

December 2009



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Hickory Mules in Action

Bluegrass—Nov. 28: Richard Brink, Doc Bucher, Carl Jensen, Frank Williams, Gene Phelps, Carl Witten, June Vinson, K.D. Hicks, Thurman Alexander = **34 hours**

Auction—Pick up donations: Ed Abrames, Bob Snow, George Reich, Fred McKenna = **11 hours**

Building—George Reich, Vera Reich = **80 hours**

Environment—Recycling: Anthony Draper = **1 hour**

Turkey Shoots—George Reich, Vera Reich, Dickie Carter, Gordon Boyd, Tom Holmes, Gene Phelps, Fred McKenna, Sharon Kelley, Dick McGuire, Carl Jensen, Bob Manning, Jo-Ann Eason = **409 hours**

Citizenship & Pat. Food Drive—**46 pounds** of food and **\$46** was collected at our November Membership meeting.

Soc. Dev. Activities— Church outreach activities: Jo-Ann Eason, Gene Phelps, Carl Witten = **42 hours**; Youth outreach activities: Mark VanZandt, Milt Johnson, June Vinson, Kim Starring, Rebecca Johnston = **83 hours**; Community outreach activities: George Reich, K.D. Hicks, Carl Witten, Rebecca Johnston, June Vinson, Anthony Draper = **53 hours**; Troop 413 Liaison: Fred McKenna = **2 hours**

Actions and Recommendations of the Board

- A. The Board recommends approval of a motion to donate \$250 to the Hickory High School Orchestra. The orchestra will be performing at Disney World and participating in a competition in Orlando. They need assistance financing this trip.
- B. The Board recommends approval of a motion to donate \$150 to assist 15 needy children in need of clothing at Woodstock Elementary School.
- C. The Board recommends approval of a motion to donate \$100 to the Good Neighbor Festival in order to help supply food baskets this Christmas Season.
- D. If you haven't had a chance to review the proposed Policy Manual, please do so. A few copies will be available at the Christmas party. We would like to vote on acceptance of the Manual at our January Membership meeting.

The 2009 Officers and Board Members wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. May you receive untold blessings in the new year. It has been a pleasure being able to serve you and our community this past year.

MOON PHASES

New Moon – Dec. 16

First Quarter – Dec. 24

Full Moon – Dec. 31

Last Quarter – Jan. 7

Anger is a condition
in which the tongue
works faster than
the mind.

Ruritans in Action in the Holland District

Dec. 12 All Day starting at 0900 District Convention at Franklin

Jan. 28-30 Ruritan National Convention,
Va. Beach Conf. Center

Hickory Ruritan Club Upcoming Schedule

Dec. 12 9:00 am -5:00 pm Final Turkey Shoot (Cit/Pat set up)

Dec. 15 7:00-8:30 pm Family Christmas Celebration

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.

Other Hickory News of Interest

Our December meeting will be the last day of our 2009 Food Drive. Any food items are greatly appreciated, but those that are always needed are canned meats, cold and hot cereals, complete meals, soups, canned vegetables and fruits, instant potatoes, pasta, sauce, peanut butter, jelly and hot drinks. Thank you for your generosity to this project during the past year.

George Parker, a steadfast participant at our Turkey Shoots, passed away the day before Thanksgiving. George participated in every shoot, every Saturday for about the past twelve years, and so was a very generous supporter of our scholarship fund. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

When you see Mark VanZandt at the Christmas party, be sure to thank him for the great job he did refurbishing our stage. He replaced and painted all the woodwork along the front and put up a new railing. What a difference his handiwork has made! Thanks, too, to Richard Brink, Carl Jensen, and George Reich who replaced all the light bulbs in the club—a very tedious and time consuming job.

Many of our members have recently had surgery, been hospitalized, or are under a doctor's care. Please keep in your thoughts and prayers Kenny Hobbs, Gordon Boyd, Vera Reich, Mary Bulifin, JoAnn Falk, and Barbara Swinson. Also, Bob Manning's wife Arnette has been in the hospital as well as Frank Austin's brother and two of Randy Luton's brothers-in-law. K.D. Hicks' wife Marilyn has had several hospital stays recently. Dick McGuire's wife fell and broke several ribs and his daughter fell and severely injured her shoulder. While visiting his daughter in the hospital, Dick made a discovery that solved a long standing mystery. The room next to his daughter's had a plaque that read: *Gift from Hickory Ruritan Club*. We knew we had made that donation, but no one could remember the room number. It is Room 2105.

This Saturday will be our final Turkey Shoot of the season. It is also the date of the Holland District Convention. Several of our members will be attending that convention, so if you could help out at the Turkey Shoot, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Breakfast and set-up starts at 8:00 and the shoots start at 10:00, an hour earlier than usual.

Please consider attending the Ruritan National Convention the end of January. We are one of the strongest clubs in the founding district. Our support and presence at the Convention will demonstrate our dedication to the goals and objectives of the Ruritan mission. If you would like to attend, please give your paperwork to George Reich at the Christmas party. Also we will be hosting a Hospitality Room on opening night—Thursday, Jan. 28—and need help with this effort. You do not need to be registered for the Convention to help out in the Hospitality Room.

We will be donating any leftover turkeys from the Turkey Shoots to the Good Neighbor Festival to distribute to needy families in our community. The Good Neighbor Festival also needs assistance delivering food baskets. If you can help with this, let Bob Snow know.

**If you would like a copy of this newsletter sent to a prospective member,
please let the secretary know and one will be mailed to the address you provide.**