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<i>Date</i>	<i>Program</i>
Friday, June 18, 2010	Crewe Chicken Festival
Monday, June 21, 2010	Social Meeting - Guy and Phillipa Smith 12601 Winfree Street.6:30 PM
Thursday, June 24, 2010	International Convention begins - Las Vegas, NV
Monday, June 28, 2010	Regular Meeting - Program: Vicki Griffith, "Secrets of Money Magnets" . Secrets of Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Albert Einstein, & Oprah understand about attracting money, creativity, and joy to your life. Simple to do steps proven to work.
Monday, July 05, 2010	Board Meeting
Monday, July 12, 2010	Regular Meeting - Ever wondered how a refrigerator, grill, or a dimmer switch works? Are you the curious type that takes things apart just to see how it works? Let us save you the trouble of dismantling your gadgets. - or TBA
Monday, July 19, 2010	Social Meeting at a member's home - TBA
Monday, July 26, 2010	Regular Meeting - Community feedback on the controversial sign. The sign is proposed to be located just west of the CSX bridge on Route 10 and will advertise businesses located in the Chester Village Green development and on a 10-foot by 6-foot-4-inch electronic screen with a total sign height of 22 feet, 4 inches - or TBA
Tuesday, August 10, 2010	Kiwanis Club of West Point: Annual Crabfeast 5:00 PM
Wednesday, September 15, 2010	Kiwanis Club of Chester 3rd Annual Fall Festival Featuring Casper
Friday, August 20, 2010	2010 Capital District Convention begins. Holiday Inn - Select. Lynchburg, Va
CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR CURRENT SCHEDULE UPDATES	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 Rick Dodson with suggestions.

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

STEPPING OUT OF THE BOAT



A group of us at church have been studying a book entitled "Get Out of the Boat", by John Ortberg. This book refers to the scripture in the Bible about Peter and the disciples caught in a terrible storm on the Sea of Galilee and see Jesus beckoning Peter to have the faith and trust to step out of the boat and come to him. For those of you that know this story know that it is also about getting out of our comfort zone in our religion. As I have studied the deep significance of this story I am reminded of how this parallels our responsibility as Chester Kiwanians.

It is so easy for each of us, even human nature I feel, to "stay in the boat"; to not venture out of our own comfort zone not only in life in general, but especially in regards to our involvement in Kiwanis. I know first hand. Since I completed my first term as club President some fifteen years ago I took a well deserved rest – it wasn't supposed to last for fifteen years though! It is sort of understood that you have earned a "break", if you will, for a period of time after your term. But, it is also understood that having been a club President more is expected of you in the future, not less. Those leadership skills one brings to the office are valuable beyond those twelve months. It took me a bit longer to realize that I had "vegetated" long enough and needed to become more involved than I had been. I needed to be a "doer", not an "attender". That also has some consequences.

Unfortunately/fortunately, the "doers" tend to be ripe candidates for further leadership and before you know it the knock comes at the door to do more like "lead the club" again. Now, I don't necessarily mean be a club officer. Leadership comes in many different forms, some obvious and some not so obvious. Case in point, **Dixon Handwerk** certainly deserved a "year off" after his presidency. Did he take advantage of that,

NO; he took on one of the more demanding jobs in the club in that of Program Chairman. Case in point, **Tom Sokol**, being new to our club could have easily sat back and been a follower for a few years rather than the leader he has been. Case in point, Joe Hillier had planned to step down as Secretary last year but agreed to go another year "for me". Many of you may not know how demanding **Steve Miles'** job has been over the past twelve months but he took on the very demanding job of Lt. Governor for next year serving not only our club but all the clubs in the Division. Many others in the club stepped out of the boat, just not as far as those I've mention above, and that too is leadership. We are known as a club of "doers", not just "attenders". Most in this club have "stepped out of the boat" of just attending each week and have continued the leadership qualities that our club founders showed us 38 years ago.

