

FEB 2010



Hickory Ruritan Club

Hickory Mules in Action



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Blue Grass Annual Dinner: (Jan 17) Richard Brink, Frontis Cochran, Carl Jensen, Dick McGuire, Gordon Boyd, Frank Williams, Gene Phelps, Bob Snow, June Vinson, Mike Starring, Mike Colbert, K.D. Hicks, Rusty Starring, JoAnn Eason, George Reich, Mark VanZandt, Bob Ferguson, Kim Starring, Frank Guthrie, Mickey Ferrell = **64 hours**

Blue Grass Concessions: (Jan 23) Richard Brink, Doc Bucher, Frontis Cochran, Carl Jensen, Dick McGuire, Gordon Boyd, Frank Williams, Bob Snow, Mike Starring, K. D. Hicks, Rusty Starring, Mike Colbert, Thurman Alexander, Frank Guthrie, Anthony Draper = **57.5 hours**

Kitchen Crew: (Jan. 19) Mickey Ferrell, Denise Ferrell, Frontis Cochran, Bob Snow, Thurman Alexander, Dickie Carter, Mark Lehman = **20 hours**

Building: Facility rentals/upkeep—George Reich, Vera Reich = **80 hours**

Ruritan National Convention Hospitality Room: George Reich, Vera Reich, Mickey Ferrell, Denise Ferrell, Sharon Kelley, Anthony Draper, Tom Holmes, Carl Jensen, Gordon Boyd, Dickie Carter, June Vinson, Gene Phelps, Richard Brink, Fred McKenna = **89.5 hrs**

Cit. & Pat. Food Drive: Randy Luton = **4 hours**; in January we collected **20 lbs** of food and **\$74** in cash for the Great Bridge Food Closet.

Auction Prep: Fred McKenna = **2 hours**

Church/Community/Youth Outreach Programs: Gene Phelps, Frontis Cochran, Bob Snow, Milt Johnston, Fred McKenna, Bob Ferguson = **29 hours**

Actions and Recommendations of the Board

- A. The Board recommended for approval a donation of \$50 to the Shepherd's Center in appreciation of the assistance Gordon Sutton provided in setting up our new web-site.
- B. The Board recommended the adoption of the proposed 2010 budget.
- C. The Board recommended for approval a motion to change our 8 At-large members to Associate status. There would be no difference in privileges for the members, but our club would receive a \$4 per member refund from Ruritan National each year.
- D. The Board recommended for approval a motion to set the price of a meal at \$5.00 for associate and at-large members and their guests when they attend a Membership Meeting. The fee would be paid to the Sgt.-at- Arms at the beginning of the meeting.
- E. We have established March 3 as the date for our first Blood Drive of 2010. Carl Witten is organizing this.
- F. The price of a Fish Fry ticket has increased from \$7.00 to \$8.00 because the price of fish has doubled this year. Our first Fish Fry is scheduled for April 25.

MOON PHASES

New Moon – Feb 14

First Quarter – Feb 22

Full Moon – Feb 28

Last Quarter – Mar 7

Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent.

--Marilyn Vos Savant

Ruritans in Action in the Holland District

Feb 20:	4:00-7:00 pm	Wallaceton Ruritan Fish and Chicken Dinner
Feb 26:	5:00-7:00 pm	Meherrin Ruritan Club Fish Fry
Feb 27:	5:30 pm...	Newsoms Ruritan Club Dinner and Auction
Mar 12:	All Day	Zuni Fried Chicken Lunch and Dinner

Hickory Club Ruritans Upcoming Schedule

Feb 16:	7:00-8:30 pm	Membership Meeting (Clean-up Cit & Pat)
Feb 27:	7:00-9:30 pm	Bluegrass Concert Concessions
Mar 1:		Scholarship applications due

Don't forget to bring some canned goods to the meeting on Feb 16. At the Dec meeting, we all agreed we could reach a goal of collecting 1,000 lbs of food and \$800 in cash this year. To reach this goal, we need to collect 84 lbs of food per meeting, which is about 3 cans per member, and \$67 in cash, which is about \$1.20 per member. With all of us working together, we are sure to reach our goal.

Other Hickory News of Interest

A huge thank you to Rosemary Holmes, Tom Holmes' wife, and to Toni McKenna, Fred McKenna's wife, for their help with the President's Hospitality Room at the National Convention. It was a lot of work and many hours, but they pitched in in true Ruritan fashion. We can be very proud of the hospitality and delicious food we provided.

We will be inducting Daniel Galiardi into membership on Tuesday. Please give him a big Hickory Ruritan welcome.

We wish speedy recoveries to Matt Ferrell who recently had surgery on his foot, to Judy Hobbs who had back surgery last week, to Richard Brink who had cataract surgery recently, and to Kenny Hobbs who had heart surgery this week. Our heartfelt condolences go to Frank Williams whose sister Mildred passed away recently and to Thurman Alexander whose step-father passed away on Feb 6.

Our auction is scheduled for March 20 and requires all hands to make it a success. This year's raffle ticket will be for a 40" flat screen t.v. and \$100 in cash. We'll need everyone's help in selling raffle tickets, helping with acceptance of donations the week of the auction, and working the day of the auction. Please help out in any way you can, as much as you can. Fred McKenna is in charge of the auction and will be distributing work assignments on Tuesday.

A big thank you to Carl Witten for agreeing to chair the Social Development Committee.

Another big thank you to Milt Johnston and to Duck's Unlimited for donating a beautiful framed print for our auction. In appreciation, we will provide them use of our club house for their annual banquet.

The Kitchen Crew will be cooking the meal for this Tuesday's meeting. Don't know what's on the menu, but they never fail to provide a delicious supper!

Our first Fish Fry will be April 25. Mickey Ferrell will have tickets on Tuesday for members to purchase/sell. Please support this important fund-raising activity.

A slogan heard recently sums up our mission very nicely: We care, we share, we work. We're Ruritans!

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.