



HIGHLANDS SHRINE CLUB NEWS



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THE SOCIAL THIS MONTH WILL BE HELD AT DIMITRI'S DINER – (everyone pays their own bill) 2710 Kenilworth Blvd. 385-7323

Monday, August 14 at 1 p.m. – mark your calendars now so you don't miss out!

The restaurant is asking for an exact headcount, please phone the HSC at 382-2208 (leave number attending on machine) or Sissel at 471-2425 to make your reservations before Saturday, August 12. Please don't just "show up" without letting Sissel know you will be there. Ten people did that for Don's luncheon; it was embarrassing to me and for our HSC Club! We want you there! Thank you.

Using Dimitri's restaurant for Don Cains' farewell party and our August 2016 social were both big hits with close to 40 attending both events. Let's beat that number this year!

Nobles, please note that there will not be a Board of Director's Meeting in August.

WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE & DONUTS – Thank you to everyone who is now bringing pastry for this weekly social gathering. Our attendance has slipped with the exiting of our northern members who are away for the summer. But there are still a good group who are solving world problems and having a good time. ***Come on out and join them!***

Note from your Editor: Just want to alert everyone regarding the recent storms with lightning strikes. It happened to us again; our modem went out. Fortunately, I have a wonderful services provider – Jason's Computer Services at 385-2843 who helped us get back on line. Remember that lightening can travel thru your phone lines, too.

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Report from Last Month's 4th of July Indoor Picnic. Putting it mildly, it was a HUGE success! Close to 60 members and their friends were in attendance – some of them were in our Club for the very first time. The decoration committee: Ladies Jeannette Craddock and Sissel Carr, and President Howard Craddock and Noble Allen Carr's touches put the Club in a patriotic mood. The food tables were loaded with the most delicious assortment of goodies and "to die for" desserts! Special thanks to our Grill Masters Chefs – Howard Craddock and Mike Keaveny. They used the kitchen's indoor stove grill vs. using the outdoor BBQ grill, but it was still HOT in that kitchen. Thanks, guys! Everyone pitched in to clean up the large meeting room after dinner. Thank you to everyone! In no time at all, everything was back in place and looked nice for the next event.

KUDOS KORNER

Just want to give a shout of thanks to our Nobles and Ladies who have been working all summer long in the heat: Noble Mike Byers PP and Noble Stormy Thompson have been mowing to keep our huge lawn professionally mowed; it looks great. With the huge amount of rain Highlands County has been experiencing this summer, keeping and staying up with the lawn mowing has been a real challenge.

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The Stores have been open all summer, too. (they will be closed during August). It's hot out there, so they have been closing at 11 a.m. Lady Mary Jean Byers has been holding an "indoor yard sale" in the small dining room. We are all trying to make and save funds during the "lean summer months".

Carl Gomm makes sure the garbage cans are unlocked each Wednesday morning so they can be picked up and emptied by the sanitation workers. Everyone who pitches in to help our Club at anytime is greatly appreciated. THANK YOU ALL!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK – Dear Ladies and Nobles, It is time once again for a note from your President. I hope you have had a nice summer. It has been a little warm, but we are used to that in south Florida. This message is going to be short, but sweet. First I want to thank everyone for the delicious food we had at our 4th of July picnic. We had about 60 people attending, and there was plenty of good food.

We are having another picnic in September to celebrate Labor Day, and would love to see an even larger crowd. It's a great way to meet and enjoy the company of such nice people. I hope that the Chef will do well this time, and not overcook the hamburgers and hot dogs. I want to thank Nobles Mike Byers PP and Noble Stormy for keeping the grounds in such nice condition. This is a big job in the rainy season. Thanks, guys!

It will be a while between the July and September's events, so I thought it would be fun for us all to get together at Dimitri's Restaurant on Monday, August 14th at 1 p.m. Please phone the Club at 382-2208 for reservations, or phone Lady Sissel Carr at 471-2425. Please let's have an exact head count as the restaurant requires.

