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Date		Program
7/16	Mon	Picnic Meeting - The Meeting on July 16 will be held at the residence Linda Torrence. Spouses are invited.
7/23	Mon	Regular Meeting - George Reynolds - Chesterfield Historical Society. A Brief Overview of Chesterfield County History
7/30	Mon	Regular Meeting - Pam Sutton - Chief, Fort Lee BRAC Synchronization Office. Expansion at Ft. Lee - The Socio-Economic Impact on Adjacent Localities
8/6	Mon	Regular Meeting and Board
8/14	2 nd Tue	West Point Crab Feast – and Golf 5:00 PM – 8 PM West Point Country Club – West Point
8/13	Mon	Regular Meeting TBA
8/17 -19	Fri - Sun	Capital District Convention to be held in Rockville, MD August 17 thru August 19
8/20	Mon	Picnic Meeting - meeting on August 20 will be held at the residence of Danny Wyatt
9/8	Sat	Chesterfest at Chester Village Green, 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM
9/24	Mon	Meeting, Installation of Club Officers Night, TBA, 06:00 PM

Meetings are held on Monday Nights at Eckerd's Drug store in Chester at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Contact Program Chair Basil Furr with suggestions.

President's Message

"Will the Kiwanis Club of Chester Please Come to Order!"



"Yes, I've been to Texas. How can you tell?"

Uncle Ron

See! I did learn something from the International Convention. During the meeting last night when some of the members became somewhat loud, boisterous and virtually out of control; I issued the above statement and - my gracious, you could have heard a "pin drop". Yes sir, picked that one up during one of the House of Delegates sessions - and it works!

First let me thank the club for your support that enabled me to attend the

convention in San Antonio. The convention proved to be a great learning experience and the River Walk, the Market and San Antonio as a whole was neat place. Now let me bore you with some of the results.



Alamo Attention-getter

The positions of International President (won by **Dave Curry**) and President-Elect (won by **Donald Canady**) were uncontested and approved by a voice vote.



Dave Curry – our new International President

Paul Palazzolo of Illinois defeated **Peter Mihelich** of Missouri for the position of International Vice President.

Bascom Allen, Sr. of Mississippi, **Randolph Delay** of Texas and **Bernard Knott** of WV were elected as International Trustees.

Seventeen Amendments and one Resolution were brought before the House of Delegates and I will comment on the more significant ones (Full texts of all the proposed amendments can be found under "K-News on the International Website). I was both

surprised and pleased that the House was not a rubber stamp to the International Board and was ready to reject and/or amend those amendments recommended by them.

#1 To allow Kiwanis the flexibility to create and test new forms of membership and new ways to participate in Kiwanis service, consistent with the Objects of Kiwanis, on a limited basis. While this was passed it was amended to require that the Executive Director make an annual report as to the effectiveness of any such Board Action taken.

#2 To move the duties of the Chief Executive Officer in charge of day-to-day operations from the International President to the Executive Director. Amended and passed.

#4 Create a new classification of "shared active Membership". This would have allowed both husband and wife to be members of the same club but pay only one fee for membership. -Defeated

#6 To change the deadline for submission of proposed amendments and resolutions from April 1 to January 15 to allow more time for consideration and review. Following debate was amended to February 15 and passed.

#9 To require a minimum period of one year and one day between International Board service as a Trustee and the announcement of candidacy for a higher office, and to allow a district to have one Trustee and one higher officer on the International Board at the same time. There was much debate about this amendment which appeared to impugn the integrity of members of the International Board (implication that decisions would be made on the personal ambitions of the sitting board member rather than on "what was right". - Defeated

#11 To require clubs to offer members the option to vote by mail (absentee ballot) on club matters. Failed.

#14 Require a Majority vote to approve new provisions to the International Bylaws. This was Replaced by the language in Amendment #15 which requires a 2/3 vote to add new amendments and then was passed.

Resolution passed that Kiwanis International supports exploring collaboration with Rotary International, Lions Club International and Optimist International on ways to serve the needs of Children.

Again this was a true learning experience where I was able to see the political side of Kiwanis but also learn about potential new ideas and projects (which I am sharing with **President-Elect Jay** and committee members) and enjoy the association with members of our organization from across the world. Now let me offer you the opportunity to experience something similar.

Let me invite you, no, encourage you to attend the 89th **Capital District Convention** in Rockville MD August 18th and 19th. You will not only learn more about being more effective in your Kiwanis position but also share your ideas and interests with Kiwanians across the District.

