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Date		Program
3/19	Mon	REGULAR MEETING - TBA - Contact Program Chair Angie McDaniel with suggestions
3/24	Sat	Kiwanis Club of Chester - 35th birthday celebration outing at Dr Joe's Olive Hill estate in Matoaca
3/26	Mon	REGULAR MEETING - TBA - Contact Program Chair Angie McDaniel with suggestions
3/29	Thu	The club's 35th Anniversary is on March 29th.
3/31	Sat	The Walk for the MCV Children's Room is scheduled for March 31
4/2	Mon	Board Night - Second half of the annual DUES ARE DUE TONIGHT!
4/7	Sat	Kiwanis One Day -
4/9	Mon	REGULAR MEETING - TBA - Contact Program Chair Angie McDaniel with suggestions
4/16	Mon	REGULAR MEETING - TBA - Contact Program Chair Angie McDaniel with suggestions
4/28	Sat	The Little Big Adventure Race for COACH – See Noelle
Meetings are held on Monday Nights at Eckerd's Drug store in Chester at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Contact Program Chair Angie McDaniel with suggestions.		



Uncle Ron

President's Message

As I approach mid-term as your president I am looking at the most challenging project of our club's year: our financial make or break "Spring Fling" project. The Planning Committee is underway and appears to be making great progress. One of our members has told me she already has commitments for 50 tickets. If the weather cooperates we could have one of our best Spring Flings in recent years. In little over a week we have our club's 35th anniversary celebration and I understand we have over 60 members and guests who plan to attend. While we appear to have lost a couple of folks we have gained two new



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members this year who promise to become very active in the club. I am sure you have heard me describe our club as a family from time to time. I appreciate all your hard work and support that makes these things happen.

We all have been part of a family, primary and extended and we know that within this family we have both good and difficult relationships from time to time. If you are part of a large family you are closer to some members than others. In my formative years my oldest brother perceived me as the "spoiled brat" and I knew how to "push his buttons". Since then we have shared many of life's experiences, come to appreciate each other's qualities and as a result, become very close. Likewise, relations among individual members of the club can vary over time, usually as a result of misunderstandings. The important thing is that each of us were attracted to Kiwanis because of the opportunity to serve others, particularly children, which I feel make Kiwanians; special people and deserving of respect. While I am not a miracle worker; should you have concerns about the club, its direction or more personal issues that affect other members: please tag me and let's discuss.

Again, thanks for your support.

Uncle Ron

BIRTHDAY PARTY PLANNED

Our club's **35th birthday celebration** outing has been confirmed. With more than 50 expected to attend, the event will be held on Saturday March 24 from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at Dr Joe's Olive Hill estate in Matoaca with live music by members of Spectrum. Holly Flores has volunteered to coordinate the affair.

TREASURER NEEDS CASH

Treasurer Bob says he's out of money and needs cash. Preferably \$20 bills. (My notes are sketchy, maybe it was 20 members with \$1 bills.) Also, the DUES ARE DUE. Don't make him come after you!

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anniversaries

Kim & Jay Slagle	03/09
Basil and Nancy Furr	03/22

Birthdays

Judy Ward	03/4
Charles Benton	03/8
Flo Gray	03/22
Joan Benton	03/24
Sean McDaniel	03/25
Pat Rayman	03/26
Gemma Handwerk	03/30

International Trustee Candidates

Three Capital District Kiwanians have filed as candidates for the office of **International Trustee** for the 2007-2008 administrative years.

- Past Governor Richard (Dick) G. Feeser Greater Ocean Pines, Maryland
- Past Governor Charles P. Adams Chesterfield, Virginia
- Past Governor Jerome E. Peuler, Jr. Waldorf, Maryland

Candidates for this office will stand for election at the 2007 Capital District Convention to be held in Rockville, Maryland in August.



The 2007 **Kiwanis International convention** in San Antonio, Texas, July 3-7, will feature a wide variety of entertainment and inspiration. The opening session on Tuesday, July 3, for example, will feature a performance by The Second City, America's premier

improvisational comedy troupe. Join Gov. Bob and 1st Lady Nancy for an "All You Can Eat Texas BBQ" on July 4th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at [The County Line](#) on the scenic San Antonio Riverwalk.

If you've never been to San Antonio (home of the Alamo) this is your chance to visit a charming town and build on your Kiwanis experience.

Lame Website:



Kiwanis Club of
Chester (0022)
Charter Date: March 3, 1919
Division 22 Region 7

That's right ... the Kiwanis Club of Chester PA has a lame website. Ours, however, won honors for being the best! Sorry Kiwanis Club of Chester PA. ... not your fault... you don't have Tom.

