake Community Messiah Production.
- C. The next Fish Fry will be Oct. 25. Tickets will be given to members at the Sept. 15 Membership meeting to purchase/sell. No tickets will be sold at the door.
- D. Our annual BBQ Dinner Fundraiser is Sept. 20. There will be no speaker at the Sept. 15 Membership meeting so that we can get prepared for this important fundraiser.
- E. A Policy Manual Committee was established to make suggestions for revisions to our present manual to present to the membership at the November meeting.

MOON PHASES

Last Quarter – Sept 12

New Moon – Sept 18

First Quarter – Sept 26

Full Moon – Oct 4

Last Quarter - Oct 11

**Integrity has no
need of rules.**

--Albert Camus

Ruritans in Action in the Holland District

Sept 12:	1:00-3:00 pm	Magnolia Ruritan Club Boston Butt Sale
Sept 17-20	11:00 am-6:00 pm	Isle of Wight County Fair, Isle of Wight Ruritan Club Food Booth
Sept 19:	2:30-6:00 pm	Deep Creek Ruritans Beef Fest
Oct 3	1:00-4:00 pm	Knotts Island Ruritan Club Oyster Roast
Oct 3	4:00-7:00 pm	Wallaceton Ruritan Club BBQ Dinner
Oct 3	5:00-7:00 pm	Brink Ruritan Club Steak Supper
Oct 10	3:00-7:00 pm	Rescue Battery Park Ruritans Oyster Roast

Hickory Club Ruritans Upcoming Schedule

Sept 14:	7:00 am	BBQ Cooking Day
Sept 14:	9:00 am	Turkey Shoot Set-up
Sept 16:	7:00 am	BBQ Cooking Day
Sept 19:	8:00 am	Potato Peeling Day
Sept 20	noon-4:00	Annual BBQ Dinner (kitchen opens at 8:00 am)
Sept 20	7:00-8:30 pm	Bluegrass
Sept 26	8:00 am-5:00 pm	First Turkey Shoot (Bs/Prof Com. set up)

All of these events need your support.

Please lend a hand.

Don't forget to bring some canned goods for our Citizenship and Patriotism Food Drive project.

Other Hickory News of Interest

The Kitchen Crew will be preparing our meal at this Tuesday's Membership Meeting. Fried shrimp is on the menu. The Environment Committee is designated for clean-up.

Our first Turkey Shoot of the season will be Sept. 26. George Reich could use some help setting up on Monday, Sept 14 starting at 9:00. Everything should be completed that day—if not, he'll need help finishing up on Wed. Sept. 16.

George reports that the roofer has sealed portions of the roof and will continue with his repairs as the weather permits.

Our August contributions to the Food Closet were down considerably from July, and Randy reports that supplies are seriously depleted right now. **Any** canned goods you can donate are greatly appreciated—soups, vegetables, meats, etc. Also, if you forget to bring something along, why not consider dropping a donation into the big glass jar?

We're happy to report that Vera Reich's surgery on her carotid artery was successful and she is doing well, and that Marilyn Hicks was just released to go back to work. JoAnn Falk is recovering from her bout with double pneumonia. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary Alice Bulfin who is recovering from surgery for removal of a tumor, and with Bill McPherson who also underwent surgery recently. Judy Hobbs is under the weather and we wish her a speedy recovery. We received a note from Bill Davidson's wife letting us know that he is not doing well. She thanked the club members for the "pleasure and joy your written communications brought him for such a long time."

We received thank you notes from the Chesapeake Public Schools for our donations to two scholarships—one awarded to a Hickory HS student, the other awarded in memory of Laura Marie Etzell who was recently killed in an automobile accident. We also received a thank you note from Carly Williams for the scholarship we awarded to her.

Any helpful suggestions - please let us know.