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Hickory Ruritan Club



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Hickory Mules in Action

Fish Fry—Prep, serving, cleanup: Carl Jensen, Richard Brink, Mickey Ferrell, Denise Ferrell, Gordon Boyd, Frontis Cochran, Mike Starring, Ed Abrames, Rusty Starring, Jo-Ann Eason, Mark Lutes, Sharon Kelley, Dick McGuire, Frank Williams, Matt Ferrell, Jack Peoples, Marvin Powers, Jimmy Bulfin, Steve Bass, Mary Bulfin, Bob Ferguson, KD Hicks, Dick Carter, George Reich, Gene Phelps, Vera Reich, Elizabeth Johnston, Charlie Bond, G.B. Pendleton, Kim Starring, Carl Witten, Fred McKenna, Frank Austin, Judy Hobbs, Kenny Hobbs, Milt Johnston, Bob Snow, Anthony Draper, Tommy Hart, Demity Piranian, Bill Deford, Bill McPherson = **230 hours**

Bluegrass—Richard Brink, Doc Bucher, Frontis Cochran, Carl Jensen, Dick McGuire, Gordon Boyd, Frank Williams, Gene Phelps, Bob Snow, Carl Witten, K.D. Hicks, Mike Colbert, Bob Snow = **54 hours**

Cit. & Pat. Food Drive—In January, 19 lbs of food and \$40 cash; in February, **69 lbs.** of food

Soc. Dev. Activities—Assisted neighbors with repairs: Carl Jensen, Frank Williams, June Vinson = **11 hours**; assisted shut-ins with meals, transportation, etc: Dick Carter, Luther Hobbs, Jack Peoples, Jo-Ann Eason, June Vinson = **57 hours**; church and community outreach activities: Carl Jensen, Gene Phelps, Carl Witten, Steve Bass, Bob Manning, Rusty Starring, Sharon Kelley, Milt Johnston, June Vinson = **75 hours**

Env. Activities—Bird Walk: Mark Lutes = **3 hours**

Actions and Recommendations of the Board

- A. The Board recommended for approval the acceptance of 4 applications for membership: Skip Margiotta, Gina Brooks, Bill Brooks, and Rebecca Johnston (student).
- B. The Board recommended for approval the following donations: Hunters for the Hungry--\$200; Hickory HS After-Prom-Party--\$300; Grassfield HS After-Prom-Party--\$100; Ducks Unlimited—donate use of building for their April 16 activity in lieu of usual \$250 cash donation.
- C. The Board authorized George Reich to purchase 12 chairs to replace those that have been broken.
- D. George Reich reported on the immediate repair needs of our clubhouse; we will be setting up work days in June for volunteers to help with roof repairs, painting, etc.
- E. We will hold another Fish Fry on June 28.

MOON PHASES

First Quarter – Mar 4

Full Moon – Mar 11

Last Quarter – Mar 18

New Moon – Mar 26

First Quarter – Apr 2

Full Moon – Apr 9



If God sends you
down a stony path,
May He give you
strong shoes.

-- Irish Blessing

Ruritans in Action in the Holland District

Mar 21: 11:30-5:30	Creeds BBQ
Mar 28: 5:00-7:00	Whaleyville BBQ and Fried Chicken Dinner
Mar 29: noon-2:00	Holland BBQ
Apr 8: 3:00-6:00	Chuckatuck Oyster Roast
Apr 15: 1:00-6:00	Wakefield 61 st Annual Shad Planking

Hickory Club Ruritans Upcoming Schedule

Mar 17: 7:00-8:30 pm	Membership Meeting (<i>Kielbasa and cabbage for dinner</i>)
Mar 21: All Day	Auction: All members needed
Mar 28: 7:00-8:30 pm	Bluegrass
Apr 9: 12:30 pm	BBQ "choppers" needed at club
Apr 11:	Set-up for Easter Sunrise Breakfast
Apr 12: 3:30 am	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 17. The response last month was fantastic, and we look forward to helping replenish the dwindling shelves at our local food closet. Way to go, Mules!

Volunteers are needed in the evenings of the week of the auction to receive donations.

Other Hickory News of Interest

Did you catch **Fred McKenna** on channel 47 last week? He gave a very informative interview about the goals, objectives and activities of the Hickory Ruritan Club.

Do you know what the **B** stands for in **G.B. Pendleton**? It's beans! G.B. had the dubious honor after the Fish Fry of washing 2 gigantic pots that the beans had been cooked in. He deserves special thanks for this most unpleasant job.

Also big thanks to **Alton Brinkley**, Zone 4 Governor, who donated his time at our Fish Fry. Al worked the entire day to help us make the event a success.

And a huge success it was, thanks to the many, many members who participated. We sold 528 meals! As **Carl Jensen** said at the last BOD meeting, our club members donate an impressive amount of time in and out of club activities to be of service to our community. We want to make sure all of you are recognized for your service, so be sure to report your activities and hours at each membership meeting and don't forget to report the hours you work at club events as well. If anyone has been left out in this newsletter, please accept my apologies and let the secretary know.

March 15 is the **deadline** for all **completed** Scholarship applications.

Dues are due.

Pete Harrell is out of ICU but is still in Chesapeake General Hospital. We send him our thoughts and prayers.

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.