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of the World

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| Date | | Program |
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| 5/11 | Mon | Regular Meeting - The Rev. Dr. Margaret T. Kutz, Pastor, Chester United Methodist Church |
| 5/18 | Mon | Regular Meeting - Jerry Pruden Chesterfield Fire Dept. |
| 5/25 | Mon | Memorial Day – No Meeting due to Holiday. Remember to fly your flag! |
| 6/1 | Mon | Board Meeting - 7 pm, board mtg only, no meal |
| 6/8 | Mon | Concert on the Green – Ft. Lee Army Band -7 PM Chester Village Green |
| 6/13 | Sat | James River Clean-up project Dutch Gap boat ramp. Time is 8:30 AM-1PM. Lunch provided. Sign up. |
| 6/15 | Mon | Third Monday - Summer Schedule – Meeting at a Dixon's House – 7:00 PM – Details to follow. Bring a potential member to the party! |
| Meetings are held on Monday Nights at Rite Aid Drug store in Chester at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Contact next quarter's Program Chair Ed Thompson with suggestions. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR OUR CURRENT SCHEDULE | | |



President Dixon

PRESIDENTIAL VIEW

want to sincerely thank everyone for all your support in the many activities we are involved in here at Chester Kiwanis. Life is already busy and we have folks going to Kiwanis leadership meetings, committee heads & members, interclubs. working with the precious children of all ages, etc. Nice going guys!! (guys includes gals in Pennsylvania lingo)

Our greatness can be measured in our desire to serve those around us. Volunteerism is the rent we pay to be living and the very purpose of life. Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.

"No matter how big government gets, and no matter how many services it provides, it can never take the place of volunteers." -Ronald Reagan. "Volunteers do it with heart".

**May God richly bless your day,
Dixon**



**2009 Fall "Hard Times" Festival
October 14, 2009
Village Green
Chester**



*Planning is underway for the fall **Hard Times Festival**.*

Chairperson Joan Benton has already started the process of lining up vendors

and securing permits. Our community businesses have pledged their continued support. Their financial support will cover our fixed costs. Thus, every ticket sold is a direct contribution to our budgeted community service commitments.

TWO KIWANIS ONE-DAY



Why do one if two can do too?

Tom Sokol is circulating sign-up sheets for the James River Clean-up project on Saturday, June 13th. We are cleaning up the river front at the Dutch Gap boat ramp. Time is 8:30 AM-1PM and includes a "free lunch."



In addition, there will also be a workshop on "Getting rid of Debt" to be held at the Chester Library. The workshop would be presented by our very own club president, **Dixon Handwerk**. Club members would be needed to set up and to help attendees with basic calculator skills. Date will be announced.

Anniversaries and Birthdays



Birthdays

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| Rick Dodson | 22-May |
| Wayne Stuart | 1-Jun |
| Nicole Jordan | 6-Jun |

Anniversaries

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| David and Teresa Duncan | 22-May |
| Joe & Susanne Hillier | 23-May |
| Ron and Flo Gray | 6-Jun |
| Bob & Irene Cassada | 8-Jun |
| Angie and Sean McDaniel | 11-Jun |

INTERCLUBS

Members are needed to attend future interclubs at the Chesterfield Club on Thursday nights, the James River Club on Friday mornings, the Hopewell Club on 1st and 3rd Tuesday morning, or the Crewe Cub on 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings. Contact **Danny** to sign-up.

**LTG Bob Cassada
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New Member – Allan Shore

The club welcomes **Allen Shore**, a former member of the Kiwanis Family, to our club. Allen relocated to the Chester area last year. Allen is a past District Governor for Circle K in 1991 for the Carolinas District. He has been a member of several Kiwanis clubs and other civic organizations. He currently works for Bryant & Stratton College as subject area coordinator for math. He has interest in some point in the future of starting a Circle K club.

91st ANNUAL CAPITAL DISTRICT KIWANIS CONVENTION

AUGUST 21 – 23, 2009
Dover, Delaware



See the club website for registration forms.

Hello to all Kiwanians of the Capital District from the DelMarVa Region. Your 2009 Convention Committee is busy planning this year's convention and we are looking forward having you 'Stop Over in Dover'. The Sheraton Inn of Dover is here, ready to complete your hotel reservation and the rooms are starting to fill.

