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# CHESTER Kiwan-e-gram

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Date		Program
9/22	Mon	<b>NO Regular Meeting</b> – Due to End of Year Banquet <b>Annual Budget Meeting.</b> Committee chairpersons should be prepared to present their budget proposals.
9/25	Thu	<b>Installation of Club Officers Banquet</b> 6:30 PM, at Country Club of Petersburg, 1250 Flank Road, Petersburg, Va.
9/29	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting - Spouses Invited</b> Speaker: <b>Randy Forbes</b>
10/4	Sat	<b>West Point Crab Carnival</b> - Kiwanis sells steamed crabs and beer.
10/6	Mon	<b>Board Meeting</b>
10/7	Tue	<b>Flu shots</b> at Dr Joe's office on Oct. 7th, 5-6 PM. Cost is \$28. Sign up by 9/22
10/13	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> - Speaker: Dorothy Jaeckle Chesterfield County Supervisor
10/15	Wed	<b>Hard Times Fall Festival</b> – Chester Village Green
10/20	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> - Speaker: Parks and Rec in Chesterfield County
10/27	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> - Speaker: Joe Stankus. K-family Values in the Capital District
11/3	Mon	<b>Board Meeting</b> - <b>Key Club</b> officers attend meeting and present plans for the year.
11/10	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> - Speaker: Stress management
Meetings are held on Monday Nights at Rite Aid Drug store in Chester at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Contact this quarter's Program Chair Gary Burleigh with suggestions. <b>CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR OUR CURRENT SCHEDULE</b>		

## PRESIDENTIAL VIEW

### Summer is Done And so am I

Hard to believe my year as your president is nearly over. This Thursday, I will hand over the gavel to the capable hands of Dixon Handwerk. I know you will work hard to make his year as successful as mine.

We had an exciting year. Starting with the Chester Kiwanis Christmas parade, we made sure the Kiwanis name was known in our



community. What better way than to shut down the main street for two hours? OK, maybe not that way. How about an outstanding Spring Fling? A gurney in the Tournery? So many ways we have made a mark on Chester this year. And we could not do it without our outstanding chairpersons and volunteers.

This year, we are starting right out of the gate with the Hard Times Festival. Everyone I talk to is wondering what this is all about. This is our big chance to make a good first impression. I know the club can pull it off. With the current economic situation, we have great advertisement built right in.

Thanks again for making my year a rewarding and fulfilling experience.

### For Jay

The following are the chairpersons for the upcoming 2008-2009 fiscal year:

Community Services, Tom Sokol  
Concert on the Green, Marshall Henry & Danny Wyatt,  
Human & Spiritual Values, Danny Wyatt  
Interclub, Danny Wyatt  
Sponsored Youth, Marshall Henry & Wayne Stuart,  
Young Children, Basil Furr  
Youth Services  
    Keyettes, Debbie Lee  
    Scholarships, Ed Thompson  
    Terrific Kids, Shannon Bowman  
Bizarre Bazaar, Danny Wyatt  
Christmas Parade, Angie McDaniel  
Club Meeting, Jay Slagle  
Hard Times Fall Festival, Joe Hillier & Joan Benton  
Kiwani-O-Gram, Phil Crow  
Membership Growth, Joan Benton  
Operation Smile, Jay Slagle  
Programs  
    Oct-Dec, Phil Crow  
    Jan-Mar, Noel Grosso  
    Apr-June, Ed Thompson  
    July-Sept., Bill Fox  
Publicity, David Elswick  
Sheriff, Walt Carter, Deputy Sheriff, Jay Slagle  
Webmaster, Tom Williams

Board Members, term expiring 2009:  
    Basil Furr, Jr.,  
    Noel Grosso,  
    Ted Rayman.

The Club is in your capable hands!

## Representative Randy Forbes U. S. Congress



Please plan on attending our September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting where our guest speaker will be Congressman Randy Forbes.

Randy Forbes represents the diverse and expansive Fourth Congressional District of Virginia. Elected in a special election in 2001, he is now serving his fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Randy focuses his efforts in Congress on protecting the security and sovereignty of our nation, preserving the moral and historical roots of our country, strengthening our military and supporting veterans, growing educational opportunities for our children, and promoting economic development through fiscal responsibility.

