

MAY  2010

Hickory Ruritan Club



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Hickory Mules in Action

Auction: Ed Abrames, Thurman Alexander, Frank Austin, Steve Bass, Charlie Bond, Gordon Boyd, Richard Brink, Doc Bucher, Jimmy Bulfin, Mary Bulfin, Dickie Carter, Frontis Cochran, Mike Colbert, Billy Deford, Anthony Draper, Bob Ferguson, Denise Ferrell, Matt Ferrell, Mickey Ferrell, Dan Galiardi, K.D. Hicks, Judy Hobbs, Kenny Hobbs, Vic Hofer, Tom Holmes, Carl Jensen, Milt Johnston, Elizabeth Johnston, Rebecca Johnston, Sharon Kelley, Mark Lehman, Randy Luton, Bob Manning, Dick McGuire, Fred McKenna, William McPherson, Jack Peoples, Gene Phelps, Demity Piranian, Marvin Powers, George Reich, Vera Reich, Bob Snow, Kim Starring, Mike Starring, Rusty Starring, Barbara Swinson, Mark Vanzandt, June Vinson, Tom Ward, Frank Williams, Carl Witten = **505 hrs**

Environment: Club grounds clean-up—Fred McKenna, Bob Ferguson, George Reich, Mark Vanzandt, K.D. Hicks, Gordon Boyd = **15 hrs**; collected and delivered 2 truck loads of electronic waste to hazardous material collection site—Fred McKenna, Mike Colbert, George Reich, Gordon Boyd = **6 hours**

Bluegrass Concert Concession, Apr 24: Richard Brink, Doc Bucher, Dick McGuire, Gordon Boyd, Gene Phelps, Bob Snow, Carl Witten, Frank Guthrie, K. D. Hicks, Mike Starring, Kim Starring, Mike Colbert, Dan Galiardi = **42.75 hrs**

Scholarship Committee: Steve Bass, George Reich, Sharon Kelley = **23 hrs**

Easter Sunrise Breakfast (not previously reported): Richard Brink, June Vinson = **9 hrs**

Cit. & Pat: Food Drive: March collection=**44 lbs and \$37**; April collection= **31 lbs and \$34**; Randy Luton = **2 hrs** ; Elem. Citizenship Awards—Randy Luton = **4hrs**

Publicity: Randy Luton = **5 hrs**

Website Maintenance: Carl Witten = **2 hrs**

Building: George Reich, Vera Reich, Richard Brink = **80 hrs**

Soc Dev Activities: Youth—Kim Starring, Milt Johnston, Rebecca Johnston, Fred McKenna = 9 hrs; Church—Carl Jensen, Larry Greenough, Carl Witten, Dick McGuire, Gene Phelps = 39 hrs; Community—June Vinson, Carl Witten = 102 hrs. **TOTAL=150 hrs**

Actions and Recommendations of the Board

- A. The Board authorized Randy Luton to purchase a Hickory Ruritan Club felt banner.
- B. The Board recommends that Eric Jensen, sponsored by Carl Jensen, be approved for membership in the Hickory Ruritan Club.
- C. George and Richard Brink installed new commodes in both restrooms.
- D. Our club awarded 11 scholarships this year. Recipients will be honored at our July membership meeting.

MOON PHASES

New Moon – May 14

First Quarter – May 20

Full Moon - May 27

Last Quarter – Jun 4

What lies behind
us and what lies
before us are
small matters
compared to
what lies within
us.

--Ralph Waldo
Emerson

Ruritans in Action in the Holland District

May 15	All Day	Magnolia Boston Butts Sale
May 19	All Day	Hunterdale Ruritan Club BBQ at Bronco Rod & Gun Club
May 21	All Day	Founders' Day Golf Tournament
May 22	All Day	Founders' Day and BBQ Cook-Off in Holland

Hickory Ruritan Club's Upcoming Schedule

May 18	7:00--8:30	Membership Meeting: Spouses' Night (Soc Dev has clean-up)
May 22	7:00--9:30	Blue Grass Concert Concessions
Jun 8	7:00--8:30	Board of Directors Meeting
Jun 15	7:00--8:30	Membership Meeting: Children's Night
Jun 24	TBA	Hickory Ruritan Club Blood Drive

If you have signed up to cut grass, please don't forget when your scheduled time is. If you find you can't fulfill your commitment, please try to find someone to switch with you or let someone know you need a replacement. The Club is usually rented out on week-ends, and we want to put our best face forward to show our pride in our Club.

Please remember to bring some canned goods on Tuesday for our Food Drive.

Other Hickory News of Interest

Hickory Ruritan Mule Update: Our investigator is still at work piecing together the story of how our mules got themselves all the way to Fishersville, VA and enrolled in the Mule Academy there. Some of our newer members probably wonder why we take such an interest and pride in what a bunch of wild mules from this area have managed to do. These mules have a great deal in common with humans and would make good Ruritans. Mules, like humans, are found in all parts of the world. Like humans, a mule looks somewhat like both of its parents. From its mother it gets a large well-shaped body and strong muscles. From its father it gets a braying voice, sure-footedness and endurance. Mules can remain strong under harsh treatment and work, but like humans, they work better if treated with kindness. It's true, our wild mules are a cut above average to say the least. We have adopted these mules for their work ethic and are proud that they are the mascots of our club. So, all members, look at the wall over the kitchen pass-thru window and you will see our mascot "Stokley the Mule." Let him be a reminder that we should all be "Hickory Mules."

Congratulations to Anthony Draper on the purchase of his first home. He is now an official Hickory resident and will be moving into his new digs in Homestead Acres in the very near future.

Because our Auction and our Fish Fry did not net the profits we expected, our budget will need to be amended. Frank Austin will provide more details at the membership meeting.

Fred McKenna reported that Josh Conway will be reworking the area around the Hickory Ruritan sign in the median strip at Battlefield Blvd S and Centerville Tpk. This is his Eagle Scout project and McDonald Garden Center will be assisting him.

Frontis Cochran and his BBQ cooking team will be competing at the Founders' Day Cook-Off on May 15. We wish them the best of luck!

Frank Williams and Steve Bass have recently been under the weather after surgery; we wish them speedy recoveries. Luther Hobbs was recently hospitalized but is home now and we wish him a speedy road to recovery as well.

We are all deeply saddened by the loss of our fellow Ruritan and dear friend, Mary Bulfin. We offer Jimmy our continued friendship, prayers, and support during this most difficult time.