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# CHESTER Kiwan-e-gram

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Oct-Dec, Phil Crow  
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Date		Program
12/14	Sun	<b>Christmas Parade – 12:noon – 3 PM</b> Contact Angie for assignments.
12/15	Mon	<b>NO Regular Meeting -</b> Kiwanis Christmas Party at Dixon's. Covered Dish. Spouses are invited.
12/22	Mon	<b>Bensley-Bermuda Rescue Squad –</b> Find out what is happening at the Rescue Squad. The answer could save your life.
12/29	Mon	<b>NYOF</b> Dave Elswick will be on hand to show us what a goat can do in Nepal.
1/5	Mon	<b>Board Night – Keyettes Officers</b> will give a short talk on what they have done over the last 4 months. Plan to stay late.
1/12	Mon	<b>White Elephant Auction –</b> Kiwanians are asked to bring in an unwanted or unusual item to be auctioned off for the benefit of the Admin Fund. Yes, you may bring your mother-in-law's fruitcake!

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 Noelle Grosso with suggestions.  
**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR OUR CURRENT SCHEDULE**



President Dixon

## PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Google Christmas with a capital C and use the Utube link. The best I have seen lately, hits you right between the eyes!

*Dixon*

## Christmas With a Capital "C"

*By The GoFishGuys*

Well I went to the coffee shop  
 To get myself a mocha.  
 The lady at the counter said "Happy Holidays"  
 I said "Thanks lady, I am pretty happy"  
 "But there's only one Holiday that makes me feel that way."

*Refrain*

And it's called Christmas, what more can I say?  
 It's about the birth of Christ  
 And you can't take that away  
 You can call it something else



But that's not what it will be  
It's called Christmas with a capital "C".

God's got a law  
And we pretty much destroyed it  
We're gonna get judged  
And there's no way to avoid it  
But Jesus came down  
To take the punishment for me  
He did it for you too  
So maybe you can see

*Refrain*

I say you gotta say Merry Christmas because it is.  
And if you don't believe in it fine...  
But I've got a flag for you  
Christianity happens to be the religious heritage  
of my county  
Whether you like it or not.

*Refrain*

So if you're not a Christian  
Or you don't like it  
Or you don't want Christmas celebrated  
God Bless You!  
But let me tell you something.  
If you think you're going to stop me from saying it  
Because it offends you ...  
I've got a flash for you:  
PUT A HELMET ON!

It's my country too.

And it's called Christmas, what more can I say?

It's about the  
birth of  
Christ  
And you  
can't take  
that away  
You can call  
it something  
else  
But that's not  
what it will  
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It's called  
Christmas  
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*year. Whether it was organizing our Christmas  
Parade, or just standing outside in the cold for an  
hour. We will take all you can give and love every  
minute of it.. Have a very Merry Christmas... and  
above all ...Be blessed.*

*Dixon*

## **Kiwanis Club of Chester Annual Christmas Party**

Mon. night, Dec. 15, 2008 @ 7 pm.  
Covered Dish.  
Games.  
Come w/ bells on.

Dixon and Gemma Handwerks  
12901 Erlene Dr., Chester, VA 23831.

Take Harrogate Rd. south from Rt. 10 exactly one mile, take a left on Erlene Dr., go 1/4 mile to last house  
on the right

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lAckfn8yiAQ>

*Thanks everyone for all you have done to make  
our community and our world a better place this*

Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

2008  
 Kiwanis Club of Chester  
**Christmas Parade**



Sunday December 14, 2008  
 2:00 PM



**Anniversaries and Birthdays**



**Birthdays**

Donna Sokal	1/14
Cathy Rhea	1/14
Noelle Grosso	12/19
Steven Miles	12/20
MJ Thompson	12/28
Teresa Duncan	12/29

**Anniversaries**

MJ & Ed Thompson	12/18
Dale & Tom Williams	12/20
Suzie & Bradley Trotter	12/26
Charlie and Kris Der	12/27



**INTERCLUBS**



See **Mary Lykins** for dates and times of our next interclub.

# EXTRAORDINARY WORK



Kiwanis, through guidance and example, works to develop future generations of leaders. Every day, Kiwanians are revitalizing neighborhoods, organizing youth-sports programs, tutoring, building playgrounds, and performing countless other projects to help children and communities.

