

Welcome to the Villages Shrine Club newsletter.

September and October 2016

This is the third newsletter in a new format, a new time frame and method of delivery. This newsletter will cover the months September and October of 2016, a two month period. The newsletter will be published on the web page bi-monthly.

Additionally, the newsletter will continue to focus primarily on what is upcoming, and include a calendar of events for the period covered. We encourage you all who have e-mail, and thus computer access to the web, which includes our Facebook page and web page, www.thevillagesshrineclub.org, to check our sites frequently for updates and important information that can be and is published faster than we could ever possibly mail information to you in years past. Also, check the Villages Daily Sun Rec News, published each Thursday, for additional information on what will be taking place at the monthly meeting at the Orchid Room, Hibiscus Rec Center, especially the Happy Hour menu plans. However, the Rec News may have to edit our articles to meet space requirements, so always check the web page for the latest information.

Pictures and comments about the installation of the 2016 line of officers for The Villages Shrine Club, are already published on the web page, courtesy of Noble Dana Schultz, the webmaster.

As is the usual custom, for the benefit of all as well as those who have just relocated to The Villages and recently affiliated with the Club, the following is a brief biography, and comments, of the President, First Vice President and Second Vice President.

President Noble Bob Collins:

What an honor you have bestowed on our officers by allowing us to serve The Villages Shrine Club this year. We have a strong leadership team and I know with your support we're going to have a great year.

One of our Past Presidents suggested the officers provide a biography in addition to comments, to be published in the newsletter, as some of you don't really know who we are. So, here goes –

I am a native Floridian, having been born in Jacksonville and raised in the panhandle. I served 31 years in the United States Air Force before returning home. My Lady, Donna and I have a daughter who lives in Northern Virginia and a son who lives in Fruitland Park. They have blessed us with seven wonderful grandchildren.

I became a Mason in 1974, and a Scottish Rite Mason and Shrine Mason in 1976, all in Honolulu. I've had the distinct pleasure of serving as the Master of Bethlehem Lodge No. 56 in Belen, New Mexico, and as District Deputy Grand Master of the 5th Masonic District in New Mexico. I served six years as the Director of Development for the Orient of New Mexico and was coroneted a 33rd Degree Mason. I am a

life member of the National Sojourners and the Heroes of '76. Lastly, I served in several capacities in Ballut Abyad Shrine Center in Albuquerque, including Long Range Planning Committee, Chaplain, Lieutenant in The Patrol and two years as Wagon Master of the Nomads.

I know I speak for all our officers and members of the Board of Directors when I say we know we can only lead you where you are willing to go. So please let us know your concerns and share your ideas. Together, we can build on previous successes by growing our membership, increasing our funding to the hospital in Tampa, supporting Bahia and enjoying each other's company.

First Vice President Noble Bill Tanner:

Nobles and Ladies – I am looking forward to the upcoming year, especially the Veterans Remembrance Day Party on 2 April at the American Legion. Bob Collins and his Lady Donna set the bar pretty high by hosting last year's party at the American Legion. Remember, this party is the only time we raise money to support The Villages Shrine Club, so it needs to be a success and, more importantly, honor our brothers and sisters who have served our great nation. Tickets are on sale!

Bill and Lady Jackie are from Bloomington, Ill. We moved to the Village of Duval in 2012. I retired from the Illinois State University. My Masonic career, includes being Past Master of Bloomington Lodge #43 and Wade Barney Lodge #512, membership in the Valley of Bloomington, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, where I received, among other awards, the Meritorious Service Award of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (Red Hat), affiliated with the Valley of Ocala, Orient of Florida, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction where I work with the stage committee and prepare sound systems for meetings and reunions, Bahia Shrine, Tyler of The Villages Lodge #394. In addition to Masonic membership, I am working with the Rotary of the Villages Noon Club.

