

Villages Shrine Club Newsletter

September (cancelled due to Hurricane) October/November/December - 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 who are installed by Bahia's Potentate to be 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.

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 helps 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 three months will be:

10 October 2017: at 6:00 pm the social hour begins. We will enjoy our social hour with Sandwiches provided by the Club and desserts shared with all by the membership. The regular meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm and last about an hour.

14 November 2017: at 6:00 pm the social hour begins. We will enjoy our social hour with turkey provided by the Club, and sides by the members as follows: A-E vegetable dishes, F-J desserts, K-O potatoes, P-T salads, U-Z snacks and appetizers. The regular meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm and last about an hour. **At this meeting,** the nominating committee will make a report of the nominees for officers for 2018, following which, elections will be held. If anyone has any questions, contact the Prez, Bill Tanner at 352 751 5853.

12 December 2017: at 6:00 pm, the social hour begins. We will enjoy our social hour with heavy hors-oeuvres'.

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

So, watch the Rec News, your e-mails and the Web Page. Things change over the months, and this will be a way to be current in the Club's needs from you, and you to be able to share with the Club membership at our meetings. As well, an announcement will be made at each meeting regarding what is going to be provided at the next meeting and what, if anything, anyone is requested to bring to share (we will do our best to keep you up to date – as many times as possible – even when it may seem repetitive). Soft drinks are always included at each meeting.

General information and special events planned:

The President, Officers and their Ladies can always use some help setting up and removing table clothes when done, 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 for our monthly meeting), or events like The Veterans Remembrance party, it would be very much appreciated. Keep in mind also, for the monthly meetings, please empty your cups and discard your plates in the trash. This will make removal of the table clothes much quicker and easier.

The paper drive is coming up. If you have not signed up for a time and date to work the paper drive, see 1st Vice President Bill Boulden or Assistant to the 2nd Vice President, (and 2nd Vice in Training), and soon to be the real 2nd Vice, Emmett Mills and see what dates are available for you to help out.

The Yellow Jackets Scooter Club meets at the Perkins Restaurant on 27/441 at 5:00 pm on the 4th Thursday of each month. They are at the beginning of the parade season and the club has lots going on. Call Larry Kent, who is, in addition to being President of the Club, the current Worshipful Master of the Villages Masonic Lodge #394. He is also being honored on 11 November 2017, in Tampa, by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, with the investiture and rank of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (in the Southern Jurisdiction, known abbreviated as a Red

Hat, or KCCH) for his work in the Scottish Rite. He has been busy and congratulations on your recognition of your exceptional work and dedication to the Craft from everyone.

The Villages Shrine Club Golf League. If you are interested in playing golf, contact John Shirley, Club President, through the web page. Ladies and your friends are always welcome at all the golf outings. If you would like to be on a notification listing, when you contact John, send him your e-mail also and you will be receiving more information about upcoming events.

Imperial Session was held in Daytona Beach 9 July through 13 July. The Villages Shrine Club was well represented at the event, including working various assignments and the parade (more thanks to Larry Kent).

The Shrine Club is already working on the spring 2018 charity golf tournament. Details will be published on the web page.

REMEMBER THE WEB SITES: www.thevillagesshrineclub.org and www.facebook.com/thevillagesshrineclub. Check them and the Villages Rec News the week before our 2nd Tuesday stated meeting, for the latest information (Rec News is published every Thursday).

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 “Lost in Yonkers” will be held on 20 January 2018. Even though this is an event in January of 2018, it is not too early to put it on your calendar and mark the date. It is a great way to spend the afternoon with your Lady or friends while helping Al-Kora raise funds to contribute to the Tampa Shrine Hospital. Al Kora president, Donna Collins, stated that the play has always been a great success and everyone has always enjoyed the performance very much by.

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

Al Kora will have a Chili’s Give Back Day on 12 October 2017, 11:00 am to 10:30 pm. Print out the attached flyer and present it to your server so we will be credited with participation. Flyers cannot be

passed out at the door, so remember to put in your pocket/wallet/purse and bring it. Friends and neighbors are all welcome, so if you are planning to go to lunch or dinner on 12 October, make it a trip to Chili's!! Not only on 12 October, but any time – Chili's is a great place to eat and a very generous company to do this and our support of their establishment shows our appreciation.

The Al-Kora ladies are having a social trip to Eustis, to the Peddler's Wagon store, on 7 November 2017, for a little shopping – LOL, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Details will be provided as to time and place of meeting, etc. for transportation, luncheon reservations. This is just a fun day for the ladies to spend together and enjoy themselves and does not include any fundraising activities. Al-Kora will have their social events chair and vice chair send out details to all.

Belk's charity day is on 4 November 2017, in store only, from 0600-1000. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Participating charities, and Al Kora is participating, sell \$5.00 tickets to the event. Al Kora will keep 100% of the proceeds from every ticket sold. By purchasing a ticket, customers can support a most worthy cause and enjoy storewide discounts during this private sale. If somebody comes to the store for the Charity Sale and doesn't have a ticket, tickets will be sold at the front door of Belk's during the event, plus they will be pre-sold at Belk's beginning on Monday, 23 October through Friday, 3 November. Money collected in store is allocated among the organizations that participate in the event at a particular Belk store. If you cannot make the 4 November date, beginning 23 October, simply present your Charity Sale ticket to a Belk associate, or purchase a ticket at the register, and ask the associate for details on reserving merchandise. Tickets are available from Lady Kyle Schultz. Call her at 352 359 5801. 2 members of a participating charity are required to work either the 0600-0800 shift, or the 0800-1000 shift in order to receive the in-store allocation of funds mentioned above. If you are able, contact President Donna Collins to sign up.

The next Al Kora meetings will be: 24 October at the Cottage Inn. We gather around 10:00 am and begin the meeting at 10:30, followed by lunch. The Board of Directors meetings will be at Dona Collins' home at 0930, on the third Tuesday of the month, which is always one week prior to the meeting at the Cottage Inn.

Note: As of this writing, Al Kora will continue to have its regular board meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, and the stated luncheon meeting on the 4th Tuesday.

ANY CHANGES TO THIS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEB PAGE.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

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. If we become ill, and that is not really the right way to say it, because we will – so I should say WHEN we become ill, it is very important that our members (nobles and their ladies) know they are not forgotten. They and their ladies have been members of the

Masonic family for years, in many cases, and it is very important that those of us who are NOT ill remember them and their significance to us all and convey that to them. While you may not receive a phone call, Lady Carolyn spends a great deal of time making each of the cards sent and you are very important, not only as a member of the Villages Shrine Club, but as a member of the Masonic family, to us all.