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Reservations

Nobles and Ladies, this is my first news letter since being installed as your President for 2009, and hopefully I will be able to be a bit timelier in getting it out each month.

As most of you are aware, 2008 was a great year for the Shrine Club of Springfield/Clark County. Many significant improvements were made to the building and grounds with a new heating/cooling system, new doors, trees removed. just to name a few. Additionally, the Clubs financial status is in good shape and even with the improvements we were able to donate \$50,000 to the Shrine Hospitals.

Now we must focus on making 2009 another successful year. The new Officers and Board members were installed at our January stated meeting and all of us are getting settled into our respective offices. The Officers and Board members installed are as follows:

President	Jim Bentz
1 st . Vice President	Bob Buchy
2 nd Vice President	Gene Harkins
Acting Secretary	Dick Roberts
Treasurer	Earl Aler
Asst. Treasurer/Financial Secretary	Chuck Outram
Sergeant at Arms	Larry Coon
Chaplin	George Towers
Past President Ex-Officio	Gil Doggett

Board Members: Hank Roberts, Emel Atkins, Paul Smith, Glen Garrison, Gordon McOwen, Terry Esteppe, Tom Graven, Brian Bowen, and Frank Rossitto.

While we are all doing are best to tolerate the cold, snow and ice we were disappointed (At least I was) when on February 2nd. the Ground Hog saw his shadow and we get to look forward to six more weeks of winter. Take heart, spring is just around the corner and we can look forward to feeling the warm rays of the spring sun, plant a few flowers and maybe even get the urge to get the clubs out and be able to hit the links.

While April seems to be a long way off, we need to begin plans to support the Antioch Shrine Circus which is scheduled for April the 24th. 25th. and 26th.. We need your tickets for special kids and fourth graders and would request that you send your tickets to Pete McCreary at 116 Roseland West, Springfield, Ohio 45503. You can either send your check for \$40.00 with your tickets or send your check directly to Antioch Shrine Center.

During the February 2nd Officers and Board meeting it was reported that there are still 24 members who have not paid their dues for 2009. Please make an effort to get these in as soon as possible.

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One other item that was put on the table for consideration was to take the Club dark during January and February. At this time of year many members/officers go to a warmer climate and are not available to attend meetings. Those of us facing the winter in Ohio, with the potential for inclement weather with cold, snow and ice finds many members who do not want to venture out. This item will be an area of discussion at future meetings, and will require additional study to determine the impact to the fiscal year, how installation of Officers/Board would be handled etc.

Upcoming meetings:

February 18th. Stated Meeting Social Hour 6:00PM Dinner/Meeting 7:00PM

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March 2nd. Officers and Board Meeting 7:00PM

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