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Date		Program
4/22	Sun	Memorial Service – Matt Gwaltney - TDH Sunday 3-7
4/23	Mon	REGULAR MEETING - , Program: Brett Egner , VP w/ First Trust Portfolios. “Financial Road Map- A Systematic Approach to Investing”
4/28	Sat	The Little Big Adventure Race for COACH – See Noelle
4/30	Mon	REGULAR MEETING - Club's annual meeting & election, Program: Vickie Griffith , Hypnotist, Founder of Breakthrough. “Kick Some Butts- Freedom to Succeed From Self Sabotaging Habits”
5/7	Mon	BOARD/ REGULAR MEETING -
5/14	Mon	REGULAR MEETING - Check website for details
5/21	Mon	REGULAR MEETING - Check website for details
5/30	Wed	<i>SPRING FLING!</i>

Meetings are held on Monday Nights at Eckerd's Drug store in Chester at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Contact Program Chair Dixon Handwerk with suggestions.



Uncle Ron

President's Message

Mid-term I have begun to reflect back on some of my goals for the club for this year - one of which included growth and retention of membership. We certainly had a great year last year in recruiting new members. Unfortunately we have lost several of these folks including some of our regular members due to expected attrition (members who move or have increased job demands). In all honesty I cannot say I have done everything I possibly could to prevent this.

Some members who join may discover that the club and its programs demand more of their time than they realized or simply



found we did not meet their needs. I have found that the club is open, friendly and certainly is focused upon meeting the needs of our community and its youth. But Kiwanis, including our club, has to face the reality that any organization in these days and times, has to either grow or die.

I certainly don't advocate just dragging in members off the street but we must make an effort to seek out those who share our values and are willing to invest of themselves to become involved in our programs. You can start by simply looking around you at those individuals with whom you have regular contact – do they have a desire to work to improve the quality of life in Chesterfield? Do their goals match those of Kiwanis International? Would they enjoy being involved in a group of good people focused upon the above goals? Ask them to come with you to a club meeting!

Along another vein, man was I impressed the other day when entering the access road to I-95 from Rt. 10 to see the Billboard Sign erected by Rotary advertising their organization and its goals. I have to commend their club for their energy in promoting their programs and pulling some real one-up-mans-ship upon us. Their timing and aggressive approach to marketing their fund raisers is leaving us in the dust. I understand they even have the "Other Kiwanis Club in Chester" selling their tickets to their Pig Roast for them! We need to avoid becoming stale and rigid and open ourselves up to trying new approaches and ideas. Some of our newer members, including Kiwanians **Dave Elswick** and **Stacy Chisholm** have some interesting thoughts that we need to listen to.

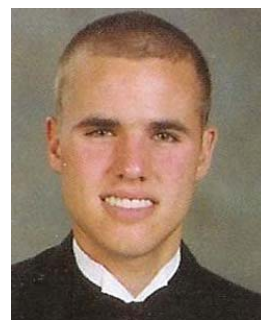
Spring Fling is less than a month away.

LET'S GO BIG GOLD AND BLUE!

Uncle Ron



This has been a difficult week for the nation with the tragedy at Virginia Tech. Chester was stunned to find that one of the lost children was one of our very own, **Matthew Gwaltney**, a 2001 graduate of Thomas Dale. We still will think of all of them as children. As a fifth-grader in Susan Henry's class up at CC Wells... As a grad student at Virginia Tech, studying, learning, and teaching... Just about to return to Chester with a job opportunity here in Richmond. Our community has lost a child in the purest sense ...



Whether by war, violence, or accident, every loss is profound. Today we mourn. Tomorrow we rededicate our efforts as a club to change the world, one child and one community at a time.
ed.

SPRING FLING IS HERE!

The time you have all been waiting for is here! It's time to sell Spring Fling Tickets!



Joan Benton has graciously agreed to take charge of member ticket sales beginning April

16. Please see Joan to pick up your tickets (in packs of ten, please) and return all payments to Joan as well. Tickets will again be \$20 and we are asking each member to sell a MINIMUM of ten tickets as a start. You are urged to return the money for at least those ten tickets ASAP in order to make sure we don't have any cash flow problems as we do have some up-front costs to cover.

Why not just bring a check tonight for at least ten tickets? Those who have sold more in the past or are able sell twenty, fifty or more are encouraged to do so. Each member who sells 20 tickets will receive one complimentary ticket and members selling 50 or more will get two complimentary tickets. Please remember that this is by far our biggest source of funding for community service programs. With around 40 active members, we really need to average about 20 tickets per member in order to meet our budget. Don't assume someone else will take up the slack. This is a CLUB project and all must participate to make it a success!

Members are requested to contact Chairperson Steve Miles to volunteer.

SLATE OF OFFICERS PROPOSED

The nominating committee has named the following individuals for election at the annual election meeting to be held on April 30:

- President:** Jay Slagle
- President-elect:** Holly Flores
- Vice President:** Linda Torrence
- Treasurer:** Bob Cassada
- Immediate Past-President:** Ron Gray

2008-2009 Directors: Ted Raymon, Ed Thompson, Basil Furr, Dixon Handwerk and Brad Trotter

Foundation Director: Gwen Osborn

Recruitment Program Brochures

Want to add to your club's membership success? Try to add one, two, or more of the KI programs to assist your club in increasing their service to your community. The programs are all located in the Kiwanis International Membership Six Pack.

Volunteers still Needed!

The Little Big Adventure Race

April 28, 2007 (Saturday)
at Pocahontas State Park



I still need some volunteers for my April 28th event, the Little-Big Adventure, at Pocahontas State Park. (Next Saturday) Already Rick, Wayne, Joe, several Key Clubbers & possibly Marshall have signed up to help – THANK YOU! – but we still need more. Believe it or not, we will have about 60 volunteers out there that day! **All volunteers get a great T-shirt, free Chick-fil-A lunch & great sponsor goodies.**

The event is an adult/child adventure triathlon where teams compete in a canoe, bike, run together. The Coalition for Active Children, COACH, is the beneficiary for this event. Visit www.runningkids.net for more information on the Little-Big Adventure. Please let me know if you are able to volunteer.

Contact: **Noelle Grosso**

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Anniversary to	
Gary & Becky Burleigh	04/14
Happy Birthday to	
Carla Hill	04/16
Steven Castro	04/19
Tom Williams	04/20
Becky Burleigh	04/22
Tam Moody	04/23
Dayton Todd	04/28

Postage stamp saved this month:



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