



HIGHLANDS SHRINE CLUB NEWS



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SOCIAL - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday, December 9 at 2-5 p.m. – reservation cut-off is December 7 for HSC members

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING & REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE COMBINED AGAIN THIS MONTH All Nobles please plan to attend a joint Shrine Club Board of Director's Meeting and monthly Business Meeting on **Monday, December 11 at 5 p.m.** The Ladies will be meeting at the same time as the Nobles.

Menu:

Hot dogs and hamburgers - no charge to attendees
Homemade baked cookies and punch

The December monthly Business Meeting was scheduled to meet on Wednesday, December 20. But it was felt that it was too close to Christmas, and many of our members would be unable to attend. Combining both of these meetings was a successful idea in November. Please plan to attend for a quorum.

Ladies of the HSC - we need your help with this party, we will decorate the Club. Everyone, please wear your Christmas colors to the party!

We will be serving homemade soup, sandwiches, dessert, coffee & iced tea for \$8.00 each. Please phone 382-2208 to sign up for reservations.

After several years of not having one, our Children's Christmas party is returning to the Club! Our December social will be combined with the Children's Christmas Party. There are 31 children living in Highlands County who have been helped by the Shriner's Hospital in Tampa this year. They will be invited to attend the party (siblings and parents, too). Santa will be there, along with Mrs. Clause and Elf to give gifts for all the kids. So it should be a VERY lively event to say the least! This party will need lots of help to be successful by December 9th!! We'll need kid's gift shoppers, package wrappers, candy, food servers, entertainment coordinator, etc.

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST HAS RESUMED The Club's kitchen is open for business from 8-10 a.m. The menu is: pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee. Come and have breakfast with us!

Many of you have not been to a Highlands Shrine Club Christmas party held for the kids in the past. It is a very heart-warming event! Many of these children are disabled, and a party held in their honor is a very BIG thing to them. You will be honored and very proud that you are a part of our our Shriner's Hospital and the amazing healing using the newest procedures that have helped these kids.

Special thanks to our faithful helpers: Nobles Howard Craddock, Jim Keaveny, Mike Keaveny, Tom Hall, Bob Lockwood and Carl Gomm. Ladies: Nancy Keaveny, Theresa Keaveny, and Jeannette Craddock. Dining room set up: Audrey Young, Sallie Lesesne and Connie Callihan. Great job, ALL! The Saturday morning breakfasts are one of the Club's main fund raisers; we have a **great need** for cooks. Please let President Howard Craddock know if you are interested in helping, you will be greatly appreciated!

As you will recall, the members of the HSC took a bus load of our members on a "field trip" to the Shriner's Hospital on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. We were all in awe of the latest state-of-the-art therapy. What an eye opener that trip was to us! AMAZING!!

\$20 DUES FOR 2018 ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 30, 2017. PLEASE MAIL TO CLUB, ATTN:

2017 Officers: President Noble Howard Craddock, 1st Vice-President Noble Allen Carr, 2nd Vice-President Noble Denis Koranda PP, Secretary Noble Sam Wilkin PP, Treasurer Noble Jerry Higginbotham PP, Chaplain Noble Bob Love

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Dear Nobles and Ladies, Our social in November was really fantastic! We had a delicious Thanksgiving meal by Chef Nancy Keaveny, and our Veterans were honored. There were a lot of veterans represent from the branches of service. Nobles, we all are so proud of you! I am not going to write their names (not enough space here), but the ages span from Richard Kettering (99 years young) to Nancy Keaveny's daughter and son-in-law. They are currently serving in the Air Force. Thank you to Lady Jeannette who really did a lovely job of decorating the Club, everyone was put in the patriotic mood! We look forward to being in the Christmas parades in Avon Park, and Frostproof this year. Thanks to Noble John Harbaugh for coordinating these events, and getting the floats up to par. The Children's Christmas party is on Saturday, December 9 at 2 p.m. This will be a "first time ever" event for many of us, and we solicit your help in making it a success. Please come out to help with the many facets involved with the kids. We need YOU to be there!

Yours in Faith, Noble Howard Craddock

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT – *Noble Bob Love*

Noble Dennis Koranda recuperating from recent ankle surgery; Stormy Thompson has appointment at VA in December. Please pray for him!

SHRINE STORES – Our Stores are open again.

Thanks to Noble Joe Mize and Ladies who work so hard out there. Please stop in to visit with 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, Angie Green, Jean Hall, Wayne Hammond, John & Janet Harbaugh, Mary Hazen, Jim & Theresa Keaveny, Bob & Sue Keller, Dick Kettering, Paula Kresge, Bob & Carolyn Love, Phil Margetts, Harry Pierce, Ill. Sir Allen & Nancy Ratzlaff, Fran Ruffner, Lloyd Scherich, Verlin & Sylvia Shaffer, Shirley Shields, Russell Simmons, Joe & Bernice Snoll, Bonnie Thompson, Stormy Thompson, Eileen Whitten, Sam & Marilyn Wilkin, Pearl Williams, Audrey Young. In loving memory of: Gilbert Andrick, Hollis Bartlett, 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!

KUDO KORNER - This month I want to give a much deserved praise to our faithful Club's chef, Nancy Keaveny and her husband, Mike. Nancy especially work tirelessly making our delicious meals, including breakfast on Saturday mornings,

and for the various events; her meals are always delicious. We are fortunate to have them both!

DARTS Don't forget the Darts group on Friday night, starting at 7 p.m. The cost to play is only \$1.00. No skill is required; we have a lot of fun and laughs. After darts, we continue the companionship and conversations at the South DQ. Join us!

PARADE - Frostproof - Saturday, December 2 (mark the date on your calendars). **Leave Club at 5**

p.m. sharp to carpool! Our Parade Chairman, John Harbaugh at (863) 658-1192, has worked hard on the details of preparing our floats and giving us all the information we need for successful events. Please read his detailed message last month on the assembly time and location, as well as shirts to wear, carpool information, etc. You will not want to miss this informative and very important news. Thanks, John, for your hard work.

Please come out and support attendance in the Frostproof parade. **WE NEED YOU TO RIDE ON THE FLOAT!** It's a lot of fun, and will get you in the holiday spirit. Highlands Shrine Club has a good reputation for supporting the parade in Frostproof, come on out and show your support for your Club and their community. **THEY LOVE US!**

CHRISTMASTIME IS FRIENDSHIP TIME

At Christmastime our hearts reach out to friends we think of dearly, and checking through our Friendship lists, as all of us do yearly.

We stop a while to reminisce and to pleasantly review happy little happenings and things we used to do....

And though we've been too busy to keep in touch all year, we send a Christmas greeting at this season of GOOD CHEER....

So Christmas is a "lovely link" between old years and new that keeps the "bond of Friendship" forever unbroken and true. *Helen Steiner Rice*

...a little child shall lead them. Isaiah 11:6

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!

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