



# CHESTER KIWAN-O-GRAM

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*Happy Birthday!*

16 Connie Goodwin  
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The cutoff date for submitting an article for April's Kiwan-O-Gram is **March 26, 2003.**

## INTERCLUB

Wednesday March 12 with TDHS Key Club at TDHS, Old Centralia Road side entrance at 7:15 pm. All members are encouraged to arrive at 6:30 pm for the Keyette meeting.

## PROGRAMS

Mar 3 ~ Board Meeting

Mar 10 ~ Brain Mc Neil, Financial Services of Virginia

Mar 12 [Wednesday] Interclub at TDHS (see below left)

Mar 17 ~ Kathleen K. Barkdale, Nurse Practitioner will speak on Prostrate Cancer

Mar 24 ~ TBA

Mar 31 ~ TBA



All functions are on Monday at 6:30 PM at Howard Johnson unless other wise stated. Call Program Chairman Ron Gray with program suggestions @ 748-6013 OR EMAIL at FERLGRAY@aol.com.

## PRESIDENTIAL VIEW

### Fellow Kiwanians,



Hopefully everyone has dug out from the "Blizzard of '03". For many the long weekend provided much rest from work and schedules. Possibly resulting in some cases of cabin fever as well no doubt!

I appreciate the calling around by so many of you to get the word out about the meeting being cancelled. I've not yet heard if our Roundtable was successful. Speaking of success, I thought Mid-Winters was just that! Again, congratulations to Dr. Joe for receiving his 17th Distinguished Kiwanian designation and to Past-President Steve, for leading the Chester club to another distinguished club award. For the short period of time that I was there I participated in two of the best seminar discussions regarding Kiwanis. Surprisingly or not our club sounds very much like the vast majority. Attracting new members is the #1 concern and #1 objective. It also is the #1 answer to most of the ills that affect our club(s). So why is getting new members such a problem?

I remember once a longtime friend of mine telling me how he was hurt that I never approached him about becoming his insurance agent. When I explained to him that I didn't want to impose on and threaten our relationship he replied that he had thought I did not want his business. My silence, which I thought was protecting our relationship was in fact hurting it! What's the moral to the story? Maybe someone close to you is just waiting for you to offer membership into this organization and wondering why, if you truly like them, haven't offered before now. At the Mid-Winter Conference I heard an idea which might not be new to anyone but us new club presidents (it seemed all of us were young members and new to our office). ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. What this offers is a member who is unable to fulfill the requirements of regular membership but is interested in being a part of the club, and more specifically, working on projects that he/she is interested in doing. These members could very well help to comprise the "committee" for our committees that are sometimes manned by the chairman only. Eventually these part-time members could move into regular membership when their time restraints change. I am pleased to announce that when I spoke of our club's park project much attention was directed to it as an example of the good things Kiwanis is doing. We do have many things going for us. To insure that it continues please invite that new member to give us a try. Invite them to a function instead of a meeting if you think that might impress them more. Most folks are looking to do something, not just tie up another weekday night. Lets develop those new leaders that the club will soon be needing.

Yours in Service,

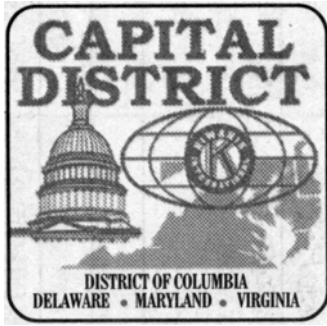
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## MIDWINTER CONFERENCE 2003 PORTSMOUNT, VIRGINIA ~ Feb 6-9, 2003

A great time was had at the MidWinter Conference Awards Breakfast which was attended by President Danny Wyatt, Immediate Past President Steve Miles, Past Governor Joe Hillier and moi! The breakfast meal was good and warm. The company was excellent as we shared the table with Colonial Heights Club President and good friend Jim O'Connell and his wife Lucia.



The Kiwanis Club of Chester received the Distinguish Club Award for the 2002 Kiwanis year. Special thanks to Past President Steve Miles for leading us through the year and to Secretary Joe Hillier for keeping us administratively in the game.



Our own Joe Hillier was recognized, for the seventeenth consecutive time, as a Distinguished Member. To receive this honor, which is within reach of every member, you must sponsor a new member, complete three interclubs, participate in a Major Emphasis Project, chair a Program of the Day, a Club Social Activity or a Club Project, attend three board meetings, attend two division or district activities and maintain Perfect Attendance for the 12-month period. Joe established this program 17 years ago, when he was Capital District Governor, to promote growth, service and interest in district clubs. Well done, Joe! With Joe are fellow 17-years recipients Dana G. Cable & Richard Allen Moats.



### Interclub at Petersburg Luncheon

On Tuesday February 11, Dave Lykins, Steve Miles, Tolleison and Rick Dodson shared a luncheon meal and some fellowship with the members of the Petersburg Club. Of particular note was the return of Howard Brown, Past Governor of the Capital District and the soul of the Petersburg Club, after an extended absence due to health. The lunch was all the more enjoyable as Mary Lykins shared lunch with us.



Back: Tolleison, Rick, & Steve  
 Front: Former Div 18 Lt. Gov Don Schroder, Mary & Dave Lykins



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Spring Fling is approaching fast. Our major fund raiser will be held on May 7, 2003 at JTCC Campus from 4-8 PM. Tickets will be \$20 and \$5 for children 12 and under. The band will be Spectrum and Kings Korner will provide the food. The key to the 'Fling's' success is ticket sales. Start lining up your friends, neighbors and prospects...don't wait until you have tickets in hand! Tolleison is charging out of the gate...stay with him!