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Date		Program
1/7	Mon	Regular Meeting – and Board Meeting – Happy New Year! Recycle and Reuse “Special” Christmas gifts by putting them up for auction.
1/14	Mon	Regular Meeting – TBA or Chesterfield Mechanics - Ultimately, a well maintained car is much more economic to you and the environment. To avoid any unnecessary roadside breakdowns we have prepared a guide to aid your preventative maintenance.
1/21	Mon	Regular Meeting- TBA or Contract Killers Ltd is a Portsmouth-based pest control company that specialises in the detection, identification and prevention of pests. Also 93 rd Anniversary of Kiwanis
1/28	Mon	Regular Meeting- TBA or Treasure Hunting - It's no surprise that Florida's beaches have been rougher than usual, with Hurricane Noel passing along the east coast. The waves have been huge, and erosion has become a very big concern. With feet of dunes washing away, the possibility to find Spanish coins or other usually impossible-to-find relics becomes almost child's play.
Meetings are held on Monday Nights at Rite Aid Drug store in Chester at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Contact this quarter's Program Chair Bill Rhea with suggestions.		

Holiday Issue



A CHRISTMAS WISH

I just want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our actions tell more than our words, If this year is any indication, we are a club to be proud of. We are encouraged to hear programs like the Christmas Mother who brings hope to those in need and discouraged to hear of youth so lost that they seek the comfort of gangs for recognition.

As we approach the new year, and all its promise, let us ever be mindful of our many blessings. We do so much in this community, but there is so much more to do. Together, we can make a difference.

President Jay

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays

Cathy Rhea	1/14
Suzie Trotter	1/17
Hank Dvorak	1/18
David Elswick	1/19
Susanne Hillier	1/19
Ann Stuart	1/20
Joseph Hillier	1/22
Dixon Handwerk	1/28
Michael Stansfield	1/28

The 1st Annual
Kiwanis of Chesterfield
**DIAMONDS 'N DICE
CASINO NIGHT**

will be held at the Fabulous Copper Grill
in Short Pump Town Center

January 25, 2008

7pm ~ 10pm

- Proceeds to benefit: Kiwanis Club of Chesterfield & Comfort Zone Camp.

Experience 3 hours of endless gaming fun along with all the food & beverages you can enjoy, prepared by the talented chefs of the Copper Grill.

Massino's Casinos will provide gaming enjoyment.

Tickets are \$100 per person



This Christmas the Editing Staff at the Kiwanis Club of Chester's, Remote Processing Center took a vote and decided to ask the Club Members to write about the things that really stuck out about the Club.

Just the good things, or funny things, or things that we might want to do in the next year. The response was overwhelming, largely due to our promise to keep the responses anonymous. If you don't recognize your contribution, it might be that the words were changed, ever so slightly, to conceal your identity.

My Favorite thing:

"Coming back to Chester just in time to enjoy the Spring Fling."



Getting suggestions from Dr. Joe. (also expressed as 'late night calls', 'encouragement', and 'fatherly advice'.) One of the finest gifts you can give a Kiwanian, is the "Kiwanis Spirit." Our Dr. Joe gives us that.



Beer!



There's just something nice about Beer. Lots of Beer. You seem to make lots of friends when you are handing them a cup of cold, frothing beer, especially on a warm Spring day, with the band playing and everybody just happy to be out and about.

Crabs!



Crabs at the annual West Point Crab Feast. (and beer)

A great time to get messy. The crabs are plump and freshly steamed and spiced with Old Bay and Yum. A great time with our Kiwanis Friends.



Any Excuse to Celebrate



In this example, the Club's 35th Anniversary. Wow. That's a lot of years to be active in a community doing all kinds of **Good Stuff**.

Speaking of Good Stuff, several of you mentioned the opportunity to show off at ChesterFest. We do so much, and no one knows who we are...



Concert on the Green



"It gives me shivers to see so many great looking guys and gals in uniform playing for us on a hot summer day."

And ...
"When I see that flag go by..."



And of course, lots of you mentioned the **Chester Kiwanis Christmas Parade**. Some expressed regret that they missed the parade this year. Every year it seems to get bigger and better. The Tipping Point was the year we got Shriners:



You know you are doing something right when the Shriners show up for your parade.

One thing that every one enjoys is the **Chili Fest:**

Not sure why since it makes no money, takes all day to set up and take down. Makes a mess, gets inspected by the health department, and is given away to anyone who passes by.



Toss some snow and ice in the mix and you have nothing left but ... fellowship.

Speaking of freezing ... can you believe someone actually likes standing out in the cold **collecting canned food** with 'the kids'?



"We like working with youth."



Ladies Night



Banquets, gatherings, celebrations ... even Oyster Roast. Come to think of it, no one mentioned Oyster Roast?!



Maybe "Fancy Ladies Nights" is more to our liking? This definitely was not the Fish Club.

Surprises in strange Boxes



Kiwanis Training Sessions – More should go!

And finally, back to the point ... and the season. For Christmas ... and the promise of a Happy New Year ...