



CHESTER KIWANIS-O-GRAM

**"MEMBERSHIP IS NOT A PROBLEM -
MEMBERSHIP IS AN OPPORTUNITY"**

ASK!

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PROGRAMS

Oct 18th - **Kiwanis Park**. Bill Poole from the Chesterfield County Planning Commission and Dick McElfish from Chesterfield County Engineering will be on hand to answer questions about the Kiwanis Park property.

Oct 25th **The Tobacco Law Suit**. A representative from Philip Morris will be on hand to discuss the company's new image and answer questions about the tobacco law suit.

Nov 1 - **Board Night**

Nov 8 - **Special Guest Night** - Have you invited a guest yet? Membership chairman Joe wants to know. Invite a potential member NOW!

Nov 12 - **Oyster Roast (Friday)** Chester Fish Club - 6:30 PM

All functions are on Monday and begin at 6:30 PM unless otherwise stated. Call Program Chairman Dan Hill @ 530-3664 with program suggestions.

Birthdays

Nov 1 - **Janet Crow**

Nov 16 - **Bonnie Moody**

Nov 27 - **Bill Rhea**

Nov 15 - **Mary Jo Dodson**

Nov 25 - **Millie Schorer**

In Case You Missed It...

Richard Nunnally from the Chesterfield County Extension Service was on hand for his annual message on lawn care. Richard explained he was tired of telling us the same stuff each year, so he has created a special website: www.co.chesterfield.va.us/extension to answer our Frequently Asked Kiwanis Questions (FAKQ) on lawn care.
(Hint: fertilize the grass and kill broadleaf weeds now)

President's Message

As we begin our New Year, I appreciate the "time and talents" you have already devoted to the **Chester Kiwanis Club** and its many projects. I know you might honestly tell me that you can't do quite as much as you would like - **but I know I can count on you to do whatever you can to ensure Chester has another good year.** It's that kind of commitment and dedication that is important for our club's continued growth and service to the Chester community. We must be planners if we are to realize our vision. We must consciously decide what we want to have happen this year and find a way to bring it about. We have set goals for ourselves, now we need to chart our progress. Of course, dreaming is important. For without the vision,

little can be accomplished. But mere dreaming is not enough. Planning provides the road map that leads us to our goals. Planning helps us overcome hurdles and obstacles that block our path, but proper execution of those plans is what enables us to reap the rewards of our dreams.

As we go forward, I look to you to "keep me on the right path" toward the successful execution of our plans and to share your thoughts and reactions on what we are doing or should be doing. Your feedback is very important to our club and me.

I feel proud to be your president and I know **our club will make a difference.**

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TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

President Eleanor challenged us to examine the good and bad aspects of our Kiwanis experience in order to develop a plan of action to improve our club. Like other clubs in the community and around the world, membership is dropping. Fewer members mean more work for each active member, and more frequent burn out. In a hand-out during the meeting of 10/4, we were asked to evaluate our club. Here are a few of our answers:

How does the community benefit from having our Kiwanis Club? We support scholarships, Key and Keyettes, the Y, Terrific Kids, and Bright Beginnings.

What is Missing? Members. A greater cross section of our community. New Goals.

What are the major strengths of our Kiwanis Club? Our members...few, but good. Good age mix. Ability to organize an event, unlimited in scope!

Major weaknesses? Club meetings. Meeting weekly. Cost.. \$50-55 per month to attend. Need more debate at boards. need to use the member's talents.

What are the major benefits an individual gains...? Fellowship. A sense of accomplishment. Opportunity to serve. Good, informative programs. Doing Fun things.

What's missing...? Better (healthier) food. Frequency and timing of meetings (2X per month) Responsibility for an activity (newer members) Common purpose. failure of the club to fully support a project. Lack of a united front.

What happens during a FUN club meeting? A casual atmosphere, jokes, good humor, socializing. Good speakers, good topics. Learning exercises. Church events. Community events.

Rebuilding the club begins with building membership. Please take the time to invite a friend or co-worker to attend the **Special Guest Night** on Nov 8th.

Programs begin with you. The program committee will be asking each member to bring a program to the club. Be imaginative, be inventive! Call Dan Hill.

Want a project? The annual Kiwanis Canned Food Drive needs a leader! See Marshall Henry or Phil Crow for details.

~ Distinguished Member Award Program

It's easy to become a Distinguished Member as long as you don't miss easy opportunities to qualify early in the year.

There are at least five hidden Distinguished member Award activities on this page. Can you find them? Answers are printed on page 18 of your yearbook.



85th Annual
 Kiwanis International Convention
 June 23-27, 2000 • Miami Beach, FL

February 3-6, 2000
Mid-Winter Conference
 Richmond, Virginia
 ~ a Distinguished Member Award Activity ~

SPECIAL GUEST NIGHT
 Membership Drive
 November 8th
Now is the time to ASK!
 ~ a Distinguished Member Award Activity ~



You can make a difference...

Terrific Kids

Oct 21 st

Call Steve Miles to volunteer

~ a Distinguished Member Award Activity ~

Division 18 Council Meeting
 Colonial Heights Pancake Breakfast
 Oct 30th
 9 AM

District Governor Angus S. Lamond, Jr.
 will make his official visit

~ a Distinguished Member Award Activity ~



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