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Date	Day	Program
11/16	Mon	Regular Meeting , 6:30 PM Program will be incredibly interesting but at this moment is undetermined
11/23	Mon	Regular Meeting , 6:30 PM Program will be incredibly interesting but at this moment is undetermined
11/26	Thu	Thanksgiving
11/30	Mon	Regular Meeting , 6:30 PM Program will be incredibly interesting but at this moment is undetermined
12/1-6	Thu-Sun	Bizarre-Bazaar Please contact Danny Wyatt to sign up or if you would like to make a donation to support our club administrative activities.
12/3	Thu	Angel Tree program will be in operation at Southpark Mall in Colonial Heights from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Members of our club will be helping on this day.
12/5	Sat	Kiwanis Capital District Governor Don L. Dudley will be visiting to work with our division Kiwanis and Key Clubs at the Salvation Army distribution center. Details will be posted later.
12/7	Mon	Board Meeting , 6:30 PM – No Program
12/13	Sun	Christmas Parade YMCA Starts at 2:00 PM Check with Angie for assignments and times.
12/14	Mon	Christmas Dinner at the residence of Gary and Becky Burleigh. 6:00 PM. Spouses invited. 9701 Stagpenn Road, Chesterfield, VA.
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 Bill Fox with suggestions. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR OUR CURRENT SCHEDULE		

President Gary



PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Fellow Kiwanians,

We have just completed our first month of the new administrative year and thanks to all of your efforts it has been a very smooth start.

Everyone seemed to have enjoyed our Induction evening at Howlett's Tavern. Even though the accommodations were a bit crowded, the food was as excellent as the service.



Our youth in the Key Club, Circle K and Keyettes are off and running with their projects. **Marshall, Wayne, Allen** and **Nicole** continue to make us all proud with the quality

exemplified by their work and these young men and women.



The excellent work done by **Joan** and all our members made the Hard Times Fall Festival a success in spite of slow ticket sales due to the economy and less than favorable weather.

Father **Joe** came to our rescue for the umpteenth time with the much needed revenue from advertising. Thank you Joe, your shoes will be as hard to fill as our teeth!

Several members have wasted no time in bringing in guests/ prospective members to our meetings. With the recent resignation of one of our valuable members, **Basil Furr**,



we all need to make the effort to bring to the club the same caliper of men and women. Remember, the more members = more help fundraising = more giveback to the community which is what we are all about.



Bill Fox continues to bring us the most

informative and entertaining programs. Of particular note was the chance to hear representatives of each of the candidates in the recent Virginia gubernatorial race. As the weather turns colder, **Matt Der** brought us pictures and humor from a warmer place we would probably rather be right now.

Noelle has entertained us with her monthly "birthday basket". By-the-way, some have asked what that three-pronged device in the basket is for – inquiring minds would like to know but are afraid they would be embarrassed.

In short, the club seems to be doing well sans my weekly jokes which will cease if I hear enough boos. So far I have not heard from any of my "birdies" of my impending impeachment although I would probably be the last to know. Guess I'm safe for another month.

The coming month will should have us involved in the Salvation Army Drive, the Bizarre-Bazaar, our annual Christmas Parade and our guest for the annual Christmas Party at our home.



Seriously, my heartfelt thanks to each of you for all that you have done and I know that you will be doing this coming year as we work together for the good of the Chester community.



Pres. Gary

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Come join thousands who watch and participate in the annual

Chester Kiwanis Christmas Parade.



The parade will begin on **Sunday December 13, 2009 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 "Christmas Is ...".

BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR A SPOT AT THE BIZAARE BAZAARE



CHECK WITH DANNY FOR A GOOD TIME TO HELP OUT AND EARN SOME EASY CASH FOR OUR ADMINISTRATIVE FUND.

