

Villages Shrine Club Newsletter

March and April - 2017

The newsletter will continue to focus primarily on what is upcoming, if anything, and include a calendar of events for the period covered, although it will contain important information and highlights of what has been going on.

Lastly, this, and all future newsletters, will be sent electronically to all our members to save our very limited dollars and apply them to the most important funding we do – The Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa. Our Secretary, Noble Jim Chaffin, indicates that we have only about 10 of our 125 plus members who do not have an e-mail address. All others do. If you are reading this and know of one of the few nobles who do not have e-mail access, share and remind them of our meetings and events. Remember our web page, www.thevillagesshrineclub.org and to check frequently for updates and important information than 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 (the Thursday before our scheduled meeting, a reminder of the meeting, time, place and what is scheduled will be in that rec news), for a reminder on what will be taking place at the monthly meeting at the Orchid Room, Hibiscus Rec Center, especially the Social Hour menus, plans, changes, guest speaker, or entertainment. Also, remember that the Rec News may have to edit our articles to meet space requirements, so always check the web page for the latest information on what is happening.

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

President Noble Bill Tanner:

Nobles and Ladies – My sincere thanks for electing me as President of The Villages Shrine Club for 2017. It is a great honor and I am looking forward to the upcoming year, especially the Veterans Remembrance Day Party. Remember, this annual 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.

I, and my 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 in Orlando, Tyler of The Villages Lodge #394. In addition to Masonic membership, I am the current President of the Rotary of the Villages Noon Club.

“I like long walks and holding hands at midnight – lol”

First Vice President Noble Bill Boulden:

This is just a short story of my life. I was born in Southeastern Pennsylvania the first of June 1950. We lived in Pennedel, 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 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.

Second Vice President Gary Gray:

My original home is the Outer Banks of North Carolina, but being an Army brat, I was born in Nuremburg, Germany. After one year in Germany, my father was stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia, with the Presidential Honor Guard, where we lived for almost 10 years. After his retirement, we continued to live in Arlington, Virginia until I got married and remained in the Northern Virginia area with my wife. We have 3 boys and 1 daughter and 8 grandchildren living all over the country. I was employed as a salesman for a wholesale chemical company until I retired in 2006. I was first raised as a Master Mason here in The Villages at the Villages Masonic Lodge #394 in 2013 and became a member of The Villages

Shrine Club and Bahia Shrine in 2015, also joining the Yellow Jackets Scooter Club and lastly becoming chairman of the golf committee. It has been an honor to be nominated as Second Vice President and I look forward to many more years of fun and friendship with all my new Shriner friends and board members. It gives me great pleasure to assist in raising money to help the Shrine's Children's Hospital in Tampa.

NOTE:

We will leave these biographies and comments in the newsletter for the entire time each officer is serving, with additional and new comments provided as submitted.

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. An announcement that the latest newsletter is available will be sent to all.

NOTES FROM THE PREZ: Nobles –

A continuing thought – and Reminder for all. You can purchase the Villages Shrine Club wine glasses and Masonic coins at our monthly meeting. Glasses are \$8.00 each (or a box of 6 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. If you don't have either, think about it.

As always, a special thank you to all our Ladies of Al-Kora for all their hard work in raising monies for the hospital. Your attendance and company at our monthly meetings and other events is what makes this Club a special organization, and contributes so much to making it a success. Leadership is a great part of every organization and the Al-Kora ladies have had great leadership over the years.

Installed at the January 2017 meeting by Illustrious Sir Mitch Loken, Potentate of Bahia Shrine Temple, as Officers of the Villages Shrine Club for the year 2017 were:

President – Noble Bill Tanner
1st Vice President – Noble Bill Boulden
2nd Vice President – Noble Gary Gray
Treasurer – Noble Cliff Wiener
Secretary – Noble Jim Chaffin

Calendar of Events and information:

Stated meetings for the next two months will be:

14 March 2017: at 6:00 pm with the below listed dinner menu provided, consisting of Irish Stew provided by the members who desire to do so. The Club will provide the condiments listed, with the regular business meeting held at 7:00 pm, lasting about 1 hour.

