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Date	Program
April 10th	Lynne Bennett , Chesterfield County's Coalition for Active Children (COACH). COACH, is focused on improving nutrition and increasing physical activity among young people. Web: http://www.co.chesterfield.va.us/COACH/default.asp
April 16th	Easter Sunday , St. Johns Episcopal Church in Chester, for their 6:30 sunrise service. All members and their families are invited to attend. There will be a Pancake Breakfast afterwards at the Methodist Church
April 17th	Jim Meiser . Topic: A motivational talk on how two ordinary men (Wilbur & Orville Wright) mastered the impossibility of flight and forever changed the course of humanity. Web: www.soartosuccess.net
April 24th	Delegate Kirk Cox . Topic: Recent General Assembly Session. "I am honored to have represented the people of Colonial Heights and Chesterfield County* in the General Assembly since 1990. The continued support of voters in the 66th district has given me increased responsibilities and opportunities to improve the lives of the citizens of the Commonwealth and our district."
May 2nd	Board Night

Meetings are held on Monday Nights at Eckerd's Drug store in Chester at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Contact Program Chair David Elswick e.d.elswick@worldnet.att.net with suggestions.

President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard efforts of **Jay** and **Stacy** for the new member roundup night. It was a rousing success. As usual, the Kiwanis club of Chester was able to unite as a team and perform when called upon. We had nine new prospective members attend. A debit of gratitude goes out to their sponsors who thought highly enough about our club to invite them. To **Dr. Slagle** and his wife **Kim**, thank you for opening your lovely house to us. Your house and the way you set everything up couldn't have been more perfect. I would be remiss in not thanking **Stacy Chisholm** who was instrumental in raising \$250 for Operation Smile.

Just a friendly reminder to keep selling those tickets for **Spring Fling**. We are only 1 ½ months away, time flies.

Take Care

Spring Fling Quiz:

SPRING FLING - A total of 92 paying Kiwanians and wives had all the Bar-B-Que they could eat plus beer, live music and beautiful sunny afternoon. It turned out to be a non-profit event, but everyone had a good time. Chairman Bellemore thanked the members for their help, and YES, Joe cut the grass again this year.

Not long ago, the Spring Fling was much smaller. Was the year: ¹

- A 1972
- B 1975
- C 1978
- D 1980

¹ Answer: D - 1980

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

Stacy Chisholm made a proposal that we institute a **Child Reading Program** this summer. There is a sign-up list going around. Only an hour of your time, sometime this summer, can make a difference. Our target audience is 5-6 year olds, attending day care at various area locations. Contact Stacy to sign up.

Membership Drive and Silent Auction Bake Sale – Chairpersons **Jay Slagle** and **Stacy Chisholm**

came through with a rousing success, complete with thunder and lightning. Our first new member is **Anglea (Angie) McDaniel**, brought in as a guest of Joe Hillier. Angie and her husband Sean and their four children have lived in the area for 7 years. They share our need to provide a sense of community in Chester, especially with the recent surge in growth.

More new members are expected to sign up in the next few weeks. They include **Mike Stanfield, Basil Furr and Noel Grosse**. Be sure to greet these new faces as fellow Kiwanians when you see them. Thanks to everyone who invited a prospective member. Remember, you do not need to wait for a round-up to invite a friend or neighbor to a club meeting.

Anniversaries	
Gary & Becky Burleigh	04/14
Pegi & Russ Spriggs	04/15
Birthdays	
Bradley Trotter	04/12
Carla Hill	04/16
Steven Castro	04/19
Tom Williams	04/20
Becky Burleigh	04/22
Tam Moody	04/23
Dayton Todd	04/28

The **Silent Auction Bake Sale** was an unexpected success with pies, cookies, and cakes scattered all over the Slagle's kitchen. Thanks to all the cooks (especially Walt for his terrific peanut pie) and the wanna-be's who opted for Ukrops to save the club the stress of an unexpected surprise. **Operation Smile** will have \$250 which will provide one fortunate child with a life-changing surgery. (...dedicated to [changing the world one child and one community at a time](#))

Bizarre Bazaar – Less than expected participation will still bring in around \$130 for the spring event. Added to the \$617 from the Christmas event, and a generous donation from President Steve, the budgeted goal of \$900 will be met. Thanks to everyone who participated in these Administrative Fund events.

BOARD NOTES

Youth Services - Thanks to **Marshall, Wayne** and **Nicole** for their continuing efforts to provide an active, useful, rewarding experience for our community young adults. You can't build a Key or Keyette club that the youth **want to be in** overnight. It takes years of cultivation and service. Once again, this year is coming to a close. End of Year Banquets are in progress, and next year's officers are already being installed.

Dues are Due - April 1, not April 15th.

COMING SOONER THAN YOU THINK

Spring Fling – Big Honking Yellow Signs are being placed in visible areas. Tickets are being placed at local retailers and handed out to members. If you haven't gotten yours, or need more, see Ticket Chair **Phil Crow**. Fling Day will be here sooner than we all think. A lot of hard work has already begun in planning the event. More will be spent the days before May 31. Our weakest link is ticket sales. We continue to let the other guy sell the tickets and then wonder why only a few hundred people show up. If anyone has any new ideas on how to sell tickets, let chairman **Steve Miles** know.

Sure Sign of Spring Fling



Snow Birds Return from Florida

Interclub – Look for more details on a **Kiwanis Family Night** at the Diamond. Saturday, May 13th at 5 PM. Tickets will be around \$12 to \$15. More details will be forthcoming. This is a regional event and our attendance is needed to show or K-family presence to Richmond.

Gurney Tourney – Our club will sponsor a gurney in the Tourney on June 24th. Let **Rick Dodson** know if you are interested in pushing the gurney on that date or else we will be forced to outsource the pushers to people who are younger and stronger and have more insurance than us.