Believe it or not, the area's most exciting holiday shopping event is right around the corner! The 34th Christmas Collection packs all four buildings of The Richmond Raceway Complex with Fabulous Unique Gifts, over 500 Exclusive exhibitors from all over the country and only seen at The Bizarre Bazaar®

Anniversaries and Birthdays



Birthdays

Barbara Elswick	9/25
Gary Burleigh	10/1
Angie Morriss	10/8
Pat Dvorak	10/14
John Howsmon	10/26
Angie McDaniel	10/29
Janet Crow	11/1
Floyd Torrence	11/6

Anniversaries

Marshall & Susan Henry	10/11
Stacy & Michael Chisholm	10/14
Tam & Bonnie Moody	10/14
Guy & Phillipa Smith	10/15

TERIFFIC KIDS

Volunteers needed to help Nicole with Terrific Kids this year. 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

Contact our new interclub chairperson, **Kris Der** to sign-up for future interclubs and events.

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ANGEL TREE

Kiwanians are invited to help with a Key and Keyette project at Southpark Mall for the annual Angle Tree project, on Dec 3rd. Contact Nicole for details.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

This year's **Fall Festival** was a big success, thanks to the relentless efforts of a few club members. This is nothing new to the club. Every year we struggle with the difficulty of scheduling and manning an event that folks want to attend and where tickets 'sell themselves.' Every year we fall short of our potential and manage to burn out a few more formerly enthusiastic members. Eventually we'll run out of members to burn out. This will be a sad day, as we depend on our ability to raise funds in order to pass these on to our community.

The club leadership has determined that we need to address this problem before it is too late. An ad hoc committee chaired by Tom Williams has been set up to evaluate our past successes, build on our strengths, and determine what kind of an event would generate revenue and still support our community and club values. Club members are encouraged to help Tom in this quest for the ultimate fundraiser. Already Allan Shore has admitted to a past life as a professional fundraiser and will step up and help.

All members are asked to forward ideas to Tom. We all have had some great experiences at other events that we may apply here. Town fairs, food festivals, wine and cheese events ... use your imagination. Email your suggestions to Tom at webmaster@chesterkiwanis.org.

Reserve these training dates:

HOV - Leadership Development Session #2

Saturday, December 12, 2009 9 – 12 noon
Southern States Building
6601 West Broad St.
Richmond, VA

**Heart of Virginia
Mid-Winter Training**

January 30-31, 2010
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
1630 East Parham Rd
Richmond, VA 23228

Regional Midwinter Conference

February 7th, 2010

**Capital District Kiwanis Midwinter & 50th
Annual CKI Convention**

February 26 - 28, 2010
Hyatt Regency Crystal City

WHAT'S A LT GOVERNOR DO?

This month, I want to talk about the second most important position in the Capital District. That is the Division Lieutenant Governor. Actually, there are 21 Lieutenant Governors in the Capital District.

Under the reshaping, some of our older members who had served as Lieutenant Governor believed that the District had taken something away from the Lieutenant Governor by Regions and the position of District Trustee. In actuality, the Lieutenant Governor was given more responsibility and direct line authority to provide leadership to the clubs in her/his Division. The Lieutenant Governor is in a supervised/supervisor relationship with the Governor. Each Lieutenant Governor is under the direct guidance of the Governor and has the same linear relationship with his/her Club Presidents.

This is big responsibility to guide each of the five to twelve Presidents and clubs in performing all of their Kiwanis obligations and duties. This includes a list of administrative tasks the Club should be doing each year. These include the training of the club officers, directors, and committee chairs and the preparation of the annual Administrative and Service Budgets prior to the October 1 that their term begins. During the year the President is expected to prepare an agenda for both the regular club meetings and the board meetings. The President is responsible to insure that the club is following both the spirit and the letter of the law, both Kiwanis and civil.

A second major role is that they along with the other Lieutenant Governors in their Region along with the District Trustee are a group that can work together to promote interclub and inter-divisional cooperation and service projects. Annually, this group of leaders is charged with overseeing the establishment of a Regional Midwinter Committee and the planning and carrying out of that conference. Every three years the regional Lieutenant Governors will conduct the election of a District Trustee to represent their region for three years.

Finally, something required by the Bylaws...is that all twenty-one Lieutenant Governors will meet twice each year as a council to discuss and to make recommendations to the District Board of Trustees.

by Tom Varnier, Governor-Elect. eBuilder Nov 09