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Programs

Oct-Dec,
 Jan-Mar,
 Apr-June,
 July-Sept.,

Date	Day	Program
12/21	Mon	Regular Meeting , 6:30 PM Program will be incredibly interesting but at this moment is undetermined
12/28	Mon	No Meeting – Call in to Joe’s Office for credit. Merry Christmas! And Happy new year!
1/4	Mon	Board Meeting , 6:30 PM No Program but all members are invited to attend to learn of current and planned activities.
1/11	Mon	Regular Meeting , 6:30 PM Program will be incredibly interesting but at this moment is undetermined
1/18	Mon	Regular Meeting , 6:30 PM Program will be incredibly interesting but at this moment is undetermined
1/25	Mon	Regular Meeting , 6:30 PM Program will be incredibly interesting but at this moment is undetermined
1/30	Sat	Heart of Virginia Mid-Winter Training
Meetings are held on Monday Nights at Rite Aid Drug store in Chester at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Contact next quarter’s Program Chair Bill Fox with suggestions. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR OUR CURRENT SCHEDULE		

President Gary



PRESIDENT’S VIEW

Fellow Kiwanians,

“MERRY CHRISTMAS”,...

...how easy those words rolled off our tongues forty years ago at this time of the year. How guarded we are now, it seems, to utter those same words in today’s “politically correct” world lest we offend someone.

When I was younger how my Jewish friends loved Christmas;

they enjoyed presents twice during the month of December. There were probably times I too secretly wished I was Jewish, but for selfish reasons only. But now in the “new world way of things” there is also Kwanzaa, Ramadan, Eid ul Fitr, Modranect, Yuletide, Winter Solstice, Yalda, Saturnalia, Festival of the birth of the Unconquered Sun, Zamenhof Day, Human Light, Chrismukkah, Noob Day, Karachun, Festivus, Decemberween, Feast of Winter Veil, Kwansolhaneidmas, to name just a few, WHEW! No wonder our towns and schools are so afraid of giving credit to only one religion at this time of year. Can you spell “l-a-w-s-u-i-t”?

If the person who Christmas is named after (how’s that for being P.C.) proceeded most of those other observances, then I would think that this King should trump all others in observance. But, in spite of this, many of us are hesitant to mention in word what the majority of this country has and continues to observe. BUT, the yuleTIDE is turning. Some retailers have even found out recently that by replacing the word “Christmas” with “Holiday” in their stores they have offended more than they would have otherwise and even lost some business to boot. That P.C. barrier is slowly coming down and “Christmas” is coming back into our vernacular. It is becoming a bit more popular for Christians, and

even our Jewish and Muslim friends, to wish one another a “Merry Christmas”.

Yes, Christmas is about CHRIST (there, I’ve said it) and it was a great historical event without question, regardless of your religious or non-religious point of view. It is a wonderful season for family, fellowship and, oh, yeah, presents to lift up our spirits at a typically gloomy time of the year here in the northern hemisphere. So, let us as Kiwanians go forth and spread that joy that emanates at this time of the season among the community now, next week, Christmas week and all of the rest of the year. And, if you are so inclined, don’t hesitate in spreading that good cheer over the next few weeks, as I will do often, with those immortal words...



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



Pres. Gary

Chester Kiwanis Christmas Parade.



Christmas Mother Gail Feind and Parade Chair **Angie** at the leading edge of the parade.



Kiwanis Balloons were a big hit with the kids.

Brother Dave called the shots again as a wintry downpour lightened up just as the parade began.



Those who showed up to brave the cold rain were clearly outnumbered by the braver (and possibly warmer) marchers.



Thanks to everyone who could take the time to work the Biz-Baz this year.

Total contribution to the Administrative fund has not be totally calculate, but every dollar counts in this tight economy.

TERIFFIC KIDS

Volunteers are still needed to help Nicole with Terrific Kids this year. All that is needed is a couple of hours every other month to present the awards. A time is set up with the school to meet the activity coordinator. They guide you to the classes and introduce you as an Important Guest. A couple dozen anxious eyeballs fixate on the Terrific Kid certificates in your hand. When you announce the name, a round of wild applause goes out. You would think you were announcing the Nobel Peace Prize. The recipient beams in pride. Your work is done.

The Peace Prize begins at home. If you want to help restore world peace... Nicole will handle the arrangements and materials.

Contact Gary or Nicole for details.

Anniversaries and Birthdays



Birthdays

Buddy Reibsamen	1/9
Cathy Rhea	1/14
Noelle Grosso	12/19
Steven Miles	12/20
MJ Thompson	12/28
Teresa Duncan	12/29

Anniversaries

MJ & Ed Thompson	12/18
Dale & Tom Williams	12/20
Suzie & Bradley Trotter	12/26

INTERCLUBS

Inetrclubbing Made Easy

The recent Governaoor's Visit made interclubbing easy this month. We met at the Chesterfield Town Center Salvation Army Angel Tree Distibution center for a quadruple opportunity to meet Governor Dudley, eat some awesome dogs and burgers (cooked by Allan and Steve), get some terrific Kiwanis education, and

Make a kid's Christmas with other members of your Kiwanis Family! How awesome is that?



Somewhere in there was an interclub or two .. three... maybe four. Lt. Gov. Bob is still counting the heads. One thing for sure, it was very Christmas.

Contact our new interclub chairperson, **Kris Der** to sign-up for future interclubs and events.

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

As mentioned last newsletter, the club leadership has determined that we need to

address the issue of successful fun(d)raising, before it is too late (meaning we exhaust the movers and shakers and run out of money). An ad hoc committee chaired by Tom Williams has been set up to evaluate our past successes, build on our strengths, and determine what kind of an event would generate revenue and still support our community and club values. Club members are encouraged to help Tom in this quest for the ultimate fundraiser.

All members are asked to forward ideas to Tom. We all have had some great experiences at other events that we may apply here. Town fairs, food festivals, wine and cheese events ... use your imagination. Email your suggestions to Tom at tkwilli@gmail.com

Tom is planning on presenting the combined ideas at a meeting coming up soon. Please contribute ideas beforehand so he has a chance to make a formal, thoughtful presentation of ideas.

Kiwanis Education

Reserve these training dates:

Heart of Virginia Mid-Winter Training

January 30-31, 2010

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
1630 East Parham Rd
Richmond, VA 23228

Regional Midwinter Conference

February 7th, 2010

Capital District Kiwanis Midwinter & 50th Annual CKI Convention

February 26 - 28, 2010

Hyatt Regency Crystal City



Kiwanis Club of Chester members Nicole Jordan and Mary Lykins with Keyette Club