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Date		Program
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 – Bring a covered dish and significant other.
8/27	Mon	Regular Meeting - Program: Paul Newton, Chesterfield County Fire Department, Let's Hear it for Our Cardio-Vascular Health.
9/3	Mon	Labor Day – no meeting
9/4	Tue	Regular and Board Meeting
9/8	Sat	Chesterfest at Chester Village Green, 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM
9/10	Mon	Regular Meeting , Program: Sonny Bolden - Postmaster, Chester Post Office, You Want Me to Send What?
9/17	Mon	Regular Meeting , Program: Vickie Griffith, Hypnotist, Founder of Breakthrough, Kick some Butts - Freedom to Succeed From Self-Sabotaging Habits
9/22	Sat	Budget Planning Board Meeting – for club year 2007-2008. Rite Aid (Formerly Eckerd's)
9/24	Mon	Regular Meeting – Tentatively canceled due to Installation Officers
9/27	Thu	Installation of Officers banquet will be Thursday September 27 at the Country Club of Petersburg . The cost of the dinner will be \$30 with a cash bar.

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



President's Message

"Spread the 'Good News' of Kiwanis!"

I was thinking this past week (I know that is dangerous) about how little we know about the rules and policies of Kiwanis and how things get done. Our membership committee has always done a good job of

Orientation but is there anything we can refer to when we have a question about the Organization, local or International? For example a member recently asked me how to propose a community activity for future funding from the club. I know I have a real problem finding answers with Online “Help” and I miss not having that dusty old hard copy manual that used to come with new computer programs. Well a couple of our members were impressed with the approach of the Richmond Club and their club manual. It is given to new members when they join and lays out expectations, and responsibilities of the club and members as well as procedures involved in the day to day operations of the club; all in one place. **Dave Elswick, Danny Wyatt, Gary Burleigh** and I are reviewing the manual and making suggestions as to how it might be adapted to the unique needs of our club. If deemed appropriate we will submit it to the club for approval. I think most members might like a copy.



During one of our recent meetings a member asked me what are the characteristics we should look for in potential new members. I suggested the main factor was that they were still breathing. Well while we certainly want to spread the “Good News” of Kiwanis we don’t want numbers just for numbers sake. While we all enjoy the social aspect and good friendships we should also be looking for individuals who want to become involved in activities and programs that improve our communities and the lives of children who live in them. We want

people, young – old, this persuasion or that - who step up and volunteer their time and energy. People who are open to new ideas and approaches and are willing to



operate as a member of the group to accomplish them. Certainly people who are ethically grounded and can identify with the goals of Kiwanis. There are many people like that out there who if they know about us will be asking us to be members. Just start looking around you and start telling them about Kiwanis.

Take Care,
Uncle Ron

New Name Same Old Place



With us, it's personal.

The sign is up. **Eckerd's in Chester is now the Rite Aid.** No changes in our regular meeting place are anticipated at this time.

President Ron would like for each of you to fill out the **Annual Assessment Form** for the Kiwanis Club of Chester and return it to him at an upcoming meeting. These are available on the website. Contact **Tom Williams** if you have a hard time printing a hard copy. Thanks for your timely and thoughtful response.

President-Elect **Jay Slagle** has set up a budget planning board meeting for Saturday, September 22 at 9:00 AM at Rite-Aid. Breakfast will be served. Please come with your budget proposals

New Trustee

We were pleased to learn that **Past Lieutenant Governor Don Shroeder** will be our Capital Region Trustee beginning this October. Don has been a favorite guest and honored Kiwanis leader for many years and we wish him well in this new role.



Don announced that Derby Ducky tickets are now on sale - \$5.00 per ticket or 3 for \$10.00. Cash prizes will be drawn at the Capital District

Convention on August 18th and all proceeds support seven pediatric trauma hospitals in the Capital District.. Please contact **President Ronnie Gray** for your tickets. Last year, \$28,000 of the money collected went back into our Capital Region.