You can call them at 1-888-755-1450 or on line at www.sheratondover.com. If you have any questions, please contact charles.marks4@verizon.net. See you in Dover 21st to 23rd of August.

Charles Marks, DCON Chairman

Message from the Governor-elect

Don Dudey



I am proud to be Governor-elect of the Capital District for 2009-2010 and I would like to outline my four major goals for this coming year.

2. Service Leadership Programs

"Serving the Children of the World" is our Kiwanis motto. We place a great deal of emphasis in working with children. Marian Wright Edelman stated "Children must have at least one person who believes in them. It could be a counselor, a teacher, a preacher, a friend. it could be you. You

never know when a little love, a little support, will plant a small seed of hope."

Kiwanis is the only service organization that has the Service Leadership Programs like CKI, Key Club, Builders Clubs, K-Kids and Aktion clubs. Many clubs sponsor one or more of these types of clubs, but there are many clubs who do not. There are so many colleges, high schools, middle schools and elementary schools that are without such wonderful programs, your club needs to reexamine its goals to see if it can sponsor such wonderful clubs.

These outstanding students compliment many Kiwanis Club's activities - fund raisers, service projects, club meetings, etc. Yes, they do have so much energy that they sometimes run circles around us. But, we need to harness that energy into ways that will benefit these youth as they grow up to be the next Kiwanians.

Reprinted from the Capital Builder



Outstanding Programs Outstanding Women

The month of April was notable in that we had several excellent programs given by outstanding people.

Nadine Marsh-Carter, President/CEO and adoptive parent for Children's Home Society of Virginia. CHS is Virginia's most experienced adoption agency. While CHS isn't a "home for children" over 13,000 children have been placed into permanent homes by CHS which is



a private, non-sectarian, non-profit, full-service adoption agency that serves the entire Commonwealth. The agency never turns away a birth mother or child in need.

Nadine describes adoption as a gift that provides family support, confidence and values to create families. In a most impressive, articulate manner, Nadine described the history of several adopted children and families during their course with the CHS. It is evident that CHS is fortunate to have someone as knowledgeable and devoted as Nadine Marsh-Carter to lead CHS.

Anita Storino, Principal, Chesterfield Community High School - The Chesterfield Public Education Foundation is a private, charitable foundation dedicated to enhancing the quality of public education in Chesterfield County, Virginia by providing financial and intellectual resources to the Chesterfield County Public Schools.



The Community High School is much more than just a building. The teachers are truly dedicated to their students. The results are impressive.

Hilah Edney, after turning 50'ish, went back to college at MVC where she earned her MS in Bioethics. After receiving this degree, she decided to become even more adventurous. She sold her car, her house and its contentsEVERYTHING and went to Japan for one year. During this time, she taught Medical Ethics to aspiring medical students and established a name for herself among several Japanese nephrologists. One year turned to 14. Hilah still returns to Japan annually for 8 to 12 weeks where she has more direct, face-to-face contact with the researchers.



These three women have dedicated their lives to career and had stories to tell. Congratulations to our Program Chairman Ed Thompson for bringing such outstanding citizens to our club.

Chester Kiwanis Concert on the Green

featuring the U.S. Army Ft. Lee Band

Note the date change

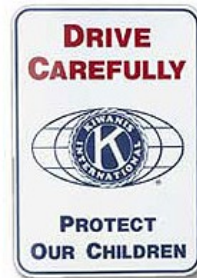
**Monday June 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM
at Chester Village Green**

For the eighth year, the Fort Lee 392nd Army Band will again grace the Chester community with a free concert held at the Chester Village



Green. Come join hundreds that gather to listen to the music, thank our military for their service, to enjoy lemonade and the pleasant weather. This event is proudly co-sponsored by the Village News and the Kiwanis Club of Chester to thank our community for their ongoing support.

Signs of Spring



Look for new signs going up at local elementary schools.

Look for a new community service sign with the Kiwanis Logo replacing the old sign at Morrison's.

Nicole's Chester Village Farmer's Market has started up again. She has been featured in the last two issues of the Village News:

"Music drifted across the Chester Village Green on Saturday during the Chester Village Farmer's Market opening day. An estimated 500 shoppers made their way around to shop at vendors offering fresh vegetables, flowers, and vegetable plants and crafts.

"The Chester Village Farmer's Market will continue each Saturday from 9 to 1 through October."