## **Children's Book Drive Any Time Any Child's Book**

Remember to support our effort to collect children's books.

Contact: Basil Furr for information

## **Gov Tom's Message**

Consider the following paraphrase from a book co-authored by management guru Ken Blanchard, whose works include "The One Minute Manager", and Phil Hodges, author of "The Servant Leader" and others. Their book is titled "Lead Like Jesus":

"Know your people intimately. Respect them profoundly. Equip them to be competent and confident leaders. Remember that Servant Leadership involves:

- Setting the purpose or vision
- Communicating a compelling picture of the future
- Defining and modeling the values, structure, and behavior you want from people
- Creating an environment of empowerment
- Moving to the bottom of the pyramid to support those who are responsible to serve (emphasis mine)
- Showing respect for everyone
- Placing the growth and development of people on par with accomplishing vision"

**Gov Tom**

## Christmas Q&A

Q: What did the ghosts say to Santa Claus?

A: We'll have a boo Christmas without you.

Q: What did Santa shout to his toys on Christmas Eve?

A: Okay everyone, sack time!!

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A: Snowflakes.

Q: If Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus had a child, what would he be called?

A: A subordinate claus.

Q: Why did the elf push his bed into the fireplace?

A: He wanted to sleep like a log.

Q: Why did Santa spell Christmas N-O-E?

A: Because the angel had said, "No L!"

Q: What goes Ho, Ho, Swoosh, Ho, Ho, Swoosh?

A: Santa caught in a revolving door!

Q: Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?

A: Because it "soots" him!

Q: What do you do if Santa gets stuck in your chimney?

A: Pour Santa flush on him.

Q: Did you hear that one of Santa's reindeer now works for Proctor and Gambel?

A: Its true . . . Comet cleans sinks!

Q: What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

A: Claustrophobic.

Q: Why does Scrooge love Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer?

A: Because every buck is dear to him.

Q: Why is Christmas just like a day at the office?

A: You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.

Q: Olive?

A: Yeah, you know, "Olive the other reindeer, used to laugh and call him names"

Q: What do elves learn in school?

A: The Elf-abet!

Q: What's the most popular wine at Christmas?

A: "I don't like sprouts" !

Q: If athletes get athletes foot, what do astronauts get?

A: Missletoe!

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A: Frostbite.

Q: Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

A: Because he had low elf esteem.

Q: Why does Santa have 3 gardens?

A: So he can ho-ho-ho.

**Fact or Fiction:** The tradition of celebrating Christmas in the US was brought over from England by the Puritans.

**Fiction.** In Colonial America, the Puritans of New England disapproved of Christmas. Celebration was outlawed in Boston from 1659 to 1681. At the same time, Christian residents of Virginia and New York observed the holiday freely. Christmas fell out of favor in the United States after the American Revolution, when it was considered an English custom.



By the 1820s, sectarian tension had eased and British writers began to worry that Christmas was dying out. These writers imagined Tudor Christmas as a time of heartfelt celebration, and efforts were made to revive the holiday. Charles Dickens's book *A Christmas Carol*, published in 1843, played a major role in reinventing Christmas as a holiday emphasizing family, goodwill, and compassion as opposed to communal celebration and hedonistic excess.

In America, interest in Christmas was revived in the 1820s by several short stories by Washington Irving which appear in his *The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon and "Old Christmas"*, and by Clement Clarke Moore's 1822 poem *A Visit From St. Nicholas* (popularly known by its first line: *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*).



Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas>

## Potage Stamp Saved this Month:

On



October 23, 2008, in New York, New York, the Postal Service™ issued a 42-cent, Christmas: Virgin and Child with the Young John the Baptist by Sandro Botticelli special stamp, designed by Richard Sheaff of Scottsdale, Arizona.

The 2008 Christmas stamp features a detail from a work by the Italian master Sandro Botticelli, entitled *Virgin and Child with the Young John the Baptist*. This

painting, tempera and oil on wood, dates to around 1490 and is now in the collection of the Cleveland Museum of Art. It presents one of the most common figural groups in religious art.