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# CHESTER KIWAN-O-GRAM

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Meeting		Program
14-Nov		<b>YMCA Night - Taylor Mundy</b> will be showing a PowerPoint presentation and Kathy Jentgen, our local YMCA Executive Director, will speak on exciting things happening at the Chester Y.
17-Nov	Thursday	<b>Governor Holley's Visit – See Drill Sgt. Ron Gray</b> to enlist. <b>Hilton Garden Inn</b> Richmond South/Southpark. 6-7 Open Bar, 7 PM Dinner.
21-Nov		<b>Naval History; War Between the States - James River</b> Naval warfare, presented by <b>Marshall W. Smith, Ph.D.</b> President of John Tyler Community College
28-Nov		<b>SAFE</b> factors that put children and youth at risk for substance use and factors that can help mitigate those risks (protective factors). Our speaker will be <b>Wayne Frith</b> , SAFE's executive director.
5-Dec	Board Night	<b>Christmas Mother - Pat Mersen.</b> The Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother program exists to ensure that in our community, no family is without food, no child is without toys and clothing and no elderly person is forgotten as we celebrate the holidays.

Meetings are held on Monday Nights at Eckerd's Drug store in Chester at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Contact Program Chair Phil Crow killercrow@comcast.net with suggestions.

## President's Message

Hello to all my fellow Kiwanians!

We have gone running into our new administrative year. We have already had several very successful events during the month of October! Our club and the Key club were instrumental in making the Chesterfield Air Show a success! A special thanks to **Danny Wyatt** for organizing our troops and to **Nicole Jordan** for running the show!

Our Oyster Roast was a complete success and fun was had by all who attended! Your President had to pass his merit badge by eating his first raw oyster! Lookout to President-Elect **Ron Gray!!!** The annual Pancake breakfast was well attended by our club. In addition, we had the largest participation in the division council meeting. Our Lt. Governor, **Jim O'Connell**, had some very nice comments regarding our club.

## NEWS FLASH: Upcoming Events

President-Elect **Ron Gray** is fervently working toward signing up new members to attend **Governor Holley's visit** on November 17th. The cost for the visit is \$30.00. Let's support him and sign up to attend. In the past, Chester Kiwanis club has always been the top participant in the Governor's visit. I want to keep this tradition and ask your support for this function.

On Monday November 21st, we will have our own Thanksgiving Dinner. Looking forward to sharing a turkey dinner with each of you!

Our annual Christmas Parade will be on Sunday, December 11th at 2pm. **Brad Trotter** is working very hard on this event. We look forward to a tremendous turnout!

The Annual Holiday party will be graciously hosted by **Tom Williams**. The date will be Saturday, December 17th. Mark your calendars for a wonderful festive evening.

As the Thanksgiving holidays approach us, I wish each and every one of you a blessed Thanksgiving Day. For those of you who are traveling this holiday, I wish you a safe trip.

And, finally, I want to let each of you know that I really appreciate the kind regards each and every member has given me with the passing of my father. In a time of great sorrow, it is comforting to know I have good friends in my fellow Kiwanians to fall back on. Thank you so much.

Regards,

**President Steve**

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**Club Activities**  
**Halloween Party**



Contestants Plain-ole-ugly Joe, Flatulentus Bob, Marshall of the Jungle, Pretty Eddie, and Carrot-top Rick take top awards.

**Anniversaries**

Barbara & Robert Doniel 11/03

**Birthdays**

Janet Crow 11/01

Floyd Torrence 11/06

Mary Jo Dodson 11/15

Bonnie Moody 11/16

Barbara Doniel 11/19

Taylor Mundy 11/19

Richard Elder 11/22

Chris Perry 11/23

Bill Rhea 11/27

**Holly Flores** and **Doug Pawluc** are presently working on our service project dealing with **childhood obesity**. This project can have long lasting ramifications on the children of our community. Look for a program in the spring.

**David Elswick** was kind of enough to arrange our guest speaker from SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now). The board has reviewed the proposals and will support the project in the form of a cash donation sometime in the spring.

**Bandstand on the Village Green**. After much research, **David Elswick** presented a proposal to the Board in October to do a building project at the Village Green. He explained to the Board that the property owner, Jim Daniels, has designated the site



for the bandstand. It is thought that the architectural work and materials would be donated. This would be a good "hands-on project" for the Club. It will give us positive recognition in the community now and for years to come. Jim is working with a landscape architect to get an overall plan for the area. Once that is completed, the Kiwanis will be provided with a designated area and size for the gazebo.

Drill Instructor **Ron Gray** is actively searching for a few good people to attend the **Governor's visit** on November 17. He will be circulating a signup sheet during the meetings to see who can attend. The Chester Club has always been in high attendance at the annual Governor's visit. Dinner is at the Hilton Garden Inn on Southpark Blvd. Open bar starts at 6 and Dinner at 7 PM. Cost is \$30 per person.

**COMING SOONER THAN YOU THINK**

**Bizarre-Bazaar** – Be sure to put Dec 1-4 on your planning calendars. This project provides much needed cash for the club's Administrative Fund. See **Nancy Perry** to sign up.

**Angel Tree** – Thursday Dec 1. Volunteers are needed to help collect gifts at Southpark Mall throughout the afternoon and evening. See **Ricky Elder** for details.

**Kiwanis, Key, and Keyette Canned Food Drive** – Dec 3. This annual project may be chilly but rewarding. Kiwanians are needed to help stand with our youth at local grocery stores to collect food for the Christmas Mother program. See **Wayne** and **Nicole**.

**“Star Spangled Christmas”** is the theme for the Christmas Parade on Sunday December 11. The parade begins at 2 PM, but chairperson **Doug Pawluc** will need help setting up for this high-profile community project. Wear your hats and fur-lined T’s.

**Hank Dvorak** is forming his committee for the **fall fundraiser**. The board has approved a **Chester Kiwanis Golf Tournament** at Chesdin Landing for Tuesday, September 26th. This should be a lot of fun. Be sure to see Hank before he runs off to Florida if you want to participate in planning this event. We are counting on the success of this project to fund community service projects. Every club member is asked to participate in the event.