



CHESTER KIWAN-O-GRAM

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CELEBRATING 34 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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Date		Program
16-Jan		Naval History ; War Between the States - James River Naval warfare. Marshall Smith, President, JTCC.
21-Jan	Sat	Chester Kiwanis "Chilly" Day – Serving from 11-2 PM. Workers needed to set up on Friday and cook on Sat. AM. See Tam Moody
21-Jan	Sat	Children's Miracle Network Bowl-a-thon . 12-3 PM at the AMF Hanover Lanes in Mechanicsburg. See Steve Castro for details.
23-Jan		Once Greyhounds finish their racing days, they're ready for a slower pace and a loving home. Greyhound Pets of America is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to finding responsible, caring homes for Greyhounds that no longer qualify at racetracks.
30-Jan		Operation Smile Program - David Elswick. See where our hearts and dollars are going.
6-Feb	Board Night	

Meetings are held on Monday Nights at Eckerd's Drug store in Chester at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Contact Program Chair Gwen Osborn gwen.osborn@wellsfargo.com with suggestions. January programs are subject to change.

President's Message



Ring in the New Year!

Welcome back to all of my fellow Kiwanians! I hope everyone had a safe and fruitful holiday. First, let me thank all of you who participated in our service projects for December and to the success of our Annual Christmas Parade. Great end to the year!

Three months have now passed with many service projects completed by our club. As January calls in,

we have two projects scheduled. The Bowl-a-rama and our Chili Day are both coming up in January. We have a conflict that both are scheduled for the same day. The Bowl-a-rama will feed both the Key and Keyette club teams. All Kiwanians, friends, and family are welcome to bowl and raise funds for a good cause. In addition, we will be having our Annual Chili Day headed up by Tam Moody. We have had great response from the community in the past with regards to this project. Please contact Tam for more information on helping out with this project.



I would like also to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your president and club during the first quarter of our year. It is an honor to serve as president of the best club in the Capital District.

Regards and Happy New Year!

Steve Castro
President

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

Keyettes Visit the Club

Melissa Calabro, president of the Thomas Dale Keyettes, delivered a progress report to the club on January 9th. Members of the club reviewed the fall projects which included cooking for the Teacher Brunch, marching in the Chester Kiwanis Parade, volunteering at McGuire, running concessions at the Air Show, walking the Walk-a-thon for K Family Care, ushering at Swift Creek, collecting for Angel Tree, playing bingo at Bon Secours Nursing Home, collecting for Christmas Mother Food Drive, tutoring at Wells and Enon, and working the TD Bazaar.

Birthdays	
Cathy Rhea	01/14
Suzie Trotter	01/17
Hank Dvorak	01/18
Susanne Hillier	01/19
David Elswick	01/19
Ann Stuart	01/20
Joseph Hillier	01/22
Dixon Handwerk	01/28

One project which received much praise from the club was the on-going clean-up at Moore Cemetery. This is the Civil-War era cemetery next to the new post office. The members pledged club support for any "heavy lifting" that might be required at the site.

COMING SOONER THAN YOU THINK

"Chilly" Day at the Village Green



Tam Moody is looking for volunteers to set up and cook for the annual **Chester Chili Day** scheduled for Saturday, January 21. Hopefully we will not have an ice storm as we have had in the past. About six persons will be needed Friday afternoon to help set up the cook tent. Others will be needed to be on site at 8 AM to start the cook stoves. Fortunately, the cooks are self-starting. Serving usually begins by 11 and will be over by 2 PM. See Tam for details. .

"Bowl-a-thon" for the Children's Miracle Network at AMF's Hanover Lanes

Club members are invited to support the Children's Miracle Network and the VCU Children's Medical Center by joining a K-Family bowling team at Hanover Lanes. The afternoon session begins at 12 and runs until 3 PM, also on Jan 21st. Interested parties need to contact Steve Castro for



the sign-up sheet. There is a minimum fee of \$50 per person to attend. In the past the club and members have collectively supported this worthwhile event.

Heart of Virginia Region Midwinter Conference,

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, VA. February 25, 2006. Don't forget to mark your calendars for this important one day event. Midwinters is a major event, offering fellowship and training for all club members. Everyone is invited to attend.



Joe Hillier, MJ and Ed Thompson join the club in thanking Tom Williams for hosting the Christmas Party.

Kiwanis International Convention – Montreal

While you are marking calendars, be sure to include the national convention scheduled for June 28 – July 1. Montreal is a scant 11 hour drive on interstate all the way, and an excellent opportunity to visit this beautiful city. Montréal is truly an experience: old world charm, French joie de vivre and a modern style all its own.

For those wishing to make it a truly unforgettable experience, there are plans to offer seats from Richmond to Montreal on the **Kitchie Gammi Club** car. This is a completely restored sleeper/club car used by the railroad elite back in the 1920's. You can expect to pay at least \$1395 per seat, but it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel in style.