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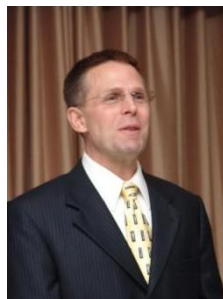
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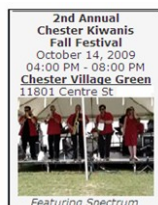
Oct-Dec, Phil Crow
 Jan-Mar, Noelle Grosso
 Apr-June, Ed Thompson
 July-Sept., Bill Fox

Date		Program
6/13	Sat	The James River Clean-Up project at Dutch Gap in Chester on June 13 in honor of Kiwanis One Day. We should arrive at the Dutch Gap Boat Landing by 8:30 AM for registration.
6/15	Mon	Third Monday - Summer Schedule – Meeting at Dixon's House – 7:00 PM – Bring a Covered Dish! Bring your spouse and/or a potential member and/or their spouse to the party! Directions on p. 4
6/19	Fri	Crewe Chicken festival – Crewe, VA 4:00 - 9:00 PM See Danny ASAP for details.
6/22	Mon	Regular Meeting - Emmanuel Dabney from the National Park Service . Giving the invisible characters of the Civil War their place in History. Don't Miss This!
6/25	Thu-Sun	Kiwanis International Convention - Nashville
6/29	Mon	Regular Meeting - Program: Mike Montefusco, NOAA - NWS a General Forecaster at the NWS office in Wakefield, Va.
7/4	Sat	4th of July
7/6	Mon	Board Meeting Only 6:30 PM NO MEAL
7/13	Mon	Regular Meeting - Program: TBA or

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

Paraphrased from "The Secret". One day a friend asked, "How is it that you are always so happy? You have so much energy, and you never seem to get down." I smiled and said, know the secret! "What secret is that?" I'll tell you all about it, but you have to promise to share the secret with others. The secret is this: I have learned there is little I can do in my life that will make me truly happy. I must depend on God to make me happy and to meet my needs. I have to trust in God to supply according to HIS riches. I have learned most of the time I don't need half of what I think I do. He has never let me down. Since I learned that "Secret", I am happy.

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

The questioner's first thought was "That's too simple!" But upon reflecting over his own life he realized how he thought a bigger house would make him happy, but it didn't! He thought a better paying job would make him happy, but it hadn't. When did he realize his greatest happiness? Sitting on the floor with his grandchildren, playing games, eating pizza, or reading a story, simple gifts from God.



Now you know it too! We can't depend on people to make us happy. And now I pass the secret on to you! So once you get it, what will you do?

Kiwanis is simply an outlet to give back to those around us. Studies show that volunteers live longer, happier, and healthier lives. Lives with a purpose. So a hearty THANK YOU to all for helping those around you and making your own life better as a result. You guys 'n gals are great!

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

**2009 FALL "HARD TIMES" FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 14, 2009
VILLAGE GREEN
CHESTER**

Chairperson
Joan Benton is finalizing the planning stages, 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.

Now it is our turn. Time to think about selling those tickets.

KIWANIS ONE-DAY



We are cleaning up the river front at the Dutch Gap boat ramp. Time is 8:30 AM-1PM and includes a "free lunch."



Note: the workshop on "Getting rid of Debt" has been canceled. The Library felt that the county offers seminars of similar content.

Anniversaries and Birthdays



Birthdays

Joan Carter	16-Jun
Mary Lykins	26-Jun
Ted Rayman	28-Jun
Ed Thompson	13-Jul

Anniversaries

Rick & Mary Jo Dodson	16-Jun
Joan & Walter Carter	22-Jun
Susan & Danny Wyatt	29-Jun
Bonnie & Jim Martin	2-Jul
Wayne and Ann Stuart	4-Jul

TERIFFIC KIDS

Volunteers needed to help Nicole with Terrific Kids next fall. All that is needed is a couple of hours every other month to present the awards. Nicole will handle the arrangements and materials. Contact Gary or Nicole for details.

INTERCLUBS

Members are attending the Crewe Chicken Festival for our June interclub. Contact **Danny** to sign-up for future interclubs and events.

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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'.

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.

Goal 3. Club Growth

You know the numbers, 255,000 Kiwanians worldwide, 6,865 Kiwanians in the Capital District, and 15 to 235 Kiwanians in our individual clubs. Is this number growing, stable or decreasing? Well, unfortunately the numbers are decreasing in many communities. If we want to accomplish all of those service projects your club has planned and supporting all those Service Leadership Program clubs you have committed to, you need to increase your membership numbers. Is your club welcoming to visitors, so they would want to return? Is your club active in the community and does the community know it? Do you have a diversity of members in age, sex, race, religion or origin? Is the most important part of your club activities geared toward your service projects or is it to have a meeting, eat a meal, have a program and go home?

