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# CHESTER Kiwan-e-gram

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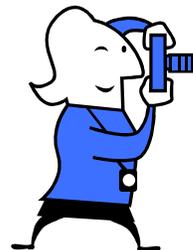
Date		Program
2/16	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> , Program: <b>Guiding Eyes, Margaret Paxton.</b> ...an internationally accredited, nonprofit guide dog school with a 50-plus year legacy of providing the blind and visually impaired with superior Guiding Eyes dogs, training, and lifetime support services
2/23	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> , Program: <b>VA Museum of Fine Arts.</b> In the midst of the Great Depression, on January 16, 1936, Virginia's political and business leaders bravely demonstrated their faith in the future and their belief in the value of art by opening the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond.
3/2	Mon	<b>Board Meeting</b>
3/7	Sat	Central Chesterfield Kiwanis Club's <b>3rd Annual Oyster Feast</b> at Dale Ruritan Club, located at Route 10 and Chippenham Parkway.
3/9	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> , Program: <b>WOVEN, Sandy Harless.</b> A native of Richmond, Virginia, Sandy is a singer-songwriter and worship leader. She plays acoustic guitar in the worship band at church from time to time. She considers her vocals a bit diverse in style with a blues/gospel bent and a flair for country rock.
3/16	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> , Program: <b>How to Straighten a Leaning Tree</b> - If you try to pull the tree upright without freeing the roots first, you'll probably tear them and kill the tree. Instead, dig a circle around the tree that's at least 10 inches across for each inch of trunk diameter and at least 2 feet deep.
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 Noelle Grosso with suggestions. <b>CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR OUR CURRENT SCHEDULE</b>		

President Dixon



## PRESIDENT'S VIEW

If we want "change" then let's change our FOCUS.



Many times in life we get more of what we focus on. If we focus on stress, we get more; if we focus on hard times, we get more; if we focus on being unhappy, we get more. So let us change our focus to more thankfulness, be more appreciative, name our many blessings, etc. and we will get more of all

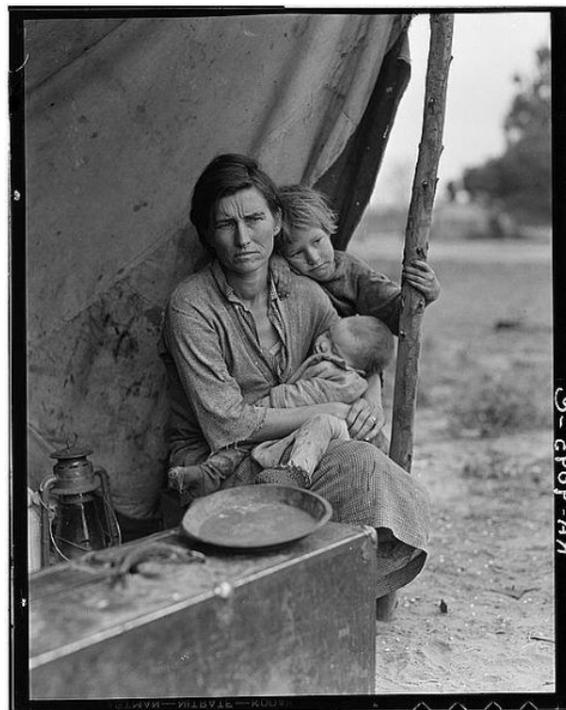
these things. One form of this we used to call self-fulfilling prophesy.

I would like to suggest we change our "Hard Times" to "Good Times" fall festival. Who wants more hard times? We can get all we want just by turning on the TV. We strive to offer a good time. One way is by offering a discount compared to other fund raisers.

After all, life IS what you make it. The media does its best to focus on all the bad stuff they can find and by doing so, create more of the same. Most folks are well aware of the financial market turmoil and a major cause has been the doom and gloom media. We don't have a clue what "hard times" are until we do mission trips to third world countries. Those experiences make us really appreciate such things as a warm shower and clean drinking water.