11 April 2017: at 6:00 pm with the below listed dinner menu provided, consisting of hot dogs provided by the Club, and members who desire to bring sides to share A-E vegetable dishes; F-J dessert; K-O potatoes; P-T salad; U-Z snacks and appetizers.

Note: If there is a need to change the participation schedule for members providing items for dinners, as set forth above and below in the future, we'll publish that information here on the web page, and attempt to make a note of the change in the rec-news announcement (which happens when they have to edit our input due to space limitations, we don't always get everything in the announcement – unfortunately).

The Villages Shrine Club dinner schedule for 2017 meetings:

January – Installation of officers. The Club will provide a chicken dinner

Members with last names starting with the following letters should bring, to share:

A-E vegetable dishes--F-J dessert--K-O potatoes--P-T salad--U-Z snacks and appetizers

February – Club members Chili cook off.

The Club will provide crackers, cheese's, condiments, etc.

March - Club members Irish stew cook off.

The Club will provide crackers, cheese's, condiments, etc.

April - The Club will provide Hot Dogs for Dinner.

Members are requested to bring sides to share as per the January listing above.

May - The Club will provide Pizza and Condiments.

June - The Club will provide Ice Cream.

July - The Shrine Club is Dark.

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September – The Club will provide Ice Cream.

October - The Club will provide Sandwiches, chips and condiments.

November – The Club will provide a Turkey Dinner.

Members are requested to bring sides to share as per the January listing above.

December – The Club will provide Heavy Hors D'oeuvres.

General information and special events planned:

If you are planning on sponsoring a T-Box for our 20 May golf tournament, please inform the Secretary, and submit your check for \$150.00 no later than 1 May 2017 to him, so we can get everything ordered in time, unless, of course, you had a sponsorship last year, in which case we still have your sign.

Bikefest in Leesburg is 28, 29 and 30 April. Noble Bob Stines is in charge of this event. Sign up to help out and have fun with your fellow Nobles and their Ladies.

The President, Officers and their Ladies can always use some help setting up for events or for our monthly meeting. If you can arrive about an hour early and spend a little effort getting the room and tables set up for our monthly meetings (so arrival would be around 5:00 pm or so), or events like The Veterans Remembrance party, it would be very much appreciated. Keep in mind that The Veterans Remembrance party is going to be at See Breeze Recreation Center, 1 April 2017, 5-8 pm. This event is open to all. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors. We will have food, fun and entertainment (Ken McBride and he is excellent, as you saw last year) and numerous silent auction items. If you would like to assist the President and his Lady Jackie and the others with the set ups for our regular meetings or special events like this, contact him. If you have an item you would like to donate to the silent auction, contact President Bill Tanner and let him know about that also. The more we have, the more we can make and send to the hospital for the children who depend on YOU!

Noble George Edwards and his lady took the donation of dolls from the Giving Dolls Club of The Villages to the Hospital.

A note to all – You have received, no doubt, a postcard from Shriners International requesting you submit information to them about yourself. A check on the legitimacy of this request by our Secretary, Noble Jim, revealed this was not a phishing expedition, IT IS LEGITIMATE. Shriners International is looking to compile information on Nobles and publish that in a book, which they apparently intend to sell to the membership. So, if you wish, send them the info requested and stand by for the announcement of the book's availability and cost.

SPECIAL NOTE:

The regular board of directors meeting date of Monday, 27 March, conflicts with the performance of Phil Dirt and the Doziers. Accordingly, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28 March at 6:00 pm, See Breeze Rec Center. If you haven't purchased your tickets for Phil Dirt and Doziers, they are a great take in. You are missing out on a great evening. If you are going, wear your Shrine Club shirt, come early if you like and meet and greet the event goers.