These are all questions we as Kiwanians need to evaluate today. How is the public looking at us in regards to what we are, what we do, and would they like to join such an organization? Time is a major issue to the public today. Between working 40-60 hours per week, raising a family that requires various amounts of time, involvement in other activities like church or other organizations, there is only so much time in a given day or week. We have to look at ourselves and say, would someone want to join us? What do we have to offer a prospective member?

Kiwanis International has developed some new ideas about what the structure of a club is and how its members participate in that club. Some of these new ideas are family membership, corporate membership, past Service Leadership Programs memberships, Company-based clubs, club satellites, affiliates clubs and family clubs. All of these are ones which Kiwanis International, your Capital District and your LTG's are exploring on how they can be implemented in our division and community. For more information on these you can contact your LTG.

Reprinted from the Capital Builder

Chester Kiwanis Concert on the Green

featuring the U.S. Army Ft. Lee Band

For the eighth year, the Fort Lee 392nd Army Band held a free concert held at the Chester Village Green.



This event was co-sponsored by the Village News and the Kiwanis Club of Chester to thank our community for their ongoing support. Hats off to cub members for putting this event together:



1. Co-chairs Marshall and Danny are to be congratulated for a near perfect event (next year – no trains please). Co-chair Danny for his usual great emcee job and for hosting/contracting the band and Marshall for implementing the Plan.
2. Village News & Mark Fausz for great front page article and large ad in Monday's paper.
3. Walt & Ed....for transporting and setup / take down of the 3 loads of stuff used for concert....
4. Lemonade Captain Gary with able assistance from Noelle, Dixon, Phil Crow, Hank, Tom & others who pitched in to help with lemonade stand.

5. Dixon, Joe, Bill Rhea, Hank, Tom S & Tom W and many others who helped load and unload Lucy Corr patients.



6. Dave Elswick...for great PR work and for inviting several nursing homes to our event.
- 7 Rick, Noelle, Danny, Ed, and ALL who mingled with our Army band members to thank them and make them feel welcome. It appears, from talking with them and their leaders that they really enjoy coming to our event in Chester.



A nice, enjoyable, home-town Kiwanis evening made possible by all of you.

Marshall and Danny

Signs of Summer

Note the **Third Monday** of the summer months will feature a covered dish gathering at a member's house. Monday June 13th will be held at Dixon Handwerk's home at 7 PM.

Directions:

12901 Erlene Dr., Chester, VA 23831.

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

You're invited to the
36th Annual
Burkeville Ruritans & Crewe Kiwanis

Virginia Chicken Festival

Crewe, VA



Friday, June 19, 2009
4:00 - 9:00 pm

BBQ Chicken Dinner - Livers - Gizzards
Robert's Rooster Stew
Chicken Nuggets - Cheese - Beverages
Wings - Peanuts - Ice Cream

Music by

The Janitors
and
Local Favorites
Whispering Pines
Country Band

Plenty of Shagging & Dancing to the
Beach Music and Top 40 sounds of the
East Coast Favorites of ***The Janitors***
and local entertainment performed by
The Whispering Pines Country Band.

TICKETS

\$20.00 in Advance / \$25.00 at the Gate
(\$1.00 S&H per ticket for mail and online orders)

Coming Soon

Second Tuesday in August



West Point Kiwanis Crab Feast

WEST POINT CRAB FEAST Golf Tournament &
Crabfeast hosted by the Kiwanis Club of West Point.
Held at the West Point C.C. Golf at noon and feast at 5
PM. \$20 each - **Danny Wyatt** will obtain the tickets if
you let him know that you wish to attend. We have had
at least an Interclub there every year for thirty years.
Good crabs and a good social. Plan to attend! Carpool!

* old ad ... expect a price increase

Chesterfield County Fireworks Display

Chesterfield County Fairgrounds
10300 Courthouse Road
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Driving Directions

Children's activities and fireworks are all
part of the celebration at Chesterfield County
Fairgrounds. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.
Admission is free, alcohol, glass, pets and
personal fireworks are not permitted. Gates
open at 5pm, fireworks after dark.

Date/Hours:

Saturday, July 04, 2009 (Opens: 5:00 PM)

Admission Fee: FREE