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<i>Date</i>	<i>Program</i>
Sunday, March 14, 2010	The HOV Midwinter Training and Elections –
Monday, March 15, 2010	Regular Meeting - Program Families of the Wounded Fund Chip Houston. or TBA
Monday, March 22, 2010	Regular Meeting - Program: Richmond Flying Squirrels Randy Atkinson joins the
Wednesday, March 24, 2010	CIRCLE K - Supporting Portfolio Development Day - At Bryant and Stratton College - Morning and Afternoon Sessions - Contact Allen for details
Friday, March 26, 2010 thru Sunday, March 28, 2010	Bizarre Bazaar - Spring Show - See Danny for the sign up sheets at upcoming meetings
Saturday, March 27, 2010	ROUTE 10 CLEAN-UP Meet at Dunkin Donuts for Coffee and Donuts at 7:30
Monday, March 29, 2010	Regular Meeting - CHESTER SUMMIT - Mark Fausz or Larry Madison will speak concerning Chester Community Association's Chester Summit.
Sunday, April 04, 2010	Kiwanis One Day - Easter
Monday, April 05, 2010	Interclub – Downtown Richmond - Buffet lunch beginning about 11:45 AM. Our program begins about 12:30 and we conclude at 1:15. Meet on the first floor of the Virginia Historical Society. See Kris for details
Monday, April 05, 2010	Board Meeting - All Members welcome to attend
Monday, April 12, 2010	Regular Meeting - or TBA
Saturday, April 17, 2010	LITTLE BIG ADVENTURE DAY 2010 7-5 PM POCAHONTAS STATE PARK
Monday, April 19, 2010	Regular Meeting - or TBA
CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR CURRENT SCHEDULE UPDATES	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 Rick Dodson with suggestions.

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

THE STATE OF THE CLUB

As we approach the halfway point of this administrative year I thought I'd reflect on the "State of the Club". There is much to be satisfied with; much more to we need to improve on in the coming months.

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

Our most impressive gains so far are with our most impressive newest members. The achievements of our three newest members, **Allen Shore**, **John Howsman** and **Kris Der** should shame those of us “longer in the tooth” to do more.

Without question the things that Allen has done and brought to this club in such a short time is to be highly commended. Forming any organization is a sizable challenge but Allen has done so with what seems like ease. Because of the situation at Bryant & Stratton he really has had to form a brand new **Circle K club** in two parts which has required twice the effort. From my observations, not only is the Circle K club in good hands, but the membership is impressive in their achievements during their short tenure. Allen, we applaud you.

Kris has taken on the job of **Inter Club Chair** with the same tenacity and enthusiasm as we saw with her son as a Key Clubber; good genes I'm sure. She has consistently kept us apprised of all opportunities to attend other club's meetings and you all have responded well to her efforts. It goes to what I've said many times – the ladies have brought so much talent and drive to our club over the years. They continue to set the bar for the rest of us and help all of us be the club we are.

I didn't ask John to be the **House Chair** because of his name. I selected him to help him assimilate into the club and to learn everyone's name. But his attention to the job has served us as well. Many of you may not be aware that he is usually the first to arrive at the meeting and the last to leave. If he has not been able to attend a meeting he has left the job in the capable hands of another member without missing a beat which has been a big help to me. And, on top of handling his usual week-to-week chores, he has had to tend with a change of caterers, three times!

In spite of all the kudos above, all is not as well as can be with the club. Sure, we are experiencing the usual bumps that come in

any administrative year. We are faced with adjusting to a different caterer and meal selection for the third time in a year. We are in the midst of making a major decision on where we go in the future financially as we consider to whether-or-not to move away from our traditional ways of **raising funds**. These are “in the moment” things and don't concern me near as much as things that affect this club for the long-term.

One of the biggest challenges this club has faced, and will in all likelihood continue to face, is that of **membership and attendance**. Our club has not brought in a new member in a year. We cannot grow and prosper financially without “new blood”. Many of us “new turks” as Joe used to call us with affection are now “old f--ts”. Our old ideas need new prospective and that only comes with fresh, young faces like Allen. Why are we not bringing our friends and co-workers to share what we so believe in? Statistics show there is an upswing in volunteering in the country; it is even being promoted by our president. Why aren't WE getting a share of those willing to share their time? Aren't we proud of what we do and what we are about? I think not. All we have to do is ask, “I would like you to join me for an evening with this great organization I belong to, Kiwanis”. Our camaraderie and fellowship should seal the deal. If they say no (which happens more in our mind than in reality), then you are no worse off than before. As I tell the kids, “the teacher would rather you raise your hand and try, even if wrong, than to never raise your hand at all”. Kiwanis would rather you ask, even if you get a “no” than to never try.