"A panel from the [Capital District Kiwanis Digital Committee](#) spent a week judging district club web sites on the basis of currency, usefulness to members, usefulness to non-members, and good web design principles. A winner ribbon was awarded at the recent [Heart of Virginia Mid-Winter Conference](#) to the Kiwanis Club of Chester web site." *ChesterKiwanis.org*

Congratulations Tom!

By the way. According to the website statistics, the Romanians (200) are gaining on the US (225) in website hits for last month. It is your patriotic duty to visit our site more often.

New Member

We welcome **William (Bill) A. Fox** to our membership. Bill is sponsored by Marshall Henry and was approved at the March board meeting. Member, please update your yearbooks accordingly:

- Home address: 4840 Cool Spring Drive, Chester, 23831.
- Birthdate: November 27

- Retired engineer from Allied, wife's name is Margi. Her birth date is: April 9th
- Wedding anniversary: Feb 6th
- e-mail is billmargfox@comcast.net.
- Home phone is 748-4446.

New Member Program

Did you know there were Prizes?

Beginning July 1, 2006, and running through June 1, 2007:

IT'S AS EASY AS

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You Hold the Key!

1. Recruit 1 new member and receive a bronze key lapel pin and one (1) entry in the random drawing.
2. Recruit 2 new members and receive a silver key lapel pin and an additional entry in the random drawing for a total of two (2) entries.
3. Recruit 3 new members and receive a gold key lapel pin and a total of three (3) entries in the contest

1st Place: 2 winners: Trip to the 2008 Kiwanis International Convention

For more info, see the e-Builder



Nicole accepts T-shirt and Team Picture for sponsoring a YMCA sports team.

"Steve Pederson, Board member from the Chester YMCA provided our club with an update on YMCA activities. This included the fine youth sports program where 2,200 youth participate among 135 teams. Soccer, Basketball and T-Ball are some of the more popular programs. The major goal is to build self-esteem, teach outstanding values and overall help to build our community. If you wish to sponsor a Chester YMCA Sports team, please contact Sean Eichert, YMCA Financial Development Coordinator, call him at 804-748-9622.

Tom Williams

Postage stamp saved this month:

Children and adults alike will delight in these lively and colorful Favorite Children's Book Animals stamps, two of which - The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Maisy - will also be issued by Royal Mail in the United Kingdom.



Making new friends can be difficult. But when Wilbur the pig meets Charlotte the spider, he knows that his lonely life in the barn will end. Charlotte's love teaches Wilbur about loyalty, bravery, and the joy of being alive. Illustrator Garth Williams gave form to this inspiring and humble character in E.B. White's Newbery Honor-winning book *Charlotte's Web* (1952).

Volunteers Needed!

The **Little Big Adventure** race will be held on April 28, 2007 (Saturday) at Pocahontas State Park. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Arax Mitchell directly at araxseta@mac.com. It is an incredibly rewarding experience!



A portion of proceeds will benefit the Coalition for Active Children (COACH).

COACH is an energized group of stakeholders whose mission is to promote a healthy future for children and their families in Chesterfield County through education and awareness about the lifelong benefits of increased physical activity and good nutrition.

While the race begins at 9 AM there are many positions which start as early as 6AM and also those that involve tear down and clean up which would occur early afternoon.

This is not a Kiwanis sponsored function, however, we have a shared interest in this type of event and members are encouraged to participate.

Did You Know? Background checks are needed.

SOURCE: Kiwanis Connected

"Youth deserve the best Kiwanis has to offer. This includes the relationship and interaction between youth impacted by Service Leadership Programs and those adults who so generously give of themselves to assure the success of Kiwanis leadership development.

"As a result, all adults working with youth at all Kiwanis International-sponsored events including conventions, conferences, etc., must have a background check that is approved or conducted by Kiwanis International."

Youth Violence

Wade Randolph, a member of Les Brown's Speakers Network, gave an inspiration lecture on youth violence. Although violence in America is on the decline, violence is on the rise for youth ages 12 to 19. Since youth watch TV 13.5 hours per week and access the internet 16.5 hours per week, they unfortunately are exposed to ...examples of violence in these media, as well as from computer games and other influences. It is important for parents, grandparents and others to take time with youth. Providing a positive influence and letting them know that someone cares and will listen to them may help to change their course. For more information, see <http://www.randolphunlimited.com/> or contact him at 804-257-0242. *Tom Williams*



What are you doing April 7?

Every Kiwanis club should reserve the date of Saturday, April 7, 2007, for the launch of a major new Kiwanis service initiative. That's the date chosen for the first Kiwanis One Day.

"It just breaks my heart to see so many in our country who shun the notion of honoring our present 'soldier heroes' much less the ones who served in the past to preserve the freedoms we have. Too many who have never served care little....and some of them turn their backs on the willing who fight today for our liberties." *A Patriot*