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Date		Program
5/21	Mon	Memorial Day – NO REGULAR MEETING -
5/22	Tue	REGULAR MEETING - Program: Spring Fling Update.
5/30	Wed	SPRING FLING! 04:00 PM - 08:30 PM, John Tyler Community College , 13101 Jefferson Davis Hwy Chester, VA 23831
6/1-3	Fri-Sun	District Leadership Conference , Holiday Inn and Conference Center, Fredericksburg, VA. Contact Don Dudey for details
6/3	Mon	MEETING and BOARD - 35th anniversary of our Charter Night
6/11	Mon	REGULAR MEETING - , Program: Edward "Butch" Fuzy, Director Fire & Rescue Caroline County. "Fire Safety Tips".
6/12	Tue	Chester Kiwanis Concert on the Green - 06:30 PM
6/13	Wed	INTERCLUB meeting with the Colonial Heights Kiwanis Club . Contact: Mary Lykins
6/18	Mon	REGULAR MEETING - Program: Dixon D. Handwerk, Wealth Manager w/ Freedom Financial Consultants, LLC. "Active/Tactical Portfolio Management- See How It Works and Understand Why It Works.
6/20	Wed	Crewe Chicken Festival , 3:00 - 8:00 pm. BBQ Chicken Dinner - Livers - Gizzards Robert's Rooster Stew
6/25	Mon	REGULAR MEETING - Program: John Winans, Regional VP w/ American Skandia. "Are You In the Retirement Red Zone? Guaranteeing a Retirement Paycheck".

Meetings are held on Monday Nights at Eckerd's Drug store in Chester at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Contact Program Chair Dixon Handwerk with suggestions.



Uncle Ron

President's Message

MAKE OR BREAK NOT "SHAKE AND BAKE"

My Fellow Kiwanians:

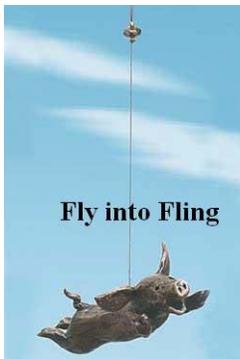
With that ominous introduction let me be very serious for a moment. The time is upon us – it is make or break time financially for our club. It is also Make or Break time for the programs our

club want to sponsor. The community wants to help – we just have to give them the opportunity. Steve tells me that sales of advertising and donations for the auction are down this year. So guess what – there is only one other way we can increase the return for Spring Fling. Sell out tickets.

I have thought about why I have not done a better job in selling tickets in the past. As you know personality wise I am sort of a passive guy. I could never make a living as a salesman. I hate approaching friends and neighbors feeling I am stretching our relationships. And to have to make a “Cold Call” (as they say in the trade); would put me under the table. Working in a government position prevented me from approaching co-workers for ticket sales – it also gave me an out. And now, heck, I don’t even live in the Chester Area. “I hate the feeling of being rejected!” So what have I got to do?

I have to start thinking **positive** about Spring Fling: or as the proverbial optimist would say; “Think of it as an Opportunity not a Liability”. It is an opportunity for both you and the community to serve the children of Chesterfield and the World that surrounds us. If a friendship is so tenuous that asking some one to help a child in the community would affect that relationship negatively: it is not much of a friendship.

I admit it is hard for me. There are rumblings in the Club that we should look to alternative



sources of funding – that the competition for Spring Fling type events, like Golf Tournaments, have become too numerous. President-Elect Jay, myself and the Board will have to investigate the future of Spring Fling as a part of our funding, but for now **it is the animal we have to work with.** And we

have to **work hard** to make it a Success. Your and My role now? As Spring Fling Co-coordinator Steve so aptly puts it: **SELL TICKETS!**

Uncle Ron

SPRING FLING IS HERE!

Time to make one last push for ticket sales. Turn in your money to Joan Benton (530-8000) no later than noon Thursday. After noon on Thursday, any ticket sales should be reported directly to Steve for inclusion in the final count which is due by noon on **Friday**. We will make a SMALL allowance for tickets sold over the weekend, but please do all of your active solicitation by Thursday so that we can get as accurate a count as possible.

