

JANUARY 2010



Hickory Ruritan Club



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Hickory Mules in Action

Turkey Shoots: Nov. 28 and Dec. 12—George Reich, Vera Reich, Frontis Cochran, Gordon Boyd, Tom Holmes, Gene Phelps, Fred McKenna, Sharon Kelley, Dick McGuire, Dickie Carter, Anthony Draper, Richard Brink, Bob Snow, G.B. Pendleton, Ken Carraway, Thurman Alexander, Carl Witten, Carl Jensen, Marvin Powers, Steve Bass, Mickey Ferrell, Denise Ferrell = **155 hours**

Christmas Party: Preparation and Clean-Up—George Reich, Vera Reich, Gordon Boyd, Gene Phelps, Mike Starring, Richard Brink, Bob Snow, Carl Jensen, Mike Starring, Dick Carter = **76 hours**

Scholarships: Steve Bass = **20 hours**

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

Community/Church Outreach Activities—Carl Jensen, Mike Starring, Dickie Carter = **16 hours**

Citizenship/Patriotism Food Drive: **49 lbs** of food and **\$117** collected in

Actions and Recommendations of the Board

- A. We will continue our Food Drive project this year. Each meeting, members are asked to bring some canned goods or make a cash donation. We did very well with this project last year and it is a very tangible way of reaching out to those in our community who need our help.
- B. George Reich and Thurman Alexander will begin researching options for retiling our clubhouse floor.
- C. The Board recommends for approval the application of Daniel Galiardi for membership in the Hickory Ruritan Club.
- D. The Board recommends for approval authorization for George Reich to purchase items to place in the National Convention Auction.

MOON PHASES

New Moon – Jan 15

First Quarter – Jan 23

Full Moon – Jan 30

Last Quarter – Feb 5

Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together.

-Woodrow Wilson

Ruritans in Action in the Holland District

Jan 18	7:00-8:30 pm	Zone 4 Winter Meeting, Grassfield Ruritan Club
Jan 28-30	All Day	Ruritan National Convention, Va. Beach

*You do **not** have to be registered for the National Convention to visit any of the hospitality rooms or to attend the Flag Ceremony/Memorial Service/Vesper Service which is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 27. You **do** have to be registered to attend any of the business meetings, training sessions, meals, or banquets.*

Hickory Ruritan Club Upcoming Schedule

Jan 17	Noon-5:00 pm	Tidewater Bluegrass Music Assoc. Annual Dinner
Jan 19	7:00-8:30 pm	Membership Meeting
Jan 23	7:00-8:30 pm	Bluegrass Concert
Jan 28	5:00-11:30 pm	Hickory Ruritan Club hosts the President's Hospitality Room at the Ruritan National Convention
Feb 09	7:00-8:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting

All of these events need support – ask how you can chip in! We especially need help with the TBMA Dinner and with working the President's Hospitality Room at the National Convention.

Other Hickory News of Interest

Mickey Ferrell's famous chili is on the menu for our supper this Tuesday.

Congratulations to our 2009 Hickory Ruritan of the Year, Frontis Cochran.

If you have any items to donate to the Auction and want to put them in our storage facility now, contact either Fred McKenna or George Reich to make arrangements. Remember to mark the date of the Auction on your calendar—Saturday, March 20. We will need everyone's assistance to make this project successful.

It's that time of year again—dues are due!!! You may pay the \$125 yearly dues in full or you may pay quarterly. Either way, some payment is due now.

Steve Bass and his committee have worked diligently to update the Scholarship application. If you wish to get a scholarship application packet, let Steve know ASAP. He will have some available at this Tuesday's meeting. Completed applications are due NO LATER THAN March 1, 2010.

We still need a chairperson for the Social Development Committee. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, please see President Anthony Draper.

Our condolences go to Gene Phelps whose brother Frank passed away just before Christmas. Our condolences also go to Randy Luton whose brother-in-law passed away just before Christmas and to Carl Witten whose brother-in-law passed away last week. Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers: Kenny Hobbs who recently had a heart attack; Mark VanZandt who recently had surgery on his shoulder; George Hathaway who has been under the weather; Bill McPherson who is continuing treatment for his vision problems; and Randy Luton's other brother-in-law who has transferred from the hospital to rehab.

If you want to send a copy of this newsletter to a prospective member, please let the secretary know and one will be mailed to the address you provide. Any helpful suggestions – please let us know.