

JANUARY 2009

# Hickory Ruritan Club



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## Hickory Mules in Action

Tidewater Bluegrass Association Concession – 22 Nov (Corrected) – Carl Jensen, Doc Bucher, Frontis Cochran, Frank Williams, Dick McGuire, Dick Carter, Mike Colbert, Bob Snow, Gene Phelps, Kim Starring, Rusty Starring, June Vinson, Thurman Alexander, Carl Witten = 55 Hours

Turkey Shoot – 13 Dec – George Reich, Vera Reich, Gordon Boyd, Frontis Cochran, Tom Holmes, Gene Phelps, Dick McGuire, Bob Snow, Ken Carraway, Carl Witten, Ed Abrams, Marvin Powers, Jack Peoples, Richard Brink = 76 Hours

Christmas Celebration / Dinner – 16 Dec – Vera Reich, George Reich, Ed Abrams, Bob Snow, Gene Phelps, Gordon Boyd, Sharon Kelley = 33 Hours

Secure Clubhouse after Christmas Dinner – 20 Dec – George Reich, Vera Reich, Ed Abrams, Gene Phelps, Fred McKenna = 10 Hours

Tidewater Bluegrass Association Concession – 27 Dec – Frontis Cochran, Dick McGuire, Gordon Boyd, Richard Brink, Frank Williams, Carl Jensen, Gene Phelps, Mike Starring, Rusty Starring, K.D. Hicks = 40.5 Hours

Chesapeake Community Messiah Production – Dec 18 – Tom Holmes, Carl Witten, Anthony Draper, June Vinson, Sharon Kelley = 150 Hours

Troop 413 Liaison – Dec 08 and Jan 09 - Fred McKenna = 4 Hours

## Actions and Recommendations of the Board

- A. Endorsement of the Food Drive initiative. Each meeting, members are requested to help those in need in this community by bringing canned goods. A box will be set up at the Sergeant at Arms Table. Please support the food drive – a couple of dollars on your part may mean a meal to a neighbor.
- B. Policy Manual Update. The policy manual will be revised and updated. If you have any suggestions or input into the revision, please let K.D. Hicks know.

## MOON PHASES

Last Quarter – 17 Jan

New Moon - 26 Jan

First Quarter – 02 Feb

Full Moon – 09 Feb  
“Snow Moon”

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“The soft drops of  
rain can pierce the  
hard marble”

John Lyly

## Ruritans in Action in the Holland District

17 Jan - 1500-1900 Hodges Ferry Ruritan BBQ – St. Andrews UMC, Portsmouth  
02 Feb - 1900-2030 Zone 4 Winter Meeting – Grassfield Ruritan Club

## Hickory Club Ruritans Upcoming Schedule

Jan 17 - 0900-1100 Set-up/Prep for Tidewater Bluegrass Annual Dinner  
Jan 18 - 1000-1600 Prep, cook, serve for the Tidewater Bluegrass Annual Dinner  
Jan 20 - 1900-2030 Membership Meeting  
Feb 02 - 1900-2030 Zone 4 Winter Meeting - Grassfield Ruritan Club  
Feb 10 - 1900-2030 Board of Directors Meeting  
Feb 15 - 1100-1600 Fish Fry – PLEASE COME OUT TO SUPPORT  
Feb 17 - 1900-2030 Membership Meeting

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

## *Other Hickory News of Interest*

It is in sadness that we report Steve Bass's mother recently passed last week. In other news, Pete Peters is recovering from a seizure and his kidneys and heart are once again fully functioning. Bobbie Austin is still under the weather.

If you want to send a copy of this newsletter to a prospective member, please let me know and one will be mailed to the address you provide. Simply email the address and the name of the individual to me.

Any helpful suggestions – please let us know...

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From the President:

Welcome to 2009! With each member's help, and with the great leadership of the Board of Directors – we will build on the past and make this an outstanding year. I look forward to working with each one of you as we make this another banner year for Hickory Ruritan.

In 2009 we will have some challenges; we have the looming issue of the economy, folks in need in the local community, and we also need to invest in the Clubhouse building. In response, we will be starting a new fund raising event – a Fish Fry in February, and starting a food drive to assist local food banks. We must work hard this year with money being tight toward ensuring another great Auction, BBQ, and Turkey Shoot. As always, our central purpose is community service and making a positive difference in the Hickory area.

Thanks for help – I look forward to the work ahead.