Also, the Sweethearts party at Laurel Manor was a great success. Thanks to the Prez for setting this up. It was a good time for all, made especially enjoyable by Noble Emmett Mills and his DJ skills/music presentation, and then he donated his fee to the hospital. That is the kind of generosity and dedication that makes being a member of the Shrine such a great experience, in particular here in The Villages.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

On Friday, 3 March 2017, The Village Cheerleaders presented the Villages Shrine Club with a check for \$5,000.00. They requested that this money be designated for use with the new CAD CAM equipment at

Tampa Shriners Hospital. This new equipment, installed in the orthotics and prosthetics department (O&P), is a computer aided design, computer aided manufacturing device (thus the CAD CAM abbreviation) to assist the hospital in becoming a central fabrication hub for all of the Shriners Hospitals in the Southeast region. For those who are not in the medical field, these devices enhance the ability of the O&P department in fitting devices and improve efficiency in fabrication and delivery of O&P devices. Tampa is the exclusive pediatric hospital in Florida that has this orthotics and prosthetics CAD CAM capabilities on its premises.

The Village Cheerleaders, in providing this donation, put on a fashion show with Chico's clothing store in The Villages, assisting by providing the clothing. The members had numerous silent auctions and a 50/50 drawing also. We all know the amount of work it takes to put on event of this magnitude that raises this much money and are so appreciative of all their efforts.

Attached are some pictures of the presentation at Laurel Manor. Picture #1 is a group shot of all the cheerleaders present, #2 is a closer shot, #3 is Cheerleader President Gerry Lynch and Noble Bill Tanner, President of the Villages Shrine Club, #4 is Cheerleader Alicia Kath and Shrine Club plus members in attendance – Alicia's grandson is currently under the care of the Shriners Hospital for Children, and #5 is Jeanne Morris, who was befriended by a Shriner when she lost her cell phone and he returned it. We in The Villages Shrine Club, as are the children who are the Tampa Shrine Hospitals patients that we will probably never know personally, are very, very grateful. A very public thank you to all of them in The Villages Cheerleaders Club and Chico's for making this happen. We are also working with Cheerleader Linda Liskey who has a number of Beanie Babies she would like to donate to the Hospital and trying to set up a visit for her to make that delivery with members of the Club.

Monday, 6 March 2017 at 1:30 pm, a memorial service will be held for Noble Bob Clevenger at the New Covenant Church, Woodridge (across from Palm Plaza), The Villages, FL. Bob passed in February.

AL-KORA SHRINE LADIES:

The Ladies are always busy and have as, but one of their fundraisers, the annual performance at the Melon Patch Theatre in Leesburg.

The Melon Patch Theatre presentation of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" will be on 25 March. More information will follow. Tickets can be purchased from Janine Woodsford. Call her at 352 430 5804. It is a great way to spend the afternoon with your Lady while helping Al-Kora raise funds to contribute to the Tampa Shrine Hospital. Remember, this also is an open event. Invite your friends, family, neighbors – anyone – to purchase a ticket and attend.

Dues for 2017 are now due – see Judy Clevenger or mail a check to her for \$15.00.

Donna Collins – President

Sharon Wiener – Vice President
Sue Shipow – Name Tag Orders
Carol Mattegat – to Change or Cancel your lunch reservation
Carolyn Moynihan – Sickness and Distress
Doris Simmons – to request a home or hospital visit
Social Events, Rita Kreider and Emily Garten

The next Al Kora meeting will be 28 March 2017 at the Cottage Inn. We gather around 10:00 am and begin the meeting at 10:30, followed by lunch. The Board of Directors meeting will be at Dona Collins' home at 0930, 21 March.

Lastly, if you know of anyone who is sick or in distress, contact Bob and Carolyn Moynihan via this web page and let them know who is ill, so we in turn can be in touch with them and they will know they are not forgotten and are in our thoughts and prayers.