

Villages Shrine Club Newsletter

May and June - 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.

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 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 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:

9 May 2017: at 6:00 pm the social hour begins. We will enjoy our social hour with pizza provided by the Club. The regular meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm and last about an hour.

13 June 2017: at 6:00 pm the social hour begins. We will enjoy our social hour with ice cream provided by the Club. The regular meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm and last about an hour.

SPECIAL NOTE - THE VILLAGES SHRINE CLUB WILL BE DARK FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST 2017. THE NEXT STATED MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM, 12 SEPTEMBER 2017 WITH OUR SOCIAL HOUR PROVIDING ICE CREAM FOLLOWED BY THE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 PM. REMEMBER TO WATCH THE WEB PAGE FOR ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING THIS DARK PERIOD, AS WELL AS YOUR E-MAIL.

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 send you an e-mail, 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:

Note – When we have a meal at a meeting, and members are requested to bring items to share, those items needed, and who should bring what, will be published and sent out before those meetings. 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. 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. Soft drinks are always included at each meeting.

May - The Club will provide Pizza and Condiments.

June - The Club will provide Ice Cream.

July - The Shrine Club is Dark.

August - The Shrine Club is Dark.

September - The Club will provide Ice Cream.

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

November - The Club will provide a Turkey Dinner.

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 or contact him through the web page if you do not have his e-mail or phone number. Money earned goes to our Club, but all Tip Money goes to Bahia's Transportation Fund. Parking passes are not available this year, but there are reasonably priced parking spaces in nearby lots. Buses are also available both Saturday and Sunday, starting approximately 8:00 am, at the Holiday Inn on Route 441 in Spanish Springs. Buses leave every half hour and the cost is 0.50 each way (ask for a senior discount also).

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.

The paper drive was a great success with volunteers receiving \$3,347.35 for the Bahia Transportation Fund. Many members stood in front of stores throughout The Villages for hours and their dedication and efforts are very much appreciated. It seems that the big Thank You comes at the end of the year when we, as a club, present the Potentate of Bahia with the big check from everyone's efforts and hard work, or travel to the Tampa Hospital and see the great work done for the children.

If you are planning on donating baskets for the Golf Tournament on 20 May, the President requests that you keep their value to around \$35.00.

The Yellow Jackets Scooter Club participated in the Villages St. Patrick's Day Parade, and will also be in Tavares on 4 July as well as looking forward to the Imperial Session Parade in Daytona Beach. They meet at the Perkins Restaurant on 27/441 at 5:00 pm on the 4th Thursday of each month.

The Villages Shrine Club Golf League will have had their next outing on Wednesday, 19 April at Ocala Golf Club. 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 will be in Daytona Beach 9 July through 13 July. All information on this significant event is at the website: www.imperial2017.com.

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).

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. Participation is strictly voluntary, no matter how many post cards you receive. So, if you wish, send them the info requested and stand by for the announcement of the book's availability and cost.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Go to the web page and print out an application for the Villages Shrine Club annual golf tournament to be held on 20 May 2017. Ask your friends and neighbors if they would like to play. We need golfers in a golf tournament!

AL-KORA SHRINE LADIES:

The Ladies are always busy and had 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" was on 25 March. It was 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 was a great success and everyone enjoyed it very much. Many thanks to Janine Woodsford for all her efforts in making this a success.

Dues for 2017 are now due – If you have not sent in your dues, contact 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

Al Kora will have a Chili's Give Back Day on 11 May 2017, 10:00 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 11 May, make it a trip to Chili's!! Not only on 11 May, 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.

Belk's charity day is on 29 April 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 sold at all registers beginning on Wednesday, 19 April through Saturday, 29 April. Money collected in store is allocated among the organizations that participate in the event at a particular Belk store. If you cannot make the 29 April date, beginning 19 April, 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 Judy Chaffin. 2 members of a participating charity are required to work either the 0600-0800 shift, or the 0800-1000 shift 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: 23 May 2017 at the Cottage Inn – then 27 June at the same location. 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, 16 May and at 0930, 20 June, 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 members 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. 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.

**EVERYONE HAVE A GREAT SUMMER IN
BEAUTIFUL FLORIDA**