"Let there be Order in the House!"

Uncle Ron

PS: Don't forget the socials at **Linda's** on the 16th of this month and at **Danny's** on August 20th.



Noelle wishes to remind us that **ChesterFest of Chester Virginia**, will be on Saturday September 8. The Kiwanis Club of Chester will have a double booth location. Noelle will be asking for volunteers to help with the activities. This year's event will be bigger and better than ever.

CHESTERFEST 2007

Yup... we have competition:



When: Saturday July 14, 2007

Where: North Park in Chester, Nebraska

Time: 5:00 PM until 12:30AM

Meet at Joe's at 5AM Friday

(just kidding)

BLOOD DRIVE

Our club blood drive effort is off to a good start.....BLOOD has flowed from **Walt, Dayton, Hank & Marshall** so far....that's half a gallon of lifesaving essentials!



Giving blood has never been easier....here in Chester, the Va Blood Center is located at the corner of Richmond and Old Hundred Rd. If you wish to call ahead and get a specific time slot, the # is 342-4040.....and since you're so close, and if you have time, give me a call (748-7850) and come on by(12125 Richmond Street) for some coffee or a little libation☺ if it's close to Happy Hour!

Giving blood takes slightly less than an hour these days....most of the time is spent in a Q&A voice session with a computer terminal....a quick check of your temperature, blood pressure and Iron in your blood...and the actual giving of blood time is only about 10 minutes....there's refreshments afterwards....and they usually offer you a cute "blood sucking mosquito " T-shirt or something else fun. There's no Kiwanis signup sheet.....but would appreciate your e-mailing me so that co-chair Ed and I can report who's done the deed.

Marshall & Ed

**R. Tyler Bland, Jr.
Memorial
10th Annual West
Point Crab Feast &
Golf Tournament**

It is that time of the year again to make plans for the **R. Tyler Bland, Jr. Memorial 36th Annual**

West Point Kiwanis Crab Feast. Mark your calendars for the **second Tuesday**, August 14, 2007 at the West Point Country Club at 5:30 pm.



\$25 per person will get you lots of steamed crabs, hot dogs, beer and soft drinks. No tickets are available at the door and the event is held rain or shine.

The West Point Club again issues a challenge to all Kiwanis Clubs attending the Crab Feast to come early and enter a team in the 11th Annual Golf Tournament. It is an 18-hole Captains Choice Tournament with a 12:30 pm Shotgun Start. There is a fee of \$160 per team, which includes greens fee and carts, Call Charles Davis for additional information at 804 843-2727.

If you would like to enter a team to play or would like tickets, please email Sandy Boswell at sjboswell@verizon.net or call her at 804-338-9337 for additional details. Checks made payable to West Point Kiwanis must be sent to Sandy Boswell at PO Box 109, West Point, VA 23181, along with an entry form found on the Capital District e-Builder.

YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE

Stacy Chisholm, our club' coordinator for Young Children Priority One, is seeking new and used books for the reading program. They would be books appropriate for 1-5 year olds. You might check your attics to see if there are some left over from when you were raising your kids. Let's pass them on to help others.

Check it out and bring them with you on ANY Monday night this summer.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Anniversary to	
Bonnie & Jim Martin	07/02
Wayne and Ann Stuart	07/04
Angie & Tolleison Morriss	07/17
Happy Birthday to	
Ed Thompson	07/13
Susan Henry	07/16
Phillipa Smith	07/16
Michael Chisholm	07/17
Jim Martin	07/18
Brenda Todd	07/19
Irene Cassada	07/20
Walter Carter	07/21
Gary Crutchfield	07/22
Philip Crow	07/31

Village News

"The coffee shop that was born in Seattle and that has since grown into a \$6.2 billion global coffee service experience is working to open another outlet in Chester. Commercial Site Design of Raleigh, N.C. recently filed a site plan with the Chesterfield County planning department for a new full service coffee shop to be located on the southeast corner of West Hundred Rd. and Jefferson Davis Hwy.

"The existing building on the site, which once housed Scrubs and was built for First Virginia Bank, will be torn down to make way for the new Starbucks. The building will consist of approximately 1,850 square feet and include interior service, outdoor seating, and a drive-thru."

What next?

Postage stamp saved this month:



The International Polar Year 2007-2008 will be highlighted on a souvenir sheet Feb. 22, when scientists around the

world will conduct research and field observations to increase understanding of the roles that both Polar

Regions play in changing ecosystems, coastal erosion and other phenomena.