Now, a very few of you by this time (if you've kept reading) probably have your head down a bit and think that I'm talking



about YOU! Well, am I?. Every one of our members is first rate, doer or not. You would not have been voted in as a member otherwise. I can think of a number of members who may consider themselves in that category of not doing, "just attending", because they do not hold office, a chairmanship, or are even on a committee. That may be because of a very demanding job or family commitment that prevents that type of leadership. But, you are there in support of our Fall Festival, our Christmas Parade, cheering on at the Special Olympics, serving lemonade at the Concert on the Green, showing up at a Key/Keyettes meeting, participating in Terrific Kids,

picking up trash, etc., etc. That too is "stepping out of the boat".

If you are one of the very few who haven't already stepped out of that boat and become a "doer", do so and find out how rewarding it can be, not only to this club but to yourself. I, Joan and the club need and welcome your leadership!

Prez Gary

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

IDEAS WANTED



Our club's fundraising committee is looking for IDEAS for the Club Raffle.

- Christmas Parade Holiday Party.
- Fall Festival.
- ChesterFest.
- **Raffle.**

I have purposely waited to solicit ideas about the raffle we approved to do for the year... being our first (if you don't count ducky-derby that Bro Ed's been pushing)... so, here's what I've been thinking.... what say ye??

Being the first attempt I have wrestled with do we do a year long BIG one or start out small.? I've ruled out the year long since we approved doing this well into the year.. (maybe next year)...

Thanks! Danny...

Spa packages.

A Full Session Massage (50 min) \$65



A Couples Full Session Massage (50 min) \$130
or a Couples Signature Massage for 60 min which is a customized massage meant to be

shared. This massage will relax soothe and renew your body, mind and spirit." \$160.

They also do Aromatherapy, Reiki Body Treatments, Personalized Facials and Manicures starting at \$22. Two of their Spa Packages are:

Day at the Spa; which includes His or Her Signature 60 Min Massage, Classic Facial, Signature Pedicure, Signature Manicure, Blow Style and Makeup Application. (approximately 5 hours) for \$282

and Men's Escape (approximately 3 hours) which includes His or hers Signature Massage, His or Hers Signature Pedicure, Express Manicure and Shampoo for \$153.

At \$3 to \$5 a pop, I think this would be easy to sell to the ladies in our lives as well as to the guys who would be glad to have the opportunity to show their wives and mothers how often they think of them.

And of course there are some guys who would not feel threatened by taking advantage of the "Men's Escape". I think this could open up a whole new market for us.

Proponent – **Ron**

Cash Prize

KISS army approach..... since we're in a tuff economy at the moment, suggest we keep raffle as



simple as possible.....go with a \$1,000 cash prize (cash is certainly KING these days)and sell tickets @ 5 per ticket. Printing up 500 tickets @ \$5 each would give us a potential return of \$1,500 after paying out the cash prize of \$1,000.

Again, considering we have about 35 active members, and many don't like selling and often buy fling or festival tickets themselves, suggest we ask each member to take & sell / buy themselves 10 tickets per member, or 350 tickets to our membership (which is only \$50 per member).....which is doable with most members' wallets.....and would yield club about \$1,750.....easily paying for cash \$1,000 prize and leaving \$750 net.

The above distribution to members would leave about 150 tickets for our more sales oriented type members to sell....which would be icing on the raffle cake if we're targeting a net return of \$800 or so.

What we need to keep in mind is that Hard Times Festival tickets will be available for

members to sell in a few weeks.....Festival is mid September if I remember correctly....and sale of these tickets is KEY to our budget plans for next admin year.

Marshall

Tailgate Package



how 'bout one that each member is responsible for at least 20 tickets with a prize that costs about \$200 (perhaps a tailgate package, see below) tickets cheap enuff to

not be a big hit on any buyer (say \$3/ea or 2 for \$5) gift for member who sells the most (perhaps free meals for a month)

My thoughts are the above would mean about 400-450 tickets, which if roughly have are the 2 for \$5 purchase should yield about \$800 after paying for prize....

