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DECEMBER SCHEDULE

2 ~ **Sunday** - Christmas Dinner at Saporis Restaurant - 6:00 pm

3 ~ Monday - Board Meeting

9 ~ Kiwanis Christmas Parade - 2:00 pm starting at Chester YMCA

10 ~ GEN (Ret) Robert Flores on Hispanic Culture in America

17 ~ Cyrus Brame from Parks, on Pesquille Park, Chesterfield

24 ~ No meeting

25 ~ Merry Christmas

31 ~ No Meeting

PRESIDENTIAL VIEW

Synergy is a powerful word. It simply means getting more from the combining of compounds, assets or people than you would get from the individual compound, asset, or person. Let me give you a few examples of Kiwanis of Chester synergy. Ten of us came together on Saturday to distribute food to thousands of hungry people. The synergy among CCHASM, donations from suppliers, and many service organizations made this happen. Individually I believe the effort would probably fail. Other synergy projects are Bright Beginnings, the Christmas Parade, James River clean up, and multiple donations to groups like the Children's Miracle Network, Christmas Mothers', the YMCA and the rescue squad. Let's also not forget the tremendous synergy between our fellow Kiwanians and the Keyettes and Key Clubs. Projects too numerous to mention get done and characters are formed and leadership skills learned come from this potent combination.

So how do we go forward and create more synergy. Easy, we add to this club and form others with like minded people that are willing to go the extra mile, get their hands dirty, and be willing to get involved as opposed to letting others do all the work. Synergy can only exist when we don't burn out or weaken the existing compounds, assets and people.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

On Saturday Nov 17th, ten members participated in the CCHASM project providing care packages to needy individuals. CCHASM has for over 23 years, served as a non-profit organization seeking to serve those individuals and families in Chesterfield-Colonial Heights who have found themselves in an economic crisis.



INTERCLUB



On October 15th five members of the Hopewell Kiwanis Club visited to share a meal and information about their upcoming fund raiser which we were invited to attend.



Inter clubbing is a great way to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow community servants and learn how they serve the needs of their localities. Share a meal, share ideas and return refreshed! To facilitate your planning Dr. Hillier has provided the following schedule:

2012-2013 Interclub Opportunities

Dec 10th - Central Chesterfield Kiwanis Club, Gulliver's Restaurant, Centre St, Chester - 12:30 pm

Jan 9th - Colonial Heights Colonial Club, Dante's Restaurant, 2900 Cedar Lane - 12:30 pm

Feb 12th - Crewe Kiwanis Club, Dine N Crewe Restaurant, Carolina & main Avenues, 6:30 pm

Mar 13th - Kiwanis Club of Ft. Lee, Cardinal Golf Club, Avenue A, 6:30 am

Apr 1st - Kiwanis Club of Hopewell, Lisa's Cafe, 235 East Broadway, 7:30 am

May 10th - James River Kiwanis Club, J.W. Hospital, 1401 Johnston Willis Drive, 7:00 am

Jun 6th - Kiwanis Club of Midlothian, Martin's Grocery, 11361 Midlothian, 7:30 am

Jul 10th - Petersburg Breakfast Kiwanis Club, Liason Restaurant, 37 North Carter Road, 7:15 am

Aug 14th - Petersburg Luncheon Kiwanis Club, Olde Towne Catering Co., 9 West Olde St. 12:00 pm

Sep 9th - Kiwanis Club of Richmond, Virginia Historical Society, Kensington and Boulevard, 12:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS

2 ~ Robert Cassada

3 ~ Tom Sokol

18 ~ Jay Bates

19 ~ Noelle Grosso

Guest Speaker: Leonard McAdams, Financial Advisor for Edward Jones reviewed with our club, the status of our investment program at our Nov 12 meeting. He made recommendations for the movement of funds to take advantage of the current financial climate. The annual review gave new members a look at how club monies are managed and invested. Leonard is a past Lt. Gov. of the Colonial Heights Kiwanis Club and familiar with the goals and service objectives of Kiwanis which is helpful making recommendation.



KEY & KEYETTE CLUBS

The Key will conduct it's monthly meeting on Wed, December 12 at 6:00 pm in the auditorium at TDHS. All members are encouraged to visit at least one Key and Keyette meetings during the 2012-2013 Kiwanis year. Both clubs meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month in the old/small auditorium at TDHS. The Key Club meets at 6:30 pm (and often has a speaker) and the Keyettes meet at 7:30 pm. If you want to see and/or be a part of youth leadership development attend one of these club's meetings. They are on Nov 28th, Dec 12th, Jan 9th & 23rd, Feb 13th & 27th and Mar 14th, 21st* & 28th**. [*Installation dinner for Key Club and their last meeting of the year.] [** Keyettes only]
~ Key club advisors are Wayne Stuart & Marshall Henry
~ Keyette Club advisor is Ron Jaeckle
Both clubs perform over **1200 hours** of community service annually!