Rick Dodson announced that the [Anthem Gurney Tourney](#) will be on September 29th. The event will run on 7th Street near the Richmond coliseum (the old site). Our club is sponsoring the running of a gurney in this event and Rick urges your attendance. If you attend, Rick will make certain you get a good seat and plenty to eat.

"Riot at the Wyatts"

Danny Wyatt announced that our Social meeting at his residence at 6:30 PM on August 20 will be a Pot Luck affair. Bring your favorite dish; you may also wish to bring

Just kidding... please don't bring any paint!

YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE

Stacy Chisholm, our club's 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. Ask your neighbors, check the attic, ask at the Library. Let's pass them on to help others. Bring them with



you on ANY Monday night this summer.

ChesterFest of Chester Virginia



This year's **Chesterfest** will be on Saturday September 8. The Kiwanis Club of Chester will have a double booth location. We have requested a prime location, right up front so the public can see us and our good works. **Noelle Grosso** will be asking for volunteers to help with the activities. Sign-up sheets are going around or ask Noelle next time you see her.



Colonial Heights Kiwanis Shrimp Feast at Lake Chesdin

September 19, 2007
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

This event usually draws about 700-800 people, live music, and the food is great. Contact Jim O'Connell direct for tickets at 520-9476 or let **Rick Dodson** know (748-8432), and he will pass the total requirement for individual Kiwanis Club of Chester tickets to Jim.

Support Your County Fair

County Fairgrounds

Aug 24- Sep 1

What better way to celebrate the last few days of summer than by coming to the Chesterfield County Fair?

You know, we harp about the “good ‘ole days” and how things used to be. How long has it been since you went to the county fair? Sure, it’s hot and the chicken tent smells (just like the good ole days?) Take a chance, visit the fair, you might be surprised.

Chesterfield County Fair Mission & Vision Statement:

- Provide leadership for the continued growth and improvement of the Chesterfield County Fair.
- To inspire agricultural education, and create venues for cultural opportunities for youth and families.
- To provide unlimited opportunities to celebrate Chesterfield County’s history, heritage, culture, and traditions by bringing the community together.
- To be recognized as the premier county fair in Virginia.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Anniversary to

Walter and Judy Ward	08/05
Bill & Cathy Rhea	08/06
Linda & Floyd Torrence	08/13
Richard and Ashley Elder	08/20
Carol & Gary Crutchfield	08/22
David & Barbara Elswick	08/23
Pat & Ted Rayman	08/31

Happy Birthday to

Linda Torrence	08/09
Ron Gray	08/13
Marshall Henry	08/26
Danny Wyatt	08/27
Susan Wyatt	08/29

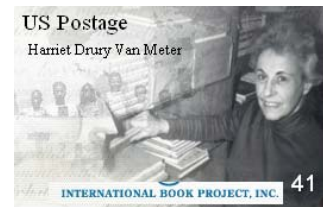
Village News

Old Sylvester’s Site, Moore’s Lake Property Up for Rezoning

Chester Village News, Aug 8, 2007.

Broad Street Partners LLP, owners of the now closed Sylvester’s Restaurant and Moore’s Cottages and the former Chesterfield Feed and Seed on Jefferson Davis Hwy., have begun the process to rezone that property and a group of properties to the east of I-95. They intend to develop a mixed-use project consisting of retail and restaurants on the road frontage, multi-family residential dwellings on the old Moore’s Lake Property, and industrial along the I-95 corridor. The only reported tenant to date is a **Texas Roadhouse Restaurant**. Development would not occur until after the fourth quarter of 2008. *What next?*

Postage stamp saved this month:



For her tireless support of literacy, in 1986 Mrs. Van Meter was a finalist for the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1989 she was awarded the Kiwanis International World Service Medal (other candidates for this award included the famed French oceanographer Jacques Cousteau), Her devotion to global literacy makes her an excellent candidate for a U.S. commemorative postal stamp.



Kiwanians **Mary, Linda, Angie, Jay** (with **Walt and Guy** in the background) prepare for crabs at the West Point Crab Fest on August 14th. “We need to do this more often,” remarked Pres. Ron.