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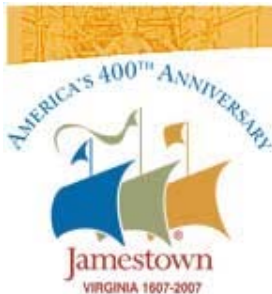
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Date		Program
1/15	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting H&amp;R Block</b> - to discuss this year's tax changes and answer questions
1/16	Tue	<b>2007 Spring Fling planning session</b> will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 06:00 PM at Chester Perk .
1/17	Wed	<b>Interclub</b> – meeting with Colonial Heights is Wednesday, January 17 at 12:30 PM. It will be held at the Colonial Italian Restaurant located at 1 Dunlop Village in Colonial Heights.
1/22	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting - Sarah Gould, Big Brothers/Big Sisters</b> - will discuss their work in the community. With her will be Lisa Ward and her "little sister", to discuss their experience with the program. Big Brothers Big Sisters helps children reach their potential through professionally supported one-to-one relationships with proven results.
1/27	Sat	<b>Chile Day – Village Green</b> 7:00 AM Arrive early to chop onions as master Chile Chef <b>Steve Miles</b> minds the stew pot and adds the 'secret ingredient'. See Chairperson <b>Tam Moody</b> to sign up
1/29	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> - Nicole's <b>Keyettes</b> will be attending to present club accomplishments from past months.
2/5	Mon	<b>Regular Meeting</b> followed by <b>Board Meeting</b>
2/12	Mon	<b>TBA</b> - Contact Program Chair Angie McDaniel with suggestions
Meetings are held on Monday Nights at Eckerd's Drug store in Chester at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Contact Program Chair Angie McDaniel with suggestions.		



Uncle Ron

## President's Message

We had our belated but productive FIRST BOARD FOR THE NEW YEAR on Tuesday rather than Monday evening due to the holiday. Incidentally, I felt our first meeting of the year was a great one with members sharing their holiday experiences.

The board meeting was brief, but an idea was generated by our club's **Idea Lady, Nicole**. She had been traveling in Maryland and noted a Town Clock in Ellicott City which had been donated, with requisite Kiwanis Symbol, by the local Club. While there was great verbal support for the possibility of our club making a similar gesture it was unofficially tabled till we got some other projects



off our agenda.

**Steve Miles** announced the initial planning meeting for Spring Fling would be held on Wednesday evening the 17<sup>th</sup> at Chester Perk at 6:00 PM. He encouraged anyone with an interest in participating to attend.

**Tam Moody** announced that arrangements were finalized for Chili Day on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> and 3 pots are planned. While the individual bowls would continue to be gratis as a community thank you; quart cartons would be sold for \$6.00.

Much thanks is extended to **Ted Rayman** for arranging participation in the Bizarre Bazaar project. In addition to Ted and myself other volunteers included: **Danny Wyatt** (Head Floater), **Basil and Nancy Furr**, **Guy Smith**, **Lynn Meyer** and **Angie McDaniel**.

**Holly Flores** noted that funds might be available thru Home Depot which sparked a discussion about the complications faced by the club in its effort to get the Kiwanis Park Project moving were discussed. It was noted that parking and safety/liability issues are a hindrance. The club has met its responsibility for matching funds by donation of the land itself and now it is up to the county to act.

The idea was floated by **Bob Cassada** that future Membership Dues Notices might offer the opportunity for members to make donations to the Club's Foundation. He noted that contributions had steadily declined since 2003 when the Foundation was established.

The application for membership by **Joan Benton** was put before the board and approved unanimously. Joan operates her own business, Reality Group, LLC in Chester, and is the first new member for 2007. She was recommended by friend, **Gwen Osborn**, and is already excited about getting involved in Spring



Fling.

**Bob** along with **Gwen** and **Tom Williams** now have ads on the Website. Check them out. If you have a business card you might wish it to be included at the very minimal cost.

I reminded members that we had not seen some of our friends at meetings lately and that sponsors should check on how they were doing and encourage them to get back into the routine of regularly attending. I know I don't think I have enjoyed being a member as much as I do now. If, in my ramblings I have forgotten something or someone please excuse – it was unintended.

Thanks All,

*Uncle Ron*

*PS: by the way Phil Crow and I have a surprise for our next meeting– stay tuned*

## Anniversaries and Birthdays

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

## Postage stamp saved this month:



**Robert Daniel Murphy** (1894 - 1978) was an American diplomat.

Murphy had begun his diplomatic career in 1917 as a member of the American Legation in Bern, Switzerland. Among the several posts he held were Vice-Consul in Zurich and Munich, American Consul in Paris from 1930 to 1936, and chargé d'affaires to the government. In 1941, at President Roosevelt's request, Murphy had investigated conditions in French North Africa in preparation for the Allied landings -- Operation Torch, the first major Allied ground offensive during World War II.

## Kiwanis Foundation.

It is tax time again and as always we are looking for ways to pay less tax... often by giving it away. Don't forget the Kiwanis Foundation. As the non-profit qualified end of our club,

donations are tax deductible. Better still, as club members, we know exactly where it goes. To scholarships and other causes the club deems worthy.

## Chile Day – Sat January 27th Village Green

7:00 AM Early Cooks Arrive

11:00 Chile is Ready

1 2:30 Clean-up

Arrive early to chop onions as master Chile Chef Steve minds the stew pot.

See Chairperson Tam Moody to sign up



## Membership

The club welcomes its newest member, **Joan Benton**, sponsored by **Gwen Osborne**. Joan is a broker and owner of Realty Group on

Hundred Road. She has three grown children Benny, Melanie, and Christina and a husband, Charles.



Members are reminded to check on past members or current members who have stopped coming. Sometimes all we need is a gentle push to fall back into a good habit. Now is the time to call our old Kiwanis friends. Don't forget your friends and neighbors either. We have a goal of one new member per month. Why wait until a membership drive to ask someone to join?

There is a new rule in the Kiwanis family. Former Kiwanis Youth eighteen and older, may join a Kiwanis Club without paying dues for three years. What a great enticement to get youth to continue to serve their community through Kiwanis. Marshall Henry already has a person in mind. Perhaps you can think of someone.

## Mr Plywood

The Club wishes to thank Walt for his mechanical skills in replacing a rotting floor on the Kiwanis float at Christmas. Without this

extraordinary feat of carpentry, who knows who or what would have fallen off.



## Ellicott City Clock

Members of the club announced plans to steal the clock at Ellicott City, Md. The clock is large and very handsome and already has a Kiwanis logo on the clock face. Those who have seen it say it would look great on the Chester Green or along the road to the west of town.



Several teams have already reconned the site. We will need additional resources to pull this off. Anyone with a military background or experience flying helicopters would be welcomed. Also needed would be a panel van or a trailer, possibly with a reinforced plywood floor.