We cannot stress too strongly how important it is for EVERYONE to sell as many tickets as possible and to turn in the money OR report the sales as detailed above before the end of this week. Right now our paid sales total just 433 tickets! That's just over half of what we need to make budget and continue funding our programs at last year's level. We can do it, but we can't do it without YOU!

Thanks and good luck!

Steve!

Dinner with Indy!

Our club sponsors the [Anthem Gurney Tourney](#) which will be held Saturday September 29th. This year, we will be donating \$1,000. On Thursday, June 28th at 7:00 PM, there will be **Dinner with Indy**. It's a fast paced evening of pit crews and pit-smoked barbecue. Hot drivers and cool music. Autographs and auctions of FANTastic Indy racing items. Slot car racing, IndyCar simulators, and action-packed contests and games. All in the fabulous new TORQUE Club high atop the Richmond International Raceway. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. But just like the drivers, they'll be going really fast. For tickets call 804-828-2901 or contact the HHH Development Office at info@hhhrichmond.org.

INTERCLUB

Mary Lykins has arranged for an inter-club meeting with the **Colonial Heights Kiwanis Club**. It will be held at the Colonial Italian



Restaurant located at 1 Dunlop Village in Colonial Heights at 12:30 PM on Wednesday June 13. Guest speaker will be Jordan Rebekkah Forbes, a candidate for Miss Virginia.

Please contact Mary Lykins at: Home 862-7264 or Cell 687-3022 if you wish to attend.

INPUT NEEDED

Your comments could help **Curtis Elementary** get \$15,000 in funding for playground improvements. Tina Seal, PE teacher at Curtis Elementary, asked for the Club's support in refurbishing their playground. We provided her with info on several corporations that could fund that type of project. One was Hamburger Helper. Ms. Seal submitted a proposal and Hamburger Helper is considering their project. To WIN - Curtis Elementary needs people to add positive/supportive comments about their proposed project.

At the bottom of this website you can read the project description and post your comments:

<http://www.myhometownhelper.com/ViewProject.aspx?tell=2&id=24734> .

Hamburger Helper bases their decision on what to fund by the comments. And if you have any friends who might want to add their support, pass this on.

Contact: David Elsworth.

CONCERT ON THE GREEN

Concert on the Green Chairman **Danny Wyatt** informed the club that the Fort Lee Band has been confirmed for June 12.



KI CONVENTION

[Kiwaniis International Convention](#) in San Antonio, TX. July 3-7, 2007.

Convention sessions, forums, exhibits, registration, credentials, Family Store, and related functions will be staged in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. The opening session is on Tuesday, July 3; the closing session is on Friday, July 6. Attendees will have multiple ticketed options from which to choose, including the Alamo Kiwanis club's annual Fiesta Noche del Rio event along the Riverwalk. San Antonio is a GREAT convention destination. .

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Anniversary to

David and Teresa Duncan	05/22
Joe & Susanne Hillier	05/23
Holly & Tony Flores	06/02
Jackie and Lewis Corde	06/06
Ron and Flo Gray	06/06
Bob & Irene Cassada	06/08
Angie and Sean McDaniel	06/11
Rick & Mary Jo Dodson	06/16
Joan & Walter Carter	06/22
Dan & Carla Hill	06/22
Susan & Danny Wyatt	06/29

Happy Birthday to

Tony Flores	05/05
Rick Dodson	05/22
Wayne Stuart	06/01
Gwen Osborn	06/02
Nicole Jordan	06/06
Joan Carter	06/16
Ashley Elder	06/16
Mary Lykins	06/26
Ted Rayman	06/28
Stacy Chisholm	06/29
Jim Whittleton III	06/29
Jackie Corde	06/30

Postage stamp saved this month:

To commemorate the bicentennial of the official launch of the Lewis and Clark expedition, the U.S.



Postal Service issued three 37-cent self-adhesive stamps. One stamp features an image of the two valiant leaders of the expedition

standing on a promontory surveying the countryside, available in a pane of twenty stamps. Unfortunately, the postage has gone up again, and you can no longer obtain the 37 cent commemorative stamps at local post offices. If you could, we would have saved the ubiquitous two-cent stamp as well.