Randy graduated from Great Bridge High School in Chesapeake in 1970. He was valedictorian of his 1974 class at Randolph-Macon College. In 1977, Randy graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Randy attends Great Bridge Baptist Church, where he has taught adult Sunday school for over 20 years. He was born and raised in Chesapeake, Virginia where he still resides with his wife Shirley. He and Shirley have been married since 1978 and have four children: Neil, Jamie, Jordan, and Justin.



Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Gwen

## Anniversaries and Birthdays



### Anniversaries

Joan and Charles Benton	9/4
Pat & Hank Dvorak	9/8
Phil & Janet Crow	9/10
Marshall & Susan Henry	10/11
Stacy & Michael Chisholm	10/14
Tam & Bonnie Moody	10/14
Guy & Phillipa Smith	10/15

### Birthdays

Carol Crutchfield	9/10
Lewis Corde	9/12
Toleison Morriss VI	9/13
Barbara Elswick	9/25
Gary Burleigh	10/1
Angie Morriss	10/8
Pat Dvorak	10/14
Basil Furr	10/19
Nancy Furr	10/28
Angie McDaniel	10/29

Dues were due Sept. 15 – See Bob Cassada ASAP if you have not paid.

## Hard Times Fall Festival October 15, 2008 Chester Village Green



Please let Dr. Joe know which committee you would like to serve for the upcoming **Hard Times Fall Festival** to be held on October 15 at the Chester Village Green

## Installation of Club Officers Banquet at Country Club of Petersburg,

1250 Flank Road,  
Petersburg, Va.  
Thursday September 25  
6:30 PM, Cash Bar,  
7:00 PM Buffet Dinner,  
7:30 PM Program.

Price: \$32.00 per person.

Make out checks to Kiwanis club of Chester. Please contact President Jay to let him know how many will be attending.

### CURTIS ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

This past year, the Board approved donating \$500 to Curtis Elementary School to help cover the cost of upgrading their playground and adding safety fencing. The total cost was around \$25,000.

Below is an update on that project. [Dave Elswick.]

"I just want to personally thank you all for all you have done over the past two years to help make the playground happen. It is so rewarding to hear the kids talk about how much fun it is when they go out there. It is also very comforting to know for the first time in my 21 years at Curtis that the school grounds are completely enclosed by fencing. Our children's safety is always one of my major concerns. I look back over the past two years and there are so many of you I want to thank for giving your time, your effort and your support to make this huge project happen. It happens to be a lot of small things that enabled us to be successful. .... Thank you for donating toward this playground project as well as many of you running these projects as well as being a part of the sponsorship program. In my 21 years I am very proud of many accomplishments that have taken place here at Curtis but this one far exceeds them all.

" Please join us on October 3 on the blacktop to dedicate or playground, you were a very big part of this project and I want you to be there for this special event. After the children have gone for the day the teachers will be 'camping out on the

playground' to celebrate our achievements. .”  
[Tina Seal]

## EXTRAORDINARY WORK



Kiwanis, through guidance and example, works to develop future generations of leaders. Every day, Kiwanians are revitalizing neighborhoods, organizing youth-sports programs, tutoring, building playgrounds, and performing countless other projects to help children and communities.



Kiwanis clubs and members are guided by six "Objects."

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

Today, Kiwanis International has more than 600,000 members in more than 13,000 clubs,

located in more than 90 countries around the world. [Source: wikipedia ... yes we are in wikipedia!]



Yes, fellow **Christmas Kiwanians**... it is that time of year again. Be sure to set some time aside the first week in December to help with our bi-annual project to support the Administrative Fund. As you know, all of our public fundraising is put back into the community. Our Admin Fund comes from dues and our own pockets. The Biz-Baz is a way for members to earn Kiwan-i-bucks by providing hard labor at the Bizarre –Bazaar, held bi-annually at Richmond International Raceway.

Contact **Danny Wyatt** for 'the good spots' before they are all taken.

### NEXT WEEK – THE NEW GUY ARRIVES



HE'S ROUGH.  
HE'S TOUGH  
HE'LL TAKE NAMES  
AND NONE OF YOUR GRUFF!

WHEN YOU SEE HIM COMING  
YOU'D BETTER RUN  
HE FULL OF IDEAS  
AND KIWANIS FUN.

## INTERCLUBS

Just a reminder. Our very own Bob Cassada is our Lieutenant Governor and will be traveling throughout the division to visit other clubs. **Please do not allow this man to wander the state alone!** He needs at least three buddies to keep him awake ... and to qualify for an easy interclub. Don't delay. Contact **Bob**