The tailgate package could include.. a pop-up canopy, a portable gas grill, cooler, couple of folding netting chairs.... or we could do a big gas grill, or big screen TV... or try to get donated prizes?

Danny



Other items to consider, in we target the raffle for the late August or early September period just before the start of a new school year, an Apple notebook computer, a couple of Apple iPads, or iPods, etc. No, I don't own stock in Apple.

Rick

I agree that the bigger the prize, the more tickets we will sell and cash is king!

Tom William's committee did the "pre-fundraiser research" and found several raffles that worked for raising money. You might brainstorm with him as well.

Joan

Social Meeting

Monday June 21

12601 Winfree Street.

6:30 PM

at the home of Guy and Phillipa Smith for members, spouses and guests.



Please bring a covered dish, as Phillipa and Guy will provide soft drinks, tea, beer and wine; napkins,

plates, cups, flatware; a couple of their own 'covered dish' favorites.

They will need to know how many to prepare for, so please send Guy an email or call not later than Saturday, June 19; and if you know what you are bringing in the way of food, that info will help in planning.

Directions: to 12601 Winfree Street.

From Sibley's BBQ take Winfree Street south for six blocks...they are on the left at the corner of Stebbins Street. Easy parking on Stebbins and in the driveway. Looking forward to a good time beginning about 6:30 p.m.

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Young Children Priority One (YCPO) is an ongoing community service program of Kiwanis International that addresses the needs of children 0-5. All clubs are encouraged to carry out at least two YCPO projects per calendar year, though many clubs are able to do more—serving children, families, and communities.

Young Children Priority One focuses on four key areas:

- maternal and child health;
- child care and development;
- parent education and support; and
- safety and pediatric trauma

Before beginning a YCPO project:

Determine the most relevant and important issues affecting youth in its community.

Conduct a **community needs analysis** and discuss options with club and community leaders.

Identify your **club's skill set** and how you can make a measurable impact. Projects should strike a nice balance between resources, time, and energy. For example, while some club members can work weekly on a project, others can only devote an afternoon a month. Consider identifying projects that appeal to all your members.

Here are some suggested topics from KI.

Child care and development

- Play days
- Child care
- Early childhood development
- Brain development
- Reading Is Fundamental
- Field trips

Parent education and support

- Parenting fair
- Awareness and prevention of child abuse
- Parents Anonymous
- Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Bulletin
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Tri-fold Brochure

Safety and pediatric trauma

- Home security checklist
- Burns
- Smoke detector safety
- Pediatric trauma
- Children's Miracle Network
- Kiwanis dolls

Sleeping Children Around the World

A massive earthquake struck Haiti on January 12, reducing most of its capital and the surrounding area to rubble. A recent Kiwanis International grant brings the amount of money the foundation has earmarked for disaster relief there to more than \$40,000.

Founded in 1970, Sleeping Children Around the World has been providing bed kits to children in need around the world, mostly in

underdeveloped and developing countries. Each bed kit includes a mat or mattress, pillow, sheet, blanket, mosquito net (if needed), clothes outfit, towel and school supplies.

Bedkits are \$35 each.

Anniversaries and Birthdays



Birthdays

Flo Gray	3/22
Joan Benton	3/24
Sean McDaniel	3/25
Pat Rayman	3/26
Gemma Handwerk	3/30
Bradley Trotter	4/12
Steven Castro	4/19
Tom Williams	4/20
Becky Burleigh	4/22
Tam Moody	4/23
Dayton Todd	4/28
Rick Dodson	5/22
Allen Shore	5/31
Wayne Stuart	6/1
Gwen Osborn	6/2
Nicole Jordan	6/6

Anniversaries

Gary & Becky Burleigh	4/14
David and Teresa Duncan	5/22
Joe & Susanne Hillier	5/23
Ron and Flo Gray	6/6
Bob & Irene Cassada	6/8
Angie and Sean McDaniel	6/11



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