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Date		Program
11/27-30		Bizarre Bazaar – Help build our Admin Fund – See Danny for assignments
12/1	Sat	Canned Food Drive - Food Lion Stores, Keys Chester Road at 288 Keyettes , Jeff Davis and Bermuda Crossroad . 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
12/3	Mon	Board Meeting – Parade Planning Session – Please attend.
12/6	Thu	Angel Tree program will be in operation at Southpark Mall in Colonial Heights from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
12/8	Sat	Kiwanis Capital District Governor Arthur Riley will be visiting on Saturday December 8 at the old Sears store at the Cloverleaf Mall. Lunch will be served at 11:30 followed by a Kiwanis Family Work Day.
12/9	Sun	Christmas Parade - 2PM Parade begins. Members should have their assignments and start times from Angie.
12/10	Mon	Regular Meeting Master Officer Jeff Auxier, School Resource Officer, Chesterfield Police Dept. Speaking on Gangs and Gang Activity in Chesterfield
12/15	Sat	Annual Club Christmas Party at Jay and Kim Slagle Residence. Spouses welcome. Casual business attire.
12/17	Mon	Regular Meeting - TBA Hopefully Kurt Cox will speak in order to avoid the infamous Emergency Program sitting in Phil's trunk.
1/7	Mon	.Next Regular Meeting is in January of 2008 – Happy New Year!
Meetings are held on Monday Nights at Rite Aid Drug store in Chester at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Contact Program Chair Ed Thompson with suggestions.		



THANKSGIVING THOUGHT

I was moved recently when we were visited by the Chesterfield and Hopewell clubs. Moved, because of the compliments I have received recently and in the past regarding the energy of our club. For those of you that do not know and at the risk of using braggadocio, our club is looked up to by the other clubs. This did not happen over night and is the result, in part of our fine leadership in the past. It is also the result of the fact that our club gets out and is seen in the community and at Kiwanis functions. We network and support each other. I am

thankful and proud that I have such a club to be part of.

Remember this as we go into this holiday season. This is a very visible time for the club but also a very rewarding and enjoyable time.

Thank all of you for what you do for the club!

President Jay

This year's Christmas Mother, **Barbara Chapman** was present at the 11/26 meeting to accept our club's \$1,000 check in support of the **Christmas Mother program**. The Christmas Mother Distribution Center will be in full operation December 11 -14 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at the Chesterfield County fairgrounds. If you wish to sponsor a family, contribute or volunteer, call 804-748-1183 or 804-751-4657.



Former Lt. Governor **Don Schroeder** visited our club to announce that the **Angel Tree** program will be in operation the week of 12/3 at Southpark Mall in Colonial Heights from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Members of our club will be helping on Thursday December 6.

Canned Food Drive



**Sat Dec 1
10- 3 PM**

Key – Food Lion on North Chester Rd and 288
Keyettes – Food Lion on Jeff Davis near Home Depot.

Contact **Dixon** or **Nicole** to volunteer.

If you'd like to donate a food item to this year's Chesterfield - Colonial Heights Christmas Mother campaign, bring several items from the following list:

- hearty beef stew
- tuna
- cranberry sauce
- canned tomatoes
- canned or dry potatoes
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- stew or hearty meat soup

- canned meat
- pork and beans large
- baked beans, large
- dry pasta, spaghetti, macaroni, etc

Do **not** bring any of the following:

- Canned green beans
- Pumpkin or other gourd-like veggies
- Corn Beef Hash
- Fresh fish

Our club's **Christmas party** will be held on Saturday December 15 at 6:30 PM at the residence of **Jay and Kim Slagle**. Please bring a dish and dress will be business casual. There will be a regular meeting held at the Rite Aid on the following Monday.

Kiwanis Capital District Governor **Arthur Riley** will be visiting on Saturday December 8 at the old Sears store at the Cloverleaf Mall. Lunch will be from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM and cost \$3.00. From 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, we will work with our division Kiwanis and Key Clubs at the Salvation Army distribution center at the same location. There will be an optional Spaghetti dinner at 5:00 PM at Deep Run High School.



The club presented Past President **Ron Gray** a life-time Kiwanis membership certificate for serving as our president. A very thankful Ron finally received the plaque in the mail and displayed it at the 11/26 meeting.

Meals on Wheels

Anyone interested in volunteering for Meals on Wheels? Meals on Wheels serves 300 thousand meals a year in the Richmond area through the help of two thousand volunteers. There are 12 satellite areas set up throughout the Richmond area, including locations such as Charles City, New Kent, Goochland, Colonial Heights and Petersburg.

Each volunteer typically has eight to 10 stops. The organization is celebrating their 40 year anniversary this fall and operates with at two million dollar annual budget. If you wish to volunteer, please call Jeannie Geariss at 804-673-5035 or view the [Meals on Wheels](#) web site.

The **Annual Chester Kiwanis Christmas Parade** is a wonderful event for the Club and the community, as you can't get much more exposure than a parade, especially when you shut down traffic on Rt. 10 for an hour. We need all available members to participate so that we all come away with that warm Christmas spirit.



The parade will begin on Sunday December 9, 2007 at 2:00 PM. Spectators should arrive early as roads in the area will be blocked for the parade at 1:45 PM until the parade is over. The route will be

the same as last year; it will begin at the [Chester YMCA](#) and will end at the [Chester Village Green](#). The theme for this year's parade will be "**A Season to Remember**". See **Angie** for assignments.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anniversaries

MJ & Ed Thompson	12/18
Dale & Tom Williams	12/20
Suzie & Bradley Trotter	12/26

Birthdays

Janet Crow	11/1
Floyd Torrence	11/6
Mary Jo Dodson	11/15
Bonnie Moody	11/16
Eddie Grosso	11/18
Bill Rhea	11/27
Robert Cassada	12/2
Pegi Spriggs	12/3
Dale Williams	12/5
Noelle Grosso	12/19
Steven Miles	12/20
Bonnie Martin	12/23
Holly Flores	12/25
MJ Thompson	12/28
Teresa Duncan	12/29

The **Central Virginia Enforcers** won the Men's Open B Division Softball Gold Medal during the 2005 World Police and Fire Games in Quebec, Canada. The World Police and Fire Games is an international Olympic-type competition for public safety organizations and is the second-largest international sporting event in the world, second only to the Summer Olympics.

The Enforcers are made up of police officers, sheriff's deputies and firefighters from Chesterfield County, Henrico County, the city of Richmond and the United States Secret Service., including our guest speaker on Dec 3., 2007 **Master Officer Jeff Auxier**

The Central Virginia Enforcers are the first ever Virginia softball team to enter the games and are planning to defend their world title at the 2007 games in Adelaide, Australia.

Thanksgiving Thought on Perspective

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live.

They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered:

"I saw that we have one dog and they had four.

We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end.

We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night.

Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon.

We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight.

We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us; they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, "Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have.

Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends!

"Life is too short and friends are too few."

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Wayne and Ann Stuart and others in our Kiwanis family who face difficult times. Time to be a friend...