

FEBRUARY 2009

Hickory Ruritan Club



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Hickory Mules in Action

Tidewater Bluegrass Assoc. Dinner Prep: Jan. 17—Bob Snow, Richard Brink, Carl Jensen, Dick McGuire, Carl Witten, Frank Williams, George Reich, Mickey Ferrell = 20 Hours

Tidewater Bluegrass Assoc. Dinner: Cook, Serve, Cleanup: Jan. 18—Frontis Cochran, Richard Brink, Mickey Ferrell, Doc Bucher, Frank Williams, Carl Jensen, Dick McGuire, Sharon Kelley, Fred McKenna, Gordon Boyd, Bob Snow, Mike Colbert, Mike Starring, Gene Phelps, June Vinson, K.D. Hicks = 68 hours; 100 dinners were served @ \$7.00 each

Tidewater Bluegrass Association Concession: Jan. 24 – Carl Jensen, Doc Bucher, Frank Williams, Dick McGuire, Bob Snow, Gene Phelps, June Vinson, Carl Witten, Richard Brink, Gordon Boyd = 40 Hours

Charles Bond: Delivered Meals on Wheels = 3.5 hours

Carl Jensen: Removed and replaced rear entry door on Good Hope UMC parsonage = 5 hours

Carl Jensen, Gene Phelps: Preparation of breakfast for GHUMC-Methodist Men = 4 hours

Carl Jensen, Gene Phelps: Assisted with a funeral reception at GHUMC = 6 hours

Fred McKenna: Boy Scout Liaison in January = 2 Hours

Denise Ferrell: Copied, collated, stapled calendars, rosters, newsletters = 6 hours

Our kitchen crew will be cooking us up some chili for the Feb. 17 Membership Meeting, unless, of course, we have LOTS of fish left over. If that's the case, we'll be having fish!

Actions and Recommendations of the Board

- A. Mickey Ferrell will be researching gas companies to fill our tank. The company we are now using is charging us \$4.52 per gallon. In 2007 our gas consumption was about the same as it is now but the price for gas then was \$2.70 per gallon. Like everyone else in these hard economic times, we need to find ways to stretch our budget. For the last 4 months we paid an average of \$1800 **per month** for fuel.
- B. Alton Brinkley, the Zone 4 Governor, has asked each of the Zone 4 Ruritan Clubs to donate \$95 for the purchase of a therapeutic, hand powered tricycle for Nadia Zaichenko. Nadia was born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and she is a paraplegic. Our donation would go towards the \$1400 cost of the tricycle.

MOON PHASES

Full Moon – Feb 9

Last Quarter - Feb 16

New Moon – Feb 25

First Quarter – Mar 4

Full Moon – Mar 11

Feb 1865 and Feb 1999 are the only months in recorded history not to have a full moon.

A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single man contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral.

Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Ruritans in Action in the Holland District

Feb 27:	1800-2000	Knotts Island Ruritan Chicken & Dumplings
Feb 28:	1000	Belvidere Ruritan Auction – Accepting items for sale on 2/25
Feb 28:	1200-1800	Carrollton Ruritan Fish Fry
Feb 28:	1200-1700	Isle of Wight Brunswick Stew
Mar 07:	1000-1700	Wallaceton Ruritan Auction
Mar 13:	1700-2000	Courtland Ruritan Auction

Hickory Club Ruritans Upcoming Schedule

Feb 10:	1900-2000	Board of Directors Meeting
Feb 15:	0900-1600	Fish Fry: WE NEED EVERYONE'S SUPPORT
Feb 17:	1900-2030	Membership Meeting
Feb 28:	1900-2030	Bluegrass Concert Concessions
Mar 17:	All Day	Hickory Ruritan Auction

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

Don't forget to bring some canned goods to the meeting on Feb. 17. We got off to a good start and want to make this a successful club project. This is an excellent way for us to assist those in the community who need our help.

Other Hickory News of Interest

We are saddened to report that Kenny Hobbs' mother passed away in January. Frank Guthrie's mother also passed away in January. They and their families are in our thoughts and prayers. Pete Harrell is in the hospital in intensive care and isn't allowed visitors at this time. He is, however, making good, steady progress. Doc Dickerson is recovering at home after surgery this past week on two tumors. Gordon Boyd is back on his feet after spending 4 days in the hospital and Mary Bulfin has been undergoing chemotherapy.

Are you a Meet-Greet-Eat-and Retreater? If you fit the bill, you aren't contributing to the Ruritan Mission: to improve communities and build a better America through fellowship, goodwill, and community service. Do some math. Your dues are \$125 a year. Deduct \$40 that goes to Ruritan National, leaving our club \$85 of your money. Factor in the cost of a monthly meal for you and possibly for your spouse twice a year and maybe some children or grandchildren at the Christmas party. How much of your dues is left for club projects, scholarships, and expenses? How much time, if any, do you donate to make our various projects successful? Is your name ever listed in the Hickory Mules in Action section? Do you support our fund-raisers by buying a block of tickets either to sell or give as gifts to friends? We are a **great** group of people, joined in a common purpose—to be of service to our community. We aren't just a social club. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!! If you haven't been active in the club in awhile, why not recommit to the goals and objectives that we can accomplish only if everyone takes an active part.

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.