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PROGRAMS

May 5 ~ Skip-A-Meal & Final Prep. for Spring Fling meeting.

May 7 ~ [Wed] Spring Fling at JTCC 4:00—8:30 PM

May 10 ~ [Sat] Troop Appreciation Day at CHMS 1:00—3:00 PM

May 12 ~ Randy Watkins, "Battle of the Yellow House" (Chester Station) and Club Elections Meeting

May 19 ~ Carl Schlaudt, CCPD ~ Health & Direction of County

May 26 ~ Roundtable (no meeting) **BUT** all members **MUST** call 748-5008 during the day and leave you name on machine.

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, Being "IN"

IN trying to be **IN**sightful, **IN**teresting, **IN**formative and **IN**spirational (the "IN-mode"), I've decided my brain is IN overload. There are so many things going on that I am sure I've left my lunch setting out somewhere. Not to worry though I'm sure I'll find it once it begins to **IN**vade my senses.

I've gotta say something about the **IN**duction of three new members at the May (April 28th) Board meeting. It is exciting to see the **IN**fusion of new blood into the club's veins each time we add a new member. We can only grow by adding new life or renewing our own. I've already seen the **IN**ergy (okay, energy) that gets generated by new people. Let's all give our newest members a hearty welcome and help them to get **IN**volved (am I overdoing yet ? sorry I'm stuck in a groove) Roy, Jay and Brad; I look forward to getting to know you and I'm especially eager to see how you can help the club and how the club can help you. To every member new or not so new, please avail yourself to all that the Kiwanis club offers. Quick Plug: The International Convention will be in Indianapolis this summer. If you want to see just what you're a part of try to make this event. Its huge! See me or Joe for details.

Next on my mind is the Spring Fling. Crunch time is here!!! All abandon is now the rule of the day. Sell those tickets with all the fervor of an Iraqi retreat! Sometimes the hardest thing to do is the same old thing we've always done (like the Fling). Especially when for years someone has always come through. The temptation is to let those who have always done certain things do them into perpetuity. Sadly, we do not get to keep these individuals for all that time, and even if we could they may not be able to always be there in that capacity. It is **IN**cumbent upon us to improve and **IN**crease (here I go again) our effort and **IN**volvement. We are today's Kiwanis Club of Chester, not last years club or the club of 15/20 years ago. Yesterday's successes, as well as the failures, do not define us today. We will do that!

See ya at the "F L I N G". Notice how its **IN** to be at the Spr**IN**g F**IN**g

Yours in Service,

Danny

Happy Birthday

22 Rick Dodson

Happy Anniversary

22 Teresa & David Duncan

23 Suzanne & Joe Hillier



Troop Appreciation Day

We are co- sponsoring this event at Colonial Heights Middle School field. We **need 9 volunteers** to assist with drinks. Please call Marshall (748-7850) to sign up for 1 - 3 PM shift on Sat, May 10th.

Nominees for Officers -2003-2004

President Nicole Jordan
President Elect Joe Hillier
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New Members Speak!



As I have mentioned in the past my first introduction to Kiwanis was as a member of a Little League baseball team back in the 50's (that's 1950's you guys). I was lucky enough to be raised in a small town in Eastern NC large enough to have a number of civic organizations, and the community spirit required to take on the project of providing organized sports opportunities for its children – if they were white and male anyway. It was a rite of passage to be a member of a team sponsored by the Rotary, American Legion, Elks, VFW, Lions and of course, Kiwanis. There was a great sense of competition between the teams and the organizations that sponsored them. You not only saw parents at the games; but the older members of the clubs involved, whose children were long since grown and making their own way in life. I and the other boys looked upon our coaches and these civic leaders with a sense of awe and respect. Some were businessmen and professionals while others worked at the nearby military base or in the cotton mill. It was a big deal in our town. There were high and low points and some teams dominated the others. All of us got to play; however, and were proud to wear our uniforms with our sponsor's name on the front and numbers on the back. This was the day of "real" white and gray wool uniforms and the Kiwanis' version had pinstripes like the Yankees. At the end of the year we had the customary banquet where trophies and awards were handed out. The coaches and club members also had their "own little celebration" to which we were not invited. In later years, I was told by one of them that these affairs involved some boasting and good-natured kidding, but they shared a sense of pride and accomplishment in meeting the needs of the children of their community. Most of these men had served in WWII and/or Korea. They realized the importance of winning but also of comradeship and cooperation with others to achieve their goals. I have found this same spirit among the friends I have gained thru our club, and feel rewarded by it. Whether it be involvement in Key or Keyette Clubs, "Terrific Kids", the Kiwanis Park, "Operation Smile", Child Safety Seat inspections or scholarships; like our role models of "Kiwanis Past", we also have the opportunity to serve. Most of us who now look back upon our childhood days realize just how smart our elders really were. As Memorial Day approaches let us reflect on what they accomplished and what we can learn from them.
 PS: There was one team that always seemed to win the season championship – not Kiwanis, but those blamed ELKS.
 Ron Gray

Key Club Installation of Officers

The Key Club officers for the 2003-2004 academic year were installed April 2nd at JTCC during a Dinner with family and Kiwanians. The officers below will lead their membership next year. Thanks Wayne & Marshall!



L to R: Wayne Stuart, Stephen Lackey, Brent Ballard, Brian Der, Mike Kacmarcik, and TDHS Advisor Ron Kaiser

Thanks for Your Service

Outgoing Keyette Club Officers were recognized during a dinner at TDHS on April 9th with family and Kiwanians in attendance. Awards were presented and new officers installed. [Next month we'll feature the incoming officers for the 2003-04 year.] Special thanks to Nicole Jordan for her leadership and work with the Keyettes. Another great year!



L to R: Elena Lucier, Sarah Marr, Whitney Melvin, Megyn Mc Clure, Alexa Hryciak and Jordan Daugherty.

Spring Fling ~ May 7th

Club Elections ~ May 12th