

August  2010

Hickory Ruritan Club



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Hickory Mules in Action

Auction: Furniture pick-up— Ed Abrames, Bob Snow, Frank Guthrie = **6 hours**

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

Bluegrass: June 24—Doc Bucher, Carl Jensen, Frontis Cochran, Dick McGuire, Gordon Boyd, Frank Williams, Gene Phelps, Carl Witten, June Vinson, Rusty Starring, Mike Colbert, Dan Galiardi = **45 hours**

Kitchen Crew: July 20—Mickey Ferrell, Frontis Cochran, Dickie Carter; Thurman Alexander, Mark Lehman, Ed Abrames, Bob Snow = **21 hours**;
Aug. 6: Summer Zone Meeting meal —Mickey Ferrell, Denise Ferrell, Bob Snow, Dickie Carter, Frontis Cochran, Mark Lehman, George Reich, Vera Reich, Gordon Boyd = **39 hours**

Citizenship & Pat. Food Drive: In July we donated **40 lbs** of food and **\$24 cash**

Soc. Dev. Activities: Church outreach—Carl Jensen, Kim Starring = **14 hours**; Community outreach—Dickie Carter = **4 hours**

Actions and Recommendations of the Board

- A. We are looking for someone to assume responsibility for organizing volunteers to cut our grass during the summer months. We are having difficulty finding members to do this important task.
- B. Our annual BBQ Dinner is Sunday, September 19. The success of this fund-raiser is critical to our mission of community service. We fund our generous scholarships and donations to the community with the profits from our fund-raisers. We need everyone's help.
- C. The August Membership Meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 17. The date was incorrectly listed in the calendar.
- D. The Membership will vote on a proposed amended budget for the remainder of 2010 at the Sept. 17 meeting. The budget needs to be amended because our Fish Fry and our Annual Auction did not net the profits we anticipated. The Board has also recommended that further cuts will be necessary in the 2011 budget.
- E. The air conditioner in the kitchen is dead and will be repaired as soon as possible. In addition, two units in the clubhouse are not working and need to be repaired. George Reich and Thurman Alexander are working on fixing these problems.

MOON PHASES

First Quarter – Aug 16

Full Moon – Aug 24

Last Quarter – Sept 1

New Moon – Sept 8

Laughter is a
tranquilizer with
no side effects.

--Arnold H. Glasgow

Ruritans in Action in the Holland District

Aug 19: 6:00-9:00 pm Zone 1 Summer Meeting, Elks Lodge in Suffolk
Sept 18: Deep Creek Ruritan Beef Fest @Izaak Walton League
Sept 18: Grassfield Ruritan Club Auction
Sept 18: noon-3:00 pm Great Bridge Boston Butt Sale

Hickory Club Ruritans Upcoming Schedule

Aug 17: 7:00-8:30 pm Membership Meeting (clean-up Cit/Pat Committee)
Aug 28: 5:30-9:00 pm Bluegrass Concessions
Sept 11: 9:00 am-1:00 pm AARP Food Collection at our club
Sept 7: 7:00-8:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting
Sept 13 noon BBQ Dinner Prep
Sept 14: 7:00-8-30 pm Membership Meeting (clean-up Env. Committee)
Sept 15: noon BBQ Dinner Prep
Sept 18: 8:00 am BBQ Dinner Prep
Sept 19: 10:00 am-5:00 **Annual BBQ Dinner**
Sept 29: 3:00-7:00 pm Blood Drive

As summer continues, food closet stocks remain low. All food donations are greatly appreciated and everything is used to feed those in need. Whether you contribute a little or a lot, it makes a big difference to those who cannot feed themselves or their families. THANK YOU!

Other Hickory News of Interest

Our August Membership Meeting is on Tuesday, August 17. The date was given incorrectly in the yearly calendar. The dates for the September Board Meeting and the September Membership Meeting are correct. Because of the Annual BBQ Dinner on Sept. 19, these meetings are moved up a week.

If you can spare a few hours, come out on any of the BBQ Dinner Prep dates and help chop barbecue and make cole slaw. Sept. 18 is potato peeling day. Many hands make the work go faster and it's a great opportunity for fellowship with your fellow Hickory Ruritans.

Please correct the dates of the December meetings in your calendar. The correct date for the Board Meeting is December 14. The correct date for the Membership Meeting Family Christmas Celebration is December 21.

Because of our serious budget shortfalls, it is more important than ever that each member give his/her full support to making the BBQ Dinner a success. Each member should purchase at least one block of tickets and sell as many tickets as possible. We also need everyone's assistance in advertising the event among friends, relatives, and co-workers. Our BBQ is delicious and the meal is a steal at \$7.00 for the portions that are given. If you can post any flyers in the community, that would be very helpful, but please encourage others to come out and help us raise money for our community service projects.

A big **Thank You** to Mickey Ferrell for taking care of the huge hornet's nest on the side of the clubhouse.

Please continue to keep Joann Falk in your thoughts and prayers as well as Gene Phelps' wife who will be having surgery soon.

Our sincere condolences go to Frank Austin whose brother Fred Austin (Herbie) passed away August 9. Frank's twin brother Billy is at home now recovering from a fractured neck.