"I LIKE LONG WALKS AND HOLDING HANDS AT MIDNIGHT – LOL"

Second Vice President Noble Bill Boulden:

Nobles and Ladies of the Villages Shrine Club:

This is just a short story of my life. I was born in Southeastern Pennsylvania the first of June 1950. We lived in Pennel, which was in Bucks County, Pa. I can remember my Dad having a small boat that the family would trailer to the Delaware River. What fun we had. When I was nine, we moved to Churchville, Bucks County, Pa. My fond memories here were Little League Baseball and going fishing at a huge lake with my Grandfather at my side. I graduated in 1968 from Council Rock High School. After High School, I served in the Army, for not quite three years – one tour in Vietnam and one in Germany. Prior to the Army, I was working at a company called the Rodon Group. When I got out of the Army, I went back to the same company, served an apprenticeship to become a toolmaker in injection molding. I retired in 2010 after almost 42 years with the company. In the mid 1970's, I had a small landscaping business which I sold, as the family uprooted and moved to Bedminster, Bucks County, Pa. We had a

small farm with Angus cattle, chickens, ducks, pigs and horses. It was like Green Acres on TV – what fun in the country. I lived in Bucks County, Pa. all my life until retiring and moving to The Villages in late 2010.

I joined the Masonic Fraternity in 1991, was raised to a Master Mason in March of 1992 in MacCalla Lodge #596, Souderton, Pa. In January of 2015, our lodge had to merge with another lodge. I was Worshipful Master in 1999, the year my father passed away. After getting out of the hot seat, I served in many other positions in the lodge. Shortly after I was raised as a Master Mason, I joined the Scottish Rite in Allentown, Pa., where I became a 32nd Degree Mason. I also joined Rajah Shrine Temple in Reading, Pa. I am also a member of Eastern Star in Pa. My wife, Judy, participated in my initiation as Worthy Matron. I have really enjoyed travelling with my wife and other ladies to the different chapters in Eastern Star and have met a lot of very nice people. I would not be where I am today if it was not for my wonderful wife Judy. Judy and I were married on 15 October 1989. And here we are today – living the good life in The Villages – golfing, motorcycle riding, working on my ancestry, and just taking it one day at a time.

NOTE:

We will leave these biographies and comments in the newsletter for the remainder of the year, with additional, updated comments provided each bi-monthly period if requested by our officers.

My contact point is indicated in the beginning of the newsletter section of the web page. If you have something that is important to the members that should be published, that I missed, please send it to me. If you have any ideas on how to make the newsletter more informative, send me that. Just click on my name (Bob Moynihan) and an e-mail will open for you.

NOTE FROM THE PREZ:

Wow! It is difficult to believe 2016 is coming to a close already – and there's so much remaining to be done!

The summer is over and we are ready to get back to work. The first stated meeting of the Shrine Club will be on 13 September at Hibiscus. We will begin with a social hour at 6:00 pm, consisting of ice cream provided by the Shrine Club, and members are requested to bring cookies, cupcakes or cake to share if they desire. We will have a guest speaker who will provide us with a talk on history and civics.

Remember that you can purchase The Villages Shrine Club wine glasses and Masonic coins at our monthly meeting. Glasses are \$8.00 each (or 6 per box for \$48.00) and coins are \$5.00. The sale of these commemorative items help us pay our bills, provide programs and food at the meetings, and not increase our dues.

To all of our Nobles and Ladies, and our own Ladies of Al-Kora, and everyone's extra hard work in raising monies for the hospital and Club at all our events, many thanks. Contact Noble Bill Boulden if you are interested in volunteering to help in our annual paper drive in October. He has vacancies to fill, so we can continue to raise funds for the Children's Hospital in Tampa. We do not have all the times and dates made available from local merchants filled. We need your help, more importantly, the children in the hospital need your help. Please contact Bill and sign up for a time. We are afraid that if we do not fill all our time slots, the merchants may look at that as a sign of disinterest on the part of the Villages Shrine Club, and not provide that opportunity in the future. Disinterest will never be the case. Why we belong to the Shrine – to work for our great philanthropy – the Children's Hospitals and Burns Centers. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Our Second Vice President advises that we still need workers for particular dates, times and locations for the upcoming, October paper drive and has sent out an e-mail to all requesting help. Please take a little time to check over the dates for which help is needed and contact Noble Brother Bill via e-mail at: wjboulden@comcast.net, or his home phone of 352 633 3571, or cell phone 352 571 9525.