I look forward to socializing with you in August and September. God bless you and all that we stand for.

Yours in Faith, Noble Howard Craddock

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT – *Noble Bob Love*

The Ladies were saddened at the loss of our faithful, sweet Lady, Bev Higginbotham on Friday, July 7th. A lovely "Celebration of Life Memorial Service" was held at her church. A huge representation of the Shrine Club members were there in her honor. Lady Bev could always be counted on to bring her delicious cakes for our events; she was our Ladies' Chaplain for many years, and she loved to play sticks. Her sweet smile will always be remembered. Her husband, Noble Jerry PP wishes to thank everyone who attended her service, sent cards, etc. Please pray for Jerry as he adjusts to his new life.

SHRINE STORES – Our Stores personnel in July deserve a big THANK YOU! Ladies Mary Jean Byers, Pearl Williams, Phyllis Day and Noble Joe Mize PP were busy. Good job everyone! The Stores will be closed during August; but will open again in September. It's still not too late to do your summer "downsizing" in your cupboards and closets. Come see us!

Our **Booster Club** was created to help defray expenses of our newsletter. Everyone (Ladies, too) is encouraged to participate in this endeavor. The cost is only \$10 each/year. The following names listed have contributed to the fund: John Alliston, Gloria Andrick, Pat Bartlett, Rex Bond, Mike & Mary Jean Byers, Don Cains, Connie Callihan, Allen & Sissel Carr, Miriam & Tom

Chaffee, Helen Collins, Howard & Jeannette Craddock, Anita Froderman, Angie Green, Jean Hall, Wayne Hammond, John & Janet Harbaugh, Mary Hazen, Jim & Theresa Keaveny, Bob & Sue Keller, Dick & Roberta Kettering, Paula Kresge, John Loftus, Bob & Carolyn Love, Phil Margetts, E. Clair & Linda Pheasant, Harry Pierce, III. Sir Allen & Nancy Ratzlaff, Fran Ruffner, Lloyd Scherich, Verlin & Sylvia Shaffer, Shirley Shields, Russell Simmons, Joe & Bernice Snoll, Bonnie Thompson, Stormy Thompson, Eileen Whitten, Pearl Williams, Audrey Young. In loving memory of: Gilbert Andrick, Hollis Bartlett, Ann Cains, Jim Callihan, John Hazen, Bob Hopper, Bobby Lesesne, Mo Murray, Bob Ruffner, and Marty Young.

Thank you to all who continue to support the Booster Club. Your donation helps defray the cost of the newsletter; and your name is mentioned as someone who cares about your Club. It's only \$10 a year for each participant. New members are always welcome!

FYI: Shriner's Hospital Contacts: Nobles Mike Byers PP (863) 453-0594, Harry Pierce (863) 386-9833, Nevel Reynolds (574) 596-4358 (winter), and Jerry Higginbotham (863) 633-9023

DART GROUP IS HAVING A BLAST! The games are very lively, and we are having a fantastic time. If you are looking for a fun way to exercise and hone your dart skills, there is a place just for you on Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Club. Some of us who used to hit anything but the target have improved, and are now at least staying on the board (most times)! So if you still don't think you're good enough to play darts, come on down! We're there to have fun, and that's what really matters. Ice cream at the DQ South follows after darts. Want to recognize our star players: Audrey, Jerry, Connie, Sallie, Howard, Jeannette, Mike, Mary Jean, Pearl, Glenn, Bruce, Allen, Bill, Roger, Judie, Phyllis, Paula, Moriah, and Doc. (please excuse me if I'm forgetting someone). Eileen's adult children have joined us in the past. "Back row" Cheerleaders Sissel and Eileen are faithful weekly, too. New dart members are always welcome!

WARNING: EVERYONE PLEASE STAY INDOORS IN THE A/C AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE DURING THESE VERY HOT SUMMER MONTHS, AND DRINK LOTS OF WATER TO KEEP YOURSELF HYDRATED....

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