

MID-ATLANTIC CLUB

MINUTES

FROM August 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President, Rick Brooks. We had the pledge and a moment of silence for our troops. We welcomed new members. They introduced themselves and where they are from and the village they live in.

Announcements of upcoming events:

For the September meeting we will have a selection of catered Mediterranean food prepared by Amerikano's Restaurant. The entertainment will be Jennifer; an award winning Belly Dancer. The cost will be \$8.00 per member and \$10.00 per guest. The club will absorb the balance of the food cost and the cost for Jennifer. Members that wish to attend need to sign the attendance sheet at the back of the room or RSVP by August 24th. The food will be served buffet style and we will need 6 volunteers to serve the food.

The October meeting will be a Chili Cook-off. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting for 15 volunteer members to provide their home-made chili. Members signed up after the first 15 will be asked to bring salads, cornbread, desserts, etc. Judging will be by the membership. Gag prizes will be awarded.

Payments for the Holiday Party will be taken starting at this meeting. Tickets will cost \$35.00 per person for members and \$40.00 per person for guests.

Another sign-up sheet will be available to provide a head count for the November meeting Thanksgiving dinner.

The November meeting will be a Thanksgiving dinner. The club will provide turkey and ham. The members will be asked to bring side dishes and desserts. The choral group, Sisters in Harmony, will provide holiday music.

December will be our Holiday and 30th anniversary party. It will be catered by Toojay's, with entertainment by Scooter the DJ. As stated before, tickets will cost \$35.00 per person for members and \$40.00 per person for guests. Attendance will be limited to 20 tables with 8 people per table. We will start taking payments at the October meeting. This will again be an affair with white table clothes, appetizers and dress will be formal casual. Dressy casual wear and no shorts. If members wish to dress more formal, that's OK too.

Our annual charity event featuring the Fabulous Hubcaps is scheduled for January 24, 2019. Proceeds will be contributed to Combat Veterans to Careers.

We are planning a bus trip to the Ringling Circus Museum in Sarasota, on September 25th. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the room.

We are still considering a trip to the Stetson Mansion in Deland to see the Christmas decorations. The display shows between 11/15/18 and 1/15/19.

Club Name Change:

Several months ago, we were informed of an intent to form another club for ex or current Maryland residents that now reside in The Villages. Several members of the planning committee attended a meeting at the Captiva Recreation Center regarding the formation of this new Maryland Club. There were also some current members of the Mid-Atlantic Club in attendance. I believe we all came away with the impression that the club formation was in the very, very early stages and had a long way to go before a new club would become a reality. We also became aware that the great majority of attendees were not current members of the Mid-Atlantic Club and indeed, were not aware that the Mid-Atlantic Club existed.

During that meeting, Diane Rich, informed the attendees of the 30 year history of the club.

Since then, we have met with the chairwoman of that meeting, Sue Goges, to discuss possibly forming a subsidiary of the Mid-Atlantic Club in the southern communities of The Villages. Those discussions are now on-going.

As a result of that meeting and those discussions and to go back to the roots of our club, the planning committee has decided that a name change should be forthcoming. The name we are presenting to the club is the Maryland & Mid-Atlantic States Club. We then took a vote and the majority agreed to the name change.

Tonight's entertainment is Mike Palma, comedian, magician and ventriloquist.

Then we had the 50/50 drawing and the meeting was adjourned.