Let's choose to make it a good day, our choice!!

Be blessed,  
Dixon



News of the Hard Times festival made it into the **Kiwanis International Magazine**, Feb 2009 on page 38:

#### Anniversaries and Birthdays



#### **Birthdays**

Shannon Bowman	2/16
Jay Slagle	2/17
Guy Smith	2/21
David Duncan	2/27
Charles Benton	3/8

#### **Anniversaries**

Dayton & Brenda Todd	2/18
Kim & Jay Slagle	3/9

#### **Good times for hard times**

The Kiwanis Club of Chester, Virginia, inaugurated a Hard Times Festival, hoping to give residents an inexpensive way to have fun during current economic conditions. "Guests were still entering the festival as late as 7:30 p.m.," reports the club's publicity chairman, David Elswick, adding that the event was scheduled to close just half hour later. More than 800 people attended the event, raising funds to fund college scholarships at four local schools.



### Remembering Chili Day 2007

The 26th Annual **Outstanding Youth Awards** program will be held from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, at L.C. Bird High School. The program is a special occasion to publicly recognize the inspiring youths and adults of Chesterfield County who have demonstrated an exemplary commitment to the community through their service. The event is an opportunity to honor the "quiet heroes" who might not otherwise receive recognition for their volunteer efforts.



Thomas Dale Keyette Advisor Beth Jaekel and Club Officers 2008-2009



Every child should experience the joy of reading. Kiwanis members believe this, and have long been dedicated to Kiwanis' Read Around the World program. But reading projects deserve more than a month long observance. That's why Kiwanis International now urges the entire Kiwanis family to implement **Read Around the World** projects throughout the entire year.

### INTERCLUBS

See **Danny Wyatt** for dates and times of our next interclub.



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### Children's Book Drive

Any Time



Any Child's Book

Remember to support our effort to collect children's books.

Basil reports he has about 200 books collected so far, but can always use more.

Contact: **Basil Furr** for information

## Celebrate Kiwanis One Day

On April 4, be sure to set aside some time for the family: the Kiwanis family, that is.

Saturday, April 4, marks the third annual observance of [Kiwanis One Day](#), a day when Kiwanis and its family of clubs—[Kiwanis Junior](#), [Circle K](#), [Key Club](#), [Aktion Club](#), [Builders Club](#), and [Kiwanis Kids](#)—join forces with their communities for a day of hands-on service. A lot of good work gets done on this day, work that increases Kiwanis' presence in the community and builds awareness about the value of service. More than 600 Kiwanis-family clubs participated in the inaugural Kiwanis One Day, and Kiwanis hopes to double that number this year. Projects undertaken run the gamut from beach cleanups to book drives, playground maintenance to pet days at senior centers, health fairs to high school beautifications.

Governor **Tom Ganse** has requested that we do a Regional Service project in lieu of a banquet in conjunction with the official governor's visit. Details and date to be announced.



**Tom Sokol** proposed that the club organize a community service activity in theme with the [Kiwanis One Day program](#). While Kiwanis One Day is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>, our activity does not need to be on that day. Tom will report back to the club later with a specific proposal.

## EXTRAORDINARY WORK

WHO makes a difference?



*Kiwanis Club of Chester Founding Member  
Guy Smith Celebrates 70th Birthday*

The doors of Kiwanis are open to service-minded Men And women looking to volunteer their time And resources to enhance the lives of needy Children throughout the world. We invite you to Learn More about the nearly 300,000 Kiwanians Currently Making an international difference one child at a time.



Central Chesterfield Kiwanis Club

## 3rd Annual Oyster Feast

Dale Ruritan Club  
located at Route 10 and Chippenham  
Parkway

The event will be held on  
**Saturday March 7**  
and will begin at 1:00 PM.

Entertainment is by Scott Fisher-Fish  
Radio  
Shuck and Shag to Beach Music

Tickets are available for \$25 at the Bank  
of Southside Virginia (Chester Branch).

No tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information, contact Phil  
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at 732-2706.