Seasons Greetings from Will & Lorraine Riley's Whitby Bull 801 East Pine Log Road Aiken, South Carolina 29803 803-641-6227

#### 2015 Newsletter #1

Some recipes, news and food for thought! February 4, 2015
Thank you "Web Guru" **George Alexander**, host of the Bull's web site:
<a href="https://www.rileyswhitbybull.com">www.rileyswhitbybull.com</a>
To view menus visit our quiet web site.

Hours of Service:

Lunch: Wed. - Fri. 11:30am - 2:00pm Dinner: Wed. - Sat. 5:00pm - 9:00pm Sunday Breakfast 9:00am - 1:00pm

# ♥ ♥ Valentine's Dinner MENU ♥ ♥

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Price Remains \$36.00 per person

SOUP:

Roasted Tomato and Onion

SALAD:

Cranberry Nut Slaw

### **ENTREE SELECTION:**

Aged Black Angus Filet of Beef with Mediterranean Butter Baked Crab Stuffed Lobster Tail w/ Lemon & Drawn Butter Grilled New Zealand Lamb Chops with Jezebel Sauce

SIDES:

Baked Stuffed Potato or Basmati Rice Zucchini Cakes & Buttered Carrots

**DESSERTS:** 

Lemon Chess Pie Old Fashion Egg Custard New York Style Cheeze Cake with Cherries

FRUIT & CHEEZE:

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When you call 641-6227 for reservation please indicate your Entre Choice.

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**B.Y.O.B.** Will & I decided to **not** renew our Beer and Wine license. It seemed the right decision as we were running a "non-for-profit-bar". Simply put if you want alcoholic beverages when you are here, bring your own. We have appropriate glasses, wine keys and mixers available.

Birthday Kids: Tom Spencer, David Lacher, Niece Ann McKenna, Niece Sarah Frederick Harvey Lacombe is 92, Sister Sheila, Pam-the-Mother, Janice Merrrick, Sister Carolyn Bardos, Nephew Laci Bardos, Brother Roger Maher, Debbie Barrett, Bob Johnson, Sista Deborah Ganzi, Mrs. Risher, Miss Sophia

Big Welcome: To our newest Great Niece **Nora Jean Frederick**. She made her debut in Argyle, New York on January 14. Temperature was 9 below zero. We will see you baby girl when summer rolls around. Thank you Niece **Sarah** for doin' all the hard work.

Anniversary Celebrants: Scott & Anna Lacher, George & Betty Alexander, Julie Evonna & Ann Thal, Sister Sally Jane & Brother Patrick McKenna, Debbie & David Brown, Sally & Ron Alasin

Heartfelt Thanks to: **Ann & Julie** for allowing us to host your Great 20th Anniversary Celebration, **Jack & Nancy** for our **Cosco** adventure **Mary-Mom-of-Mike** for you know what.

## \*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*

A few of dates for your calender.

# 2013 AAUW Book Fair

9am - 6pm Friday, March 6th and 9am - 2pm Saturday, March 7th
This year located in the Kalmia Plaza old CVS storefront.
Will & I help the gals schlep books and stuff. We accept donations at the Bull and bring them to the fairground on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Please feel free to drop any books and "Attic Treasures" that you no longer need. This is tax deductible too. The monies from the sale stay in the community and do lots of good.

# 2013 BATTLE of AIKEN

Saturday, February 21<sup>rd</sup>

Robert (Le Duc d' Normandy ) & Joan Moore have made their annual Battle of Aiken dinner and Breakfast reservations. We thank Joan her the yearly heads-up.

In The Garden: Our Buzzards are back with their teenagers. Daffodils are ready to bloom. Paper Whites are out. And spring is on the way. We are ready when you are.

We had lovely Christmas and New Year and very eager for changes in 2015. Hope

there is not another ice-storm to disrupt our Valentine's Celebration. Last year was too weird. There is still evidence of that destructive anomaly.

The recipe for the Butter Almond Crunch is a new one for us. It mad a yummy Christmas gift.

The White Bean Dip and the Peanut Butter Spread recipes were two Will adapted for a delicious vegetarian buffet.

### Recipes of the Day:

1. Butter Almond Crunch Yield about 1 pound We give it three thumbs up.

Butter a 13" X 9" pan (We put foil down on a sheet pan and buttered the foil)

3/4 cup sliced almonds

3/4 cup shredded sweetened coconut

1/2 cup butter

1 1/2 cup sugar

3 Tbls water

1 Tbls light corn syrup

1/2 tsp salt

Proceed:

Combine almonds and coconut; spread in thin layer over bottom of buttered pan.

In sauce pan melt butter. Blend in remaining ingredients.

Cook without stirring until mixture reaches soft crack stage (290 degrees)

Remove from heat & pour in thin stream evenly over the almonds & coconut.

Cool, then break int pieces.\* Store in air tight container.

### 2. White Bean Hummus Dip Yield 3 cups

8 ounces cooked white beans

1 clove garlic, cruched

2 Tbls Tahini

2 Tbls lemon juice

1/4 tsp corriander

1/8 tsp sage

1/8 tsp rosemary

salt & cayenne to taste

1/4 cup plus 2 Tbls olive oil

Proceed:

Saute garlic in 2 Tbls olive oil over medium til heated through. Add seasons and beans. Bring to boil and cook 3 – 5 minutes. Cool. Puree in Cuisinart.

When cool and smooth finish with lemon juice, Tahini and 1/4 cup olive oil.

We served this with blue and white corn chips and celery sticks.

### 3. Peanut Butter Spread Yield about 1 1/2 cups

1/2 cup peanut butter 1/4 cup almond milk

<sup>\*</sup> Can score with knife dipped in hot water before completely cooled.

1/4 cup canned pumpkin
2 ounces chopped roasted and peeled green chilies
1 Tbls maple syrup
2 - 4 medjool dates
dash cinnamon
dash cayenne
apple juice to adjust consistency.
Pulse in Cuisinart til smooth. Adjust consistency with juice til spreadable.
Chill. Can be made ahead.

Aside to Nephew **Dylan O'Connor**: Heard through the family grape vine you have decided to remain in Africa for another year. Keep up the good work and we will see you sometime 2016. Yeah, that sounds like too long for us. But we are very proud of you and the new med-school. XOX Aunt Insane & Silly Uncle Willie. PS All these recipes are gluten free.

### That's all for 2015 Newsletter #1

Talk to you next time.

Peace & Love
from Riley's Whitby Bull "Misfits' Haven"