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# CHESTER KIWAN-e-GRAM

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**CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
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Date		Program
10/23		Meeting, Program: Lyn Bunson, <a href="#">Make A Wish Foundation of America</a> Since 1980, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® has given hope, strength and joy to children with life-threatening medical conditions.
10/30		Sharon Robertson, <a href="#">Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother</a> 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.
10/31	Tue	The <b>Kiwanis Club of Leesburg</b> will hold their 49th annual Halloween parade in Leesburg. 6:00 PM.
11/3-4	Fri Sat	<a href="#">The Urbanna Oyster Festival</a> (49th year). Note that the Northern Neck Kiwanis Club sells oysters at this event.
11/4	Sat	Colonial Heights Kiwanis Club's <b>Annual Pancake Breakfast &amp; Division council Meeting</b> - 09:00 AM
11/6		<b>No Meeting</b> in lieu of Kiwanis Capital District Governor Cressy's visit on November 8. Call-in to Dr. Joe's Office
11/8	Wed	<b>Governor Bob Cressy's visit to Div. 18 &amp; 24.</b> Willow Oaks Country Club, 6228 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond, VA - 6:30 PM See Steve Castro for details
11/10	Fri	Annual Kiwanis Club of Chester Oyster Roast. Chester Fishing Club - 06:00 PM
11/13		Meeting, Program: <b>TDHS Key Club</b> Community service organization. Meetings at 6:30pm in Old Auditorium

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

## President's Message



President Ron

Wow, here I am, your new president and I am faced with the responsibility of writing my first article for the Newsletter. I want to appear like I know what I am doing, that I am presidential in statue, that I can command respect. Well the truth is you just don't get it because you were nominated and elected to a position (ascribed leadership) – you have to earn it (achieved leadership) – and I am working under a handicap – I am only 5' 10" tall. Every one knows that statistically the taller you are the greater probability of your rising to a leadership position with an organization. Well fortunately or unfortunately for years I have functioned best as a mediator, making sure all voices are heard and understood. I am by now a Virginian, but I hail from the "Old North State", where the State Motto is "Esse quam videri", "To be Rather than to Seem". It is a good principle to live by as an individual or as a club. This year I am going to lead in the manner I know best, work on developing my leadership skills and hope I can earn your respect.

If you were at either the Induction of Officers dinner or at last nights club meeting you heard my goals of cooperation with other clubs/organizations, continued membership growth, and membership retention. I am not going to bore you with further elaboration of these. Needless to say they can't be achieved without every members help. Now let's get down to practical matters such as the results of our October Board Meeting.

President Elect Jay Slagle did a great job in President Steve Castro's absence in chairing the meeting up until we reached the New Business portion when I assumed responsibility. Two important issues were dealt with: 1) the nomination/election of or Club Secretary; and 2) the approval of our club's 2006-2007 budget.

I learned in the Kiwanis Leadership Training I attended that the job of secretary is the most demanding and difficult task in the club. Dr. Joseph Hillier's experience and wealth of knowledge about Kiwanis made him the logical choice for this position. I asked and he agreed to continue in this function for the forthcoming year. His name was put before the board and he was approved unanimously.

## President's Message (Cont'd)

In preparation for this board approval I met with members on the preceding Saturday morning and we developed a proposed budget. Following some discussion and education the proposed budget was modified in the following manner: in the Community Service Account under Income we changed New Project from \$1500 to \$1750 and under Expenditures added Chesterfest in the amount of \$250.00 (for a budget that balances at \$15,350); in the Administrative Account under Income we changed Membership dues from \$5850 to \$5590 and under Income we changed In-House Club Event from \$900 to \$1160 (for a budget that balances at \$8, 950).

The center of discussion was a recommendation to discontinue mailing out the monthly news letter except to those individuals who either did not have a internet connection or preferred receiving a newsletter via snail-mail. *The recommendation was accepted.*

A recommendation by Tom Williams that we continue with our existing Website for the forthcoming year was received. He provided an in-depth analysis of the benefits of both our existing vs. an alternative. The possibility that the club may wish to change to a competitive source will be re-evaluated before the 2007-2008 Budget Year.

Again, I look forward to work with all of you in the forthcoming year.

Uncle Ron

## KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR – BOB CASSADA



Be sure to congratulate **Bob Cassada** for being chosen Kiwanian of the year. As our House Chairman Bob has the duty of always being on time to set up for meetings, count heads, collect money and sell raffle tickets, and that is only the first 15 minutes. As our treasurer, Bob handles all the checks and presents the monthly treasurer's report to the club. You can count on Bob to be at any event, fundraiser, and community service project, with a smile on his face and Kiwanis hat in hand.



Governor to Division 18 Capital District Kiwanis International for his 2004 -2005 term



Sadly the Bulletin will no longer be mailed ... no more licking stamps and folding paper. No more funny-looking commemorative stamps like this one of Katherine Porter. "Ship of Fools" (1962).

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

### Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Governor's Visit



details.

Be sure to mark you calendar for the annual Governor's visit on Wednesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at the Willow Oaks Country Club. We will not have a regular meeting on Monday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> so everyone can attend the visit. See Past Pres Steve for

### Nov 10th Oyster Roast at the Fish Club.

A night out to remember! Join us in the wilderness of Chester to feast on the delicious oyster and other snacks prepared by our many chefs. Tell stories about the good old days and plan for the upcoming events.

### Coming Sooner than you think

#### Young Children Priority One Project.

During the week of November 19-25, Kiwanis clubs and members are urged to collect coins in support of the March of Dimes' **Prematurity Awareness Month.**

### 2006 Chester Kiwanis Christmas Parade

**Sunday December 10, 2006 - 2:00 PM - Parade Float Entry Fee \$35.00**

The parade will begin on Sunday December 10, 2006 at 2:00 PM. Kiwanians should arrive early as roads in the area will be blocked for the parade at 1:45 PM until the parade is over. The route



will be the same as last year; it will begin at the Chester YMCA and will end at the Chester Village Green. The theme for this year's parade will be "A Picture Perfect Christmas". See Steve Miles for sign-up

#### Anniversaries

Marshall & Susan Henry	10/11
Tam & Bonnie Moody	10/14
Stacy & Michael Chisholm	10/14
Guy & Phillipa Smith	10/15
Catherine & Mike Dubus	10/15

#### Birthdays

Gary Burleigh	10/01
Douglas Pawluk	10/04
Angie Morriss	10/08
Pat Dvorak	10/14
Angie McDaniel	10/29
Basil Furr	10/19
Nancy Furr	10/28