Bob Collins

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for September and October 2016

The Villages Shrine Club:

(Reminder for board members) Board of Directors meeting at Sea Breeze Rec Center 6:00 pm, on 26 September. Subsequent meetings are at the same time and place on the last Monday of each month.

13 September 2016 – 6:00 pm, Hibiscus Rec Center. Stated meeting. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm and will be an ice cream social (ice cream provided by the Shrine Club) to welcome back all members after a hot summer. Nobles are requested to bring cookies, cupcakes or cake if they desire, to share and enjoy with the ice cream.

26 September – Board of Directors meeting 6:00 pm, Sea breeze Rec Center.

11 October – Stated meeting: social hour begins at 6:00 pm, Hibiscus Rec Center, with sloppy Joe's provided by the Shrine Club. Nobles are requested to bring a dish to share, chips, salads, cake or dessert items.

24 October – Board of Directors meeting at 6:00 pm, Sea breeze Rec Center.

Dress for attendance at our meetings is always casual. Shorts and Shrine Club Shirts and fez, or long pants and a shirt of your choice and fez, are always appropriate, and of course, always bring your Lady.

AL-KORA LADIES:

3rd Tuesday of each Month – Board of Directors meeting. 9:30 am at President Judy Chaffin’s home.
4th Tuesday of each Month - Monthly meeting at the Cottage Inn, 27/441 in Lady Lake. All members are requested to arrive by 10:15 am for social time, followed by the regular meeting, and then lunch.
20 September – Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 am at President Judy Chaffin’s home.
27 September– Al Kora monthly meeting followed by lunch at Cottage Inn. Arrive by 1015, meeting at 10:30am, followed by lunch.
18 October - Al Kora Board meeting at 9:30 am at home of President Judy Chaffin.
25 October – Al Kora monthly meeting followed by lunch at Cottage Inn. Arrive by 10:15, meeting at 10:30 am followed by lunch.

Al Kora Shrine Ladies will be holding their annual Garage Sale on Thursday, 6 October, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and Friday, 7 October, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Our Garage Sale will be at the home of Sharon Weiner, 8351 Deveaux Lane, in the Village of Piedmont. If you have any treasures that you would like to donate (other than clothes or books), please deliver them to the Weiner house sometime after 16 September. If you have any questions, please contact either of the Co-Chairpersons, Sharon Weiner, or Carolyn Moynihan.

Al Kora Shrine Ladies are again selling Christmas White House Ornaments - \$25.00 each. Please contact Judy King if interested.

On 13 October, Chili’s Charity Day for Al Kora Shrine Ladies will be held. More information to follow, but mark your calendar for that date and watch the web page/Facebook page.

Any Al Kora Shrine Ladies desiring to purchase embroidered items may go to Custom Apparel and Gifts in Southern Trace plaza. Custom Apparel and Gifts has our logo and can put it on an item purchased from them, or, if you have found something in particular you like, on your item.

REMEMBER -

IF YOU ARE NOT AT THE VILLAGES SHRINE CLUB MONTHLY MEETING, YOU ARE MISSING OUT. WE HAVE A GREAT SOCIAL HOUR.

LOTS OF INFORMATION IS PASSED ON ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS AT BOTH THE CLUB AND BAHIA.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETING AND WATCH THE REC NEWS UNDER SHRINE

CLUB, WHICH IS PUBLISHED THE THURSDAY BEFORE OUR STATED MEETING, TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON

THE SOCIAL HOUR, OR GUEST SPEAKERS/ENTERTAINMENT!