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Hickory Ruritan Club



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Hickory Mules in Action

Bluegrass—Richard Brink, Frontis Cochran, Carl Jensen, Frank Williams, Gene Phelps, Bob Snow, K.D. Hicks, Mike Colbert, June Vinson, Mike Starring, Dan Galiardi, Thurman Alexander, Rusty Starring = **49 hours**

Kitchen Crew—Feb. 16: Meal prep—Mickey Ferrell, Dickie Carter, Mark Lehman, Thurman Alexander, Ed Abrames, Frontis Cochran = **16.5 hours**

Blood Drive—Mar. 3: Carl Witten, Vera Reich, George Reich, June Vinson, Mark VanZandt, Mike Colbert, Charlie Bond, Fred McKenna, Anthony Draper, K.D. Hicks, Frank Austin = **40 hours; 18 pints** collected

Cit. & Pat. Food Drive—Collected in Feb. = **39 lbs** of food, **\$49** in cash; Randy Luton = **2 hours**

Soc. Dev. Activities—Church, community, youth outreach: Frontis, Cochran, Dickie Carter, Carl Witten = **38.5 hours**

Actions and Recommendations of the Board

- A. The Board recommends for approval the following donations: Hickory HS After-Prom Party--\$300; Grassfield HS After-Prom-Party--\$100; James Lawrence's Eagle Scout Project to build a storage box for the GBHS band--\$100; Chesapeake Care Free Clinic--\$200; Chesapeake Little League--\$150; Southside Lions Club for the Eye Bank--\$100; ½ page program ad for the HHS Drama Dept.--\$200; Relay for Life--\$100
- B. The Board recommends that Larry Greenough, sponsored by Carl Jensen, be approved for membership in the Hickory Ruritan Club.
- C. We will need lots of help starting at 8:00 am Wednesday March 17 to accept and organize donations for the Auction. This is a big job and we appreciate your help. We also need people to contact the many new local businesses for possible donations to the auction.
- D. Our first Fish Fry will be held on Sunday, April 25. Please sell as many tickets as you can so we can make this a successful fund-raising project. Mickey Ferrell has the tickets.
- E. Gene Phelps audited the Treasurer's books for 2009 and they were in perfect order.

MOON PHASES

New Moon-Mar 15

First Quarter-Mar 23

Full Moon-Mar 30

Last Quarter-Apr 6



**Go mbeannai
Dia duit.**

**(May God Bless
You.)**

-- Irish Blessing

Ruritans in Action in the Holland District

Mar 13:	All day	Magnolia Boston Butts Sale
Mar 20:	11:00 am--	Deep Creek Ruritan Club Fried Chicken Dinner
Apr 9:	All day	Bethlehem Ruritan Club BBQ
Apr 10:	All Day	Claremont Spring Fling

Hickory Ruritan Club Upcoming Schedule

Mar 16:	7:00-8:30 pm	Membership Meeting (All hands set up for Auction afterwards; Env. Com. has kitchen clean-up.)
Mar 17:	8:00 am.....	Help needed moving items from storage to the clubhouse; pick-up trucks and trailers also needed.
Mar 20:	All Day	Auction: All members needed
Mar 27:	7:00-8:30 pm	Bluegrass
Apr 4:		Easter Sunrise Breakfast

All of these events need support – ask how you can chip in!

**Don't forget to bring some canned goods to the meeting on March 16.
Remember our goal of 1,000 pounds.**

Other Hickory News of Interest

Please remember to pay your dues if you haven't already done so.

We received a thank you note from Ruritan National for the fine job we did hosting the President's Hospitality Room at the National Convention.

We received a thank you note from Leah Backus for the Ruritan sponsorship of her 4-H market steer. Thanks Jack!!

We also received a thank you note from Cub Scout Pack 48 for donating the use of our clubhouse to them on two different occasions. They also sent us a \$100 donation in appreciation.

Hickory Mule Update: Now we know why we haven't heard anything about the mules for a long time. They are going to school. That's right, going to school in Fishersville, VA. One of our members who was vacationing in that area last fall just told me. It seems he was riding about one day and saw a street sign that read, "Mule Academy Road." He decided to check it out, and sure enough, there taking a grazing break were the Hickory Mules on the academy grounds, just having a grand time. He tooted and waved, but they just ignored him and went on about their business. How they got there is anybody's guess, and that's another story.

Gordon Boyd recently spent 8 days in the hospital. We're glad to see him up and about again. Richard Brink recently had cataract surgery and Judy Hobbs is recuperating from back surgery. Matt Ferrell will be shedding his cast next week—just in time for baseball season.

A big thanks to Gene Phelps for once again handling the business donations to the Auction and to Ed Abrames for again agreeing to be the transportation coordinator. Huge jobs!!

Any helpful suggestions – please let us know. If you'd like us to send a copy of the newsletter to someone, let the secretary know.