Lastly, **attendance**. We used to have a membership rule in this club of 60% attendance. Sounded tough, but when you think of all of the options to make-up a missed meeting it wasn't that hard to achieve. Heck, I was one of those who had a tough time making 50% of the meetings because of my having to be out of town because of my former job at the crime lab. But, I managed to participate in Inter Club meetings, work on projects, help with the

Key Club, etc. I sometimes wonder why some of our club members wear their K for only one hour a month! Every week, I put up a reminder of what is required to become a **Distinguished Kiwanian**. Do I expect everyone to achieve that goal, certainly not (even though all Kiwanians should strive to that end). I put that up to remind each our members what Kiwanis is about – sharing the Kiwanis experience with new friends, fellowship with other Kiwanians and our youth, learning more of the workings of Kiwanis by attendance at a Division or District meeting and by having good attendance.

Yes, we are a very good club, one that other clubs look admiringly upon; however, it takes much more on all of our behalves to be a great club. Every one of you has in you the potential to make that happen –

LET'S DO IT!



Prez Gary

CHESTER SUMMIT

Program RE-scheduled for **March 29th**
Mark Fausz or Larry Madison will speak concerning [Chester Community Association's](#) Chester Summit.

Don't miss this important meeting to discuss how local Chester Clubs can work together to support our community.

ROUTE 10 CLEAN-UP



Meet at Dunkin Donuts
for Coffee and Donuts
at 7:30
Saturday, March 27, 2010

Keep what you find!

Contact **Tom Sokol** for details

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

CHAIRS WANTED



Our club's fundraising committee is looking for volunteers to chair each of the following prospective fundraising events for our club in 2010:

- Christmas Parade Holiday Party.
- Fall Festival.
- ChesterFest.
- Raffle.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you wish to volunteer to chair one or more of these events. While our club's board of directors has already approved proceeding with the Fall Festival, the fundraising committee wishes to further work with chairpersons of the other listed events to work out some of the details before approaching our board of directors for approval these events..

Email to Tom at tkwilli@gmail.com

Thanks!

HOV Midwinter Training and Elections

The HOV Midwinter Training and Elections has been rescheduled to Saturday March 13th at same place and same time. There is one major change. Instead of three training sessions it will be two sessions in the morning, followed by lunch after which the Trustee election will occur. Following Trustee election the assembled body will break into Div 4 and Div 18 for Divisional

Council meetings and LTG elections

LITTLE BIG ADVENTURE DAY 2010

Saturday April 17th
7-5 PM
POCAHONTAS STATE PARK

See Noelle for details



POCAHONTAS LITTLE BIG ADVENTURE DAY 2009

Race: Adult/Child Team Adventure Triathlon: ½ mile canoe, 3.5 mile trail bike ride, 1.5 mile run. Teams compete in all 3 events and finish together!

Post Race: A complimentary lunch will be provided for all race participants and volunteers.
Cost for parking is \$5 per car.

CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL



Supporting the
Portfolio Development Day
At
Bryant and Stratton College

“Actors” needed to represent employers for mock interviews.

Wednesday March 24, 2010
Morning and Afternoon Sessions
an hour or two at most
Contact Allen for details

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

*This is an ‘easy’ way to help build the club’s
Administrative fund.*



Hey, just a reminder for those who have not had a chance to see the BizBaz signup sheets, or had to check your calendar.... OR get permission from the better half... now, who wants to sign up???



i see that hand.....
Danny

Anniversaries and Birthdays



Birthdays

Jay Slagle	2/17
Guy Smith	2/21
David Duncan	2/27
Deborah Lee	3/1
Charles Benton	3/8

Anniversaries

Dayton & Brenda Todd	2/18
Allen and Heather Shore	2/21
Dixon and Gemma Handwerk	2/29
John & Angela Howsmon	3/8
Kim & Jay Slagle	3/9

LTG Bob Cassada
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Dues are Due!
See Bob or Joe if you did not get an invoice.

Friends of Pocahontas

Park Clean-up Day

Saturday April 24th

1-5PM

Lunch is included

Trail clean-up and 'other activities'

James River Clean-up

June 12th

Dutch Gap Boat Ramp



The buzzards are waiting.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The club has elected to help with the local

2010 Special Olympics

to be held at

University of Richmond.

Friday June 11, 2010

We will be sponsoring an activity/event along with members of the Thomas Dale Key Club.

Summer Games, our largest statewide competition, is nothing short of legendary thanks to the overwhelming support of more than 3,000 local volunteers who brave the summer heat to assist more than 1,200 Special Olympics Virginia athletes each June. Athletes come from all corners of the state to compete in swimming, powerlifting, softball, track & field, bowling and tennis.

Beginning next Monday, March 15, we will again be enjoying our Kiwanis meals from **Charlie Sibley's** restaurant. Cost of the meals will be \$ 9 and we have guaranteed 17 meals each Monday, to Sibley's, no matter how many eat. So, please continue to eat when you can.

Remember, non-eaters are asked to pay \$1 / meeting to help cover the cost of speakers and guests.



There may be occasions when we may run out of foodwhile it hasn't happened yet, if it does, just go back to John and get your money back. A guaranteed head count is pretty tight....but have lost money with higher guaranteed